

Wellston City Council Meeting Minutes February 2nd, 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, Shane Stevens, Nick Rupert, and Doug Wright. 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 Keith Woolum from the January 19th, 2017 meeting was made by Councilman Stevens, second by Councilman Rupert, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 19th, 2017 was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

Legislation:

Third Reading of Resolution No. 2017-01-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 so as to provide legal counsel to indigent persons charged with violations of the

Wellston Municipal Code for the first half of 2017 in an amount of \$9,979.33. Council President Brenner asked Council if they had any questions or comments on Resolution No. 2017-01. No comments were made.

Motion to adopt and pass Resolution No. 2017-01 was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Wright, and unanimously approved by all.

Third Reading of Resolution No. 2017-02-A Resolution regarding State Route 349. Council President Brenner asked Council if they had any questions or comments on Resolution No. 2017-02. No comments were made.

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

Motion to adopt and pass Resolution No. 2017-02 was made by Councilman Stevens, second by Councilman Woolum, and unanimously approved by all.

First Reading of Resolution No. 2017-03-A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wellston to apply for, accept, and enter into a water supply Revolving Loan Account on behalf of the City of Wellston for the construction of the South Water Treatment Plant improvements and Minnesota Avenue waterline replacement project; and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan, and declaring an emergency.

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

Motion to adopt and pass Resolution No. 2017-03 was made by

Councilman Woolum, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-04-An Ordinance establishing a policy for indigent burials.

First Reading of Resolution No. 2017-05-A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wellston to execute a memorandum of understanding with village of Middleport, Ohio related to prisoner housing

Public Comments:

Charlie Hudson: Oak Ridge, behalf of Wellston Main Street. The group is interested having a July 4th festival in the streets of Wellston similar to the Christmas event in an effort to bring 4th of July back to the community. They have contacted a fireworks vendor and have spoken with Fire Chief Pelletier as they are interested in having a fireworks display as well. They are requesting the input and approval from Council regarding fireworks. He questioned if Law Director Weber had any questions. They will discuss in further detail at the next meeting.

George Jacubec questioned if there were any improvements or changes to the revolving loan fund and the current status. No immediate info to report back. He questioned if Council intends to do anything regarding the use of manufactured sheds being used as residences as "tiny houses" on lots. This issue is currently under review and further information will be forthcoming. Questioned if the Safety Committee has any updates regarding the several

issues that have been deferred to the committee to review and report to Council; no updates at the present time per Safety Committee Chair Keith Woolum. Updates to be forthcoming.

The copy petition to vacate alleys was in packets for review, Shumate requests additional time to review the template and no additional discussion was held.

Committee Reports:

RCAP had suggested Flex Stent Program. Council President Brenner referred this to the Finance Committee for further review and report out.

Connie said the Health Department has released the information regarding Grants available. They are working on making a link available on the City website from Making Wellston Beautiful and Wellston Main Street to list community events for better communication/publication and to prevent double booking. Anyone involved in volunteer hours is requested to submit that information to Tami Phillips with Making Wellston Beautiful as that information is needed for all grant applications.

Service Director Shumate stated that they are focusing on filling pot holes, if you have specific pot holes that are of concern, please call Mayor's office to be added to the running list so they can be tracked. They are on track to be added to the bid list to the State Dept for salt; will need a resolution. The garage is finished for the vector truck; will soon be completely out of the garage on Jeff Montgomery Way.

Law Director Weber has been compiling a "To Do List". He has received a request to update Council regarding the Revolving Loan Fund and prepare resolution for RLF / Committee Members. He has received a request to update and check zoning verbiage regarding manufactured buildings on lots (i.e. two homes on one lot, tiny houses). He is going to update the grass mowing ordinance; he and Bill are going to meet work together on this.

Auditor Dupree stated that Council could see the statement of cash position that has been distributed. He is available for questions.

The City Clerk and Water Adjustment Reports were emailed out.

Motion to approve the City Clerk and Water Adjustment Reports was made by Councilman Browning, second by Councilman Rupert, and unanimously approved by all.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Pelletier reported that they are officially back in Station 1. Everything is very nice; invites everyone to stop by and see the new improvements. The Burn Building will be ready on 03/29; a ribbon cutting will be scheduled.

Police Report:

Police Chief Ackley, info in handouts, no additional info to report. Bill Shumate stated he would like to commend the department on behalf of the Judge. The police department received praise from the Judge on Wednesday due to the tremendous job they have been doing regarding their volumes of arrests and efforts in cracking down on drug problem within the area.

Correspondence:

Thank you card received by Bill and Peggy Shumate for flowers received from Council.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss at 7:25 P.M was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to leave executive session at 7:40 P.M was made by Councilman Browning, and seconded by Councilman Woolum.

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 P.M was made by Councilman Browning, second by Councilman Rupert, and unanimously approved by all.

Council Clerk



Council President


