

# **Wellston City Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **February 19, 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, Rhonda Downey, Tami Phillips, and Roaby Browning. Keith Woolum was absent

#### **Excusal of Previous Absence(s)**

- All in attendance voted to excuse Browning from the previous meeting.

#### **Public Comments**

- Representative Jason Stephens spoke on property taxes.

**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**

- none

#### **New Business**

- none

#### **Legislation**

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2026-04- A Resolution authorizing and accepting the terms and conditions of the Ohio Auditor of State to provide local government services and to issue an accounting report and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: Auditor Dupree stated the City must pass this legislation yearly.  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Browning, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2026-05- A Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement to employ Joseph D. Kirby of the Law Firm of Cole, Kirby, & Associates, LLC., as attorneys for the City and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Woolum  
Discussion: no new discussion
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2026-07- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio, to approve the appointment of Heather Mohler by the Mayor to the Wellston Planning & Zoning Board as an At-Large Member for the remainder of the term left vacant by Carl Dutcher.  
Sponsor: Boch  
Discussion: The Law Director stated no conflict exists, as Mohler is the Wellston City Assistant Deputy Auditor, and she meets the requirements.

#### **Mayor**

- The grant for the gun range was not approved, however the City will continue to apply.
- The ARC POWER Grant for the Louvee was also not approved, but a new round of funding will open soon.
- An application through the Ohio History Connection was just submitted. The City is seeking just under \$75,000 to finance a roof for the city building.
- The Mayor reminded everyone to call the office with complaints—social media is not checked for work orders. If it is an after-hours emergency, citizens should call 740-384-2171.

#### **Service Director**

- Walton began by stating that over 40 water leaks have been fixed this past week. He furthered by stating all departments are putting in many hours and gave commendations.
- Some pothole maintenance has started.
- The Dennis garbage truck has sold.
- The employee evaluation form has been completed. The actual evaluations will begin soon.

#### **Law Director**

- none

**Auditor**

- none

**City Clerk's Reports**

- none

**Treasurer's Report**

- none

**Recreation**

- Not present

**Fire**

- The January monthly fire report was received by Council with 38 calls for service.
- Pomeroy and Franklin County both received assistance from the WFD Water Rescue Team.

**Zoning/Code**

- A fee schedule for dilapidated downtown buildings was discussed.
- Pelletier is preparing for mowing season.

**Police**

- Chief Robinson gave the latest status of the police fleet. Multiple cars are in need of repair and not drivable. A new cruiser will need to be purchased this year.

A Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Spangler at 7:26 p.m., and seconded by Browning, with all members in agreement. The purpose of the executive session is personnel and contractual, as reflected in ORC 121.22 (G)(1) and 121.22 (G)(2). No action will follow.

All in attendance voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

  
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Council Clerk



  
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Council President