

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

May 21, 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, Angela Spangler, Rhonda Downey, Keith Woolum, Tami Phillips, and Roaby Browning. Karen Boch was absent.

President Hudson commented on the passing of former Service Director Stacy Camp.

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)

- Browning was excused 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

- The Lake Alma lease contract is expiring in approximately 4 years. The Mayor suggested this matter go before the Planning and Finance Committee.

Legislation

- Third Reading of Resolution No. 2026-17- A Resolution authorizing the Service-Safety Director to enter into an agreement with the Jackson County Land Reutilization Corporation for mowing certain property located within the City and authorizing the Director to establish fees sufficient to cover the City's costs and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Downey

Discussion: no new discussion

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Woolum, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-18- An Ordinance to repeal in its entirety Ordinance 2021-63 that established the position of Public Works Supervisor.

Sponsor: Downey

Discussion: no new discussion

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Browning, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-19- An Ordinance repealing Ord. 3206 and removing Section 30.04 from the Codified Ordinances of the City.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: no new discussion

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Downey, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-20- An Ordinance authorizing the annual salary increase of one and one-half (1.5%) for the Service-Safety Director.

Sponsor: Downey

Discussion: The salary increase was discussed further and the Mayor may make adjustments to the salary as needed. The Mayor explained with the elimination of the Utility Supervisor and Street Supervisor positions, the City is still saving a substantial amount of money.

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler and seconded by Downey. The vote was as follows: Downey- yes; DUBY- yes; Spangler- yes; Woolum- yes; Phillips- yes; and Browning- no.
- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2026-22- A Resolution of the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston authorizing the Mayor to enter into the Indigent Defense Contract with the Jackson County Commissioners to provide legal counsel to indigent persons charged with violations of the Wellston Municipal Code for 2026 in the total amount of \$5,000.00.

Sponsor: Downey

Discussion: no new discussion
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-23- An Ordinance approving additional appropriations in North Sewer Capital Improvements Engineering- Professional Services from North Sewer Capital Improvement Carryover Funds and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Downey

Discussion: The Mayor explained that these are grant funds sitting in the revenue lines, which need to be moved in preparation for invoicing. This is for the Sewer Separation project that is in various locations throughout the City.

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

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

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-24- An Ordinance authorizing a temporary program for the waiver of water and sewer tap fees for certain new residential construction within the City of Wellston, Ohio
Sponsor: Browning
Discussion: The Mayor explained that the City is seeing an increase in new builds. He would like to continue to see this growth and make the City more marketable toward new stick build construction.

Mayor

- The Water Plant rebid opening is set for June 1st.
- On June 2nd, the meeting for the Recycle Ohio Funds will take place.
- The letter of intent for the ARC POWER grant was submitted.
- We are applying for an OVRDC Safety Study for Jeff Montgomery Way.
- The groundbreaking for the campground will take place on June 1st.
- The Mayor thanked the Rotary Club for the Field of Heroes.
- A water plant employee has resigned, and HR is in the middle of the interview process for the replacement.
- Steve Wilbur has officially retired from the Wellston Police Department.
- The Mayor gave an update on the fixed water leak under the Broadway railroad tracks.
- The Mayor gave an update on the annual American Legion Memorial Day parade.

Service Director

- Not present

Law Director

- none

Auditor

- Not present

City Clerk's Reports

- none

Treasurer's Report

- none

Recreation

- Not present

Fire

- Not present

Zoning/Code

- Not present

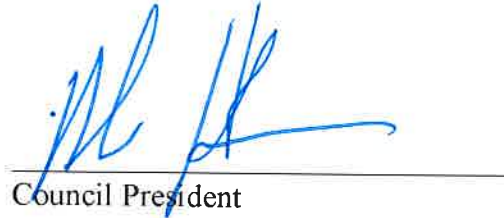
Police

- Not present

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President

