

# *Wellston City Council Meeting Minutes*

## *April 20th, 2017*

Meeting was called to order by Council President Chris Brenner by asking Council and others in attendance to stand for the Pledge to the Flag. He then called for the roll call.

Councilmen answering the roll call included Fred Myers, Keith Woolum, Tom Clark, Roaby Browning, Nick Rupert, and Douglas Wright. Absent was Councilman Shane Stevens. City Officials that were present included Mayor Connie Pelletier, Service Director Bill Shumate, Engineer Tim Wojdacz, and Auditor Chris Dupree. Representing the Police Department was Police Chief Tim Ackley. Representing the Fire Department was Fire Chief Ryan Pelletier.

Motion to approve the absence of Councilman Fred Myers from the April 6th, 2017 meeting was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the April 6th, 2017 meeting was made by Councilman Browning, second by Councilman Clark, and unanimously approved by all.

### Legislation:

Third Reading of Resolution No. 2017-09- A Resolution approving a new member of Wellston Growth Fund, CDBG Revolving Loan Fund and Downtown Revitalization Loan Fund Committees. Council President asked Council if they had any questions on Resolution No. 2017-09. No comments were made.

Motion to adopt and pass Resolution No. 2017-09 was made by Councilman Woolum, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

Third Reading of Resolution No. 2017-10- A Resolution authorizing participation in ODOT Winter Fill Program. Council President asked Council if they had any questions on Resolution No. 2017-10. No comments were made.

Motion to adopt and pass Resolution No. 2017-10 was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Wright, and unanimously approved by all.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-11-An Ordinance amending Ordinance 4058, An Ordinance to eliminate the cemetery positions of Sexton, Assistant Sexton, Chief Maintenance and Repairman, and Floating Laborer positions within the cemetery. Council President asked Council if they had any questions on Ordinance No. 2017-11. No comments were made.

Second Reading of Ordinance No.2017-14- An Ordinance setting charges and fees for the Wellston Fire Department. Council President asked Council if they had any questions on Ordinance No. 2017-14. No comments were made.

Second Reading of Ordinance No.2017-15- An Ordinance amending Sections 93.15,93.16,93.17, related to cutting required of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wellston. Council President asked Council if they had any questions on Ordinance No. 2017-15. No comments were made.

Mayor Pelletier requested that Ordinance No. 2017 be an emergency.

Motion to add an emergency clause to Ordinance No. 2017-15 was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Woolum, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to suspend rules was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Woolum, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to adopt and pass Ordinance No. 2017-15 was made by Councilman Browning, second by Councilman Wright, and unanimously approved by all.

First Reading of Resolution No. 2017-16 -A Resolution to affirm the Anti-Displacement Assistance Plan for the City of Wellston's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Council President asked Council if they had any questions on Resolution No. 2017-16. Engineer Wojdacz stated they are in the process of going out for bids.

First Reading of Resolution No. 2017-17-A Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for the OCD PY 2016 CDBG "Targets of Opportunity" Discretionary Grant. Council President asked Council if they had any questions on Resolution No. 2017-17. No comments were made.

New Business:

Councilman Rupert stated he was invited to go to the Jackson County Health Department emergency healthcare function exercise on Monday which was about four hours. It is where they act out a national disaster that happens in the county. He said it made him feel a lot better in case there were ever a natural disaster. On May 6th from 9 A.M to Noon the

Gallia-Jackson-Vinton-Meigs Solid Waste District will be holding a Tire Amnesty Day. You can haul up to 10 tires to them.

Service Director Shumate stated they have the 700 feet of tile put in behind the football field now. Now we are going to start behind the houses on 10th street. We are getting some older equipment repaired. We are going to start working on alleys. We are wanting to do them in sections so we can keep track of what we are doing. We have had the durapatcher out some. The cemetery is looking good.

Law Director Weber stated there are issues where people have dormant meters. It is where an account has been shut off and is not being read, but the properties are still benefiting from having the meter. The problem that has not been solved is where a property has no house, but it has a meter on it. The properties could still sign up and pay the \$5.50 a month to have a dormant meter, but it will still be there in case they ever want to turn it on. They can also have it removed and not have to pay the \$5.50 a month. Mayor Pelletier said they will put it in the paper and also send out letters. Law Director Weber stated he will have an Ordinance by next meeting.

Engineer Wojdacz discussed storm sewer issues. He said they are having to do a lot of work because of the storm sewer issues. He said they do not have the money to fix the issues, yet they are having to pull money out of the general fund. Most other municipalities have a charge for storm sewers. Service Director Shumate stated the storm water is getting into the sanitary sewer line.

Law Director Weber discussed the property on Pennsylvania Ave. An estimate I received was for \$330.00. That would be mowing and getting all the trash. Then it would be \$35.00 for an ongoing basis as needed. After looking at the tax bill for that property, there was a payment for about \$300.00 in January. There was a bank mistakenly making payments on it. Law Director Weber stated he would get with the Service Director next week to see how we want to proceed. He stated there was some interest in the community to help donate to get this done. Mayor Pelletier stated in the new ordinance we assess there taxes and we fine them \$150.00 plus court costs. The charge is \$200.00 on their taxes. Service Director Shumate stated he has about 45 properties that need priced so we know how much we are talking. If stated if we are going to talk about this and get it started, we are going to get it done right. Councilman Woolum thanked Law Director Weber for checking it out.

Council President Brenner asked if everyone got the email about the Fire Academy Open House tomorrow at 3:00 P.M at Station 2.

Council Clerk Skeens stated she had a card from Council President Brenner telling us Thank You for the flowers.

Motion to adjourn at 7:39 P.M, was made by Councilman Browning, second by Councilman Woolum, and unanimously approved by all.

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Council Clerk

Council President