

Wellston City Council Meeting Minutes

January 19th, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Council President Chris Brenner by asking Council and everyone 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, Tom Clark, Roaby Browning, Shane Stevens, Nick Rupert, and Doug Wright. Absent was Councilman Keith Woolum. City Officials that were present included Mayor Connie Pelletier, Service Director Bill Shumate, Law Director Shannon Weber, Engineer Tim Wojdacz, and Auditor Chris Dupree. Representing the Fire Department was Second Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Pelletier. Representing the Police Department was Police Chief Tim Ackley.

Motion to approve the January 5th, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

Public Comments:

Barb McKinnis spoke about a flag she had. She stated it was an old flag. It was the flag that was flying on the pole at City Hall in November of 1983. It was the night the City Hall burned. She was standing out there in the middle of Broadway watching the fire and doing her job for the Athens Messenger. She saw the late former Mayor Jerry Collins and Councilman Bob Walton removing this flag. They very solemnly folded the flag and brought it over and handed it to her like this and asked her to take care of it. She put her pen and pad away and took care of the flag. She said from time to time she would ask City Officials what to do with the flag and she got pretty vague answers. She stored it away and would forget about it. She recently ran into it and that she took care of it long enough. She told Council it is all theres to look after now. She said she was not sure if we wanted to retire the flag or what. Councilman Wright asked that we fly the flag for a week, retire it, and then place it in a wooden case to display it downstairs.

Legislation:

Second Reading of Resolution No. 2016-01-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. 2016-01. No comments were made.

Second 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. 2016-02. Engineer Wojdacz stated that is a Resolution we need in order to send to ODOT to get bid out later this year.

Mayor Pelletier stated it is sad that we have to go around begging people to run for Council. We are coming out of fiscal emergency soon and are doing well.

Service Director Bill Shumate stated we now have all of our licensed people in place now. It is all of our water plants, waste water plants, and collection and distribution.

Law Director Weber stated he is still working on a few things such as the water ordinance. He is working on preparing an ordinance for Council a petition to vacate alleys. Mayor Pelletier asked about the indigent burial. Law Director Weber stated he needs someone to give him a minimum amount. Mayor Pelletier said she knows she had suggested \$600.00, which is what we get charged from one of the funeral homes here and she checked Jackson and they only pay \$500.00.

Motion to approve the overtime report was made by Councilman Browning, second by Councilman Rupert, and unanimously approved by all.

Second Assistant Fire Chief Brandau stated they are just waiting on the final inspection for Station 1, so he believes they will be moving in on Monday.

Motion to approve the Police Report was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:12 P.M., to discuss real estate with no action to be taken was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Wright, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to leave Executive Session at 7:26 P.M., was made by Councilman Browning, second by Councilman Wright.

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 P.M., was made by Councilman Browning, second by Councilman Rupert, and unanimously approved by all.

Council Clerk

Council President
