

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Rick Hudson by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge. He then called for the roll call.

Councilpersons answering the roll call included: Fred Duby, Karen Boch, Angela Spangler, Keith Woolum, Tami Phillips, and Roaby Browning.

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)

- Boch was excused from the last council meeting.

President Hudson opened the floor to nominations for Council Clerk. Boch nominated Mindy Barry-Eisnaugle, Woolum seconded the motion and all in attendance voted in favor of Eisnaugle remaining Clerk.

Next, President Hudson opened the floor for nominations for the President Pro Tem. There were no nominations. Angela Spangler stated she would be interested in serving. All members present voted in favor of Spangler serving as Pro Tem.

Public Comments

- None

Minutes- All in attendance voted to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Correspondence

- None

Reports of Special Committees

- Health and Safety Committee- none
- Public Service Committee- none
- Planning Committee- none
- Recreation Committee- none
- Finance Committee- none
- Community Action- none
- Civic Organization Liaison- none

Old Business

- Hudson asked the status of a trailer that was to be demolished at D Street and Minnesota. Ryan Pelletier stated the homeowner was going to pay Harry Sutcliffe themselves for the demolition but will check to see why the work has not been completed.

New Business

- Boch asked the reasoning behind the Clerk's office no longer taking cash as of March 1st. The Mayor replied that this has been in the works for 3-4 years. The Mayor continued there are specific rules to follow with cash in the building and no other utility service accepts cash. There is talk of figuring out how to absorb or waive the credit card fee and the Mayor hopes to bring more information to the next Council meeting. Cash will still be accepted at Lockard's and many other locations. All other city departments will still accept cash payments.

Legislation

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-88- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in the EPA/OWDA Water Plant Project Expense Lines from the EPA/OWDA Water Plant Project Revenue Line and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Phillips
Discussion: no need for emergency
- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-89- An Ordinance authorizing journal entry corrections to the City's Financial Records and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: The Deputy Auditor explained that this is not an appropriation, this is needed to "clean" the accounting/books from funds being previously paid and deposited into the wrong fund lines. It was decided there was no longer a need for an emergency.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2026-01- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of Wellston to apply for, accept, and enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WRSLA) agreement on behalf of the City of Wellston for planning, design, and/or construction of water facilities; and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Woolum
Discussion: This is a continuation of seeking grant funds for WTP Phase 2.
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Boch, and approved by all in attendance.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Boch, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-02- An Ordinance approving additional appropriations in the Fire Department New Equipment Line from the 201 Fire Fund Carryover and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: Pelletier explained the first fund request is for a purchase order from 2024 that was cancelled and needs reissued; the second fund request is for the MARCS radio grant check that was received.
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Boch, and approved by all in attendance.

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Boch, seconded by Woolum, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-03- An Ordinance approving additional appropriations in the Officer Blu Fund and the Drug Enforcement Supplies, Materials, and Maintenance Fund.

Sponsor: Woolum

Discussion: The Police Chief explained these were missed budget items.

Mayor

- Mayor Brenner began by welcoming Keith Woolum back to Wellston City Council.
- The New York Avenue, 10th to 11th Street, project should begin in February.
- The Wellston Fire Department's AMLER application was not approved. There is still one grant application under review for the Louvee—the ARC Power grant. If this application is not accepted, the Mayor expects to come back to Council for solutions to the funding issues.

Service Director

- Not present

Law Director

- Not present

Auditor

- Statement of Cash Position and Expense Report received.
- The Mayor stated there was a meeting of the investment board held the week prior. The Mayor and Treasurer were in attendance. The Auditor did not show. The CD was renewed as part of this meeting.
- Council discussed and inquired as to when the last time the Auditor has been to the office.

City Clerk's Reports

- December Sales and Consumption Report Received
- Year end Sales and Consumption Report Received

Treasurer's Report

- none

Recreation

- Not present

Fire

- Chief Pelletier stated an end-of-year report should be available for the next meeting.

Zoning/Code

- Pelletier stated door hangers are being distributed for properties in violation. Property owners will have 30 days to comply before a citation is issued.

Police

- Chief Robinson stated a end-of-year report should be available for the next meeting.
- The MARCS radios grant has been approved by the House and will move on to the Senate and to the President for a vote.

President Hudson asked the Clerk to post the 4th ward vacancy. President Hudson would prefer a Letter of Interest before the next meeting.

Spangler made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contracts, personnel, and litigation. No action will follow. Woolum seconded the motion and all in attendance voted to go into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

Executive Session ended and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Council Clerk





Council President