

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

March 5, 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, Keith Woolum, and Roaby Browning. Tami Phillips was absent

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)

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

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

- none

New Business

- none

Legislation

- Third 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
 A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Woolum, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- Second 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: no new discussion
- First Reading of Resolution No 2026-08- A Resolution awarding the water treatment plant chemical: chlorine in accordance with the Chief Operator's letter of bid recommendation to Water Solutions.
 Sponsor: Spangler
 Discussion: Yearly
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2026-09- A Resolution awarding the water treatment chemicals: Aluminum Sulfate, Aluminum Sulfate (Bulk), and Activated Carbon, in accordance with the Chief Operator's letter of bid recommendation to Citco.
 Sponsor: Boch
 Discussion: Yearly
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2026-10- A Resolution awarding the water treatment plant chemical: Hydrated Lime (bulk), in accordance with the Chief Operator's letter of bid recommendation to Carmeuse.
 Sponsor: Woolum
 Discussion: Yearly
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2026-11- A Resolution awarding the water treatment plant chemicals: Potassium Permanganate, Sodium Bisulfite, and Sodium Fluorosilicate, in accordance with the Chief Operator's letter of bid recommendation to Brenntag Mid-South
 Sponsor: Spangler
 Discussion: Yearly
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-12- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in certain line items of the Fire fund from Fire Fund Carryover funds and Declaring an Emergency.
 Sponsor: Woolum
 Discussion: This appropriation is needed due to the increase in the cost of turnout gear.
 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. 2026-13- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in certain line items of the Water Fund from Water Fund Carryover Funds and Declaring an Emergency.
 Sponsor: Downey

Discussion: The Service Director stated last year, there were 148 total water breaks; in 2026 so far, there have been 54. This year, there have been 14 boil orders so far; at this time last year, there were 4. Chief Pelletier pointed out a mistake in the legislation which will be fixed for the next meeting. Questions arose concerning the available carryover funds. The Mayor stated he would get that number for the next meeting.

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-14- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in certain line items of the Sewer Fund from Sewer Fund Carryover and Declaring an Emergency. Sponsor: Boch

Discussion: The Service Director stated multiple lift station pumps have been repaired and there are no available backups.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Boch, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.

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

Mayor

- Mayor Brenner gave up an update on grant submissions: Congressional requests have been submitted for Pennsylvania Avenue. The Capital Budget request has been submitted to complete the parks at the south end of town. His office is awaiting the submission requests for the Louvee project.
- The Mayor requested a Finance Committee meeting to discuss CDs. He would like to begin repairing water lines with some of the funds. He then spoke on the multiple water leaks. He furthered the new water plant will help keep the deteriorating lines from breaking as well.

Service Director

- Cemetery decorations need to be removed by March 15th.
- The trash truck has been sold.
- Salt has been received.

Law Director

- none

Auditor

- Reports Received

City Clerk's Reports

- Reports Received

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer was in attendance and stated the accounts are balanced.

Recreation

- 27 teams are signed up for spring sports; 24 sponsors have been established.
- 9 tournaments have been booked so far.
- The City will be hosting all junior high softball home games.
- The St. Patty's 5K will be held on March 14th.

Fire

- none

Zoning/Code

- Rental inspections have started. 17-20 properties have been inspected to date.
- Code violation properties will soon be assessed.
- Chief Pelletier is working with the Police Chief to remove junk vehicles on city streets.
- President Hudson asked if there has been any movement on a tornado siren grant. Pelletier responded that the EMA submitted for a grant but was unsuccessful.

Police

- Chief Robinson gave the latest status of the police fleet.

All in attendance voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President