

Wellston City Council Meeting Minutes

January 5th, 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, Keith Woolum, Tom Clark, Roaby Browning, Shane Stevens, Nick Rupert, and Doug Wright. City Officials that were present included Mayor Connie Pelletier, Law Director Shannon Weber, Engineer Tim Wojdacz, and Auditor Chris Dupree. Representing the Police Department was Officer John Robinson. Representing the Fire Department was 1st Assistant Fire Chief Ben Matthews.

Motion to approve the absences of Councilmen Fred Myers and Doug Wright from the December 15th, 2016 meeting was made by Councilman Browning, second by Councilman Woolum, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 15th, 2016 and special meeting minutes from December 27th, 2016 was made by Councilman Stevens, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

Legislation:

First 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 the 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.

First 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. Engineer Wojdacz stated they are just trying to get this done because they are going to try to go out for contract this year. He stated it is already in the budget and they have to give them permission to go out and do that. Mayor Pelletier stated our match to get 349 as a lake road resurfaced is \$38,000.00. She stated we already have it in the budget.

Motion to bring Ordinance No. 2016-142 off the table was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Wright, and unanimously approved by all.

Councilman Rupert stated when we got the changes, Councilman Stevens brought up a good point that the RCAP study report on the sewer side of things did not match the financial spreadsheet. He said that number is actually \$3.50 instead of \$3.79. He contacted Wayne Canon about that and asked him what numbers we are supposed to use with that and he came back

with a report on both the MHI and the \$3.50 and why the number did not match the report and spreadsheet. He said he forwarded that message in email to council on why they did not match. Councilman Rupert called him back and asked him for an RCAP report that would match what he stated in the email to all of us, which he did. In that, he also corrected the MHI which is 2.0 and we sent that out to everybody and Shannon made correction to that. This is something we have to do to get out of fiscal emergency and be able to be eligible for grants, loans, and to move the city forward. He stated we may not like it, but this is what the experts suggest. Councilman Clark asked about the water meters that were in on the property that is not being used. Councilman Rupert stated if you are not using the water, you will still have to pay the water and sewer. Councilman Clark asked why because they are not going to be using any sewer. Councilman Rupert stated we stayed with the Ohio RCAP suggestions and that was one of them. Councilman Clark said so more less if you are going to keep that water and sewer there, you are going to pay for the water and sewer. Mayor Pelletier stated the minimum is \$5.50, which is \$2.00 for the water and \$3.50 for the sewer. Councilman Browning stated in Section 51.03 Section D. He stated if I were to have a property and have a \$200.00 water bill and I decided to skip town and someone was to move into my house, would the person who moved into my house be responsible for my bill. Law Director Weber stated the property owner would then be responsible for the bill. Mayor Pelletier stated that the revenue will be put into line items and water money cannot be spent anywhere else and it will be outlined in the water fund the way it is outlined in the RCAP survey. Councilman Stevens asked if he was missing anything or if it was not specifically laid out in the ordinance. Mayor Pelletier stated is it not in the Ordinance that we would go by the RCAP survey. The RCAP survey is attached to the Ordinance so it is part of the Ordinance. Councilman Stevens by attaching it to the Ordinance just makes it a reference, not part of the Ordinance.

Motion to approve the decrease in the rate to follow the Ohio RCAP report was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to adopt and pass Ordinance No. 2016-142 was made by Councilman Wright, second by Councilman Rupert, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to have Shannon bring back the specific amendment Ordinance for the line changes was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

Mayor Pelletier stated the Recovery meeting for tomorrow was cancelled. It was rescheduled for next Tuesday at 10:00 A.M in council chambers.

Motion to approve the Auditor Reports was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Woolum, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to approved the City Clerk and Water Adjustments was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to adjourn at 7:29 P.M., was made by Councilman Browning, second by Councilman Rupert, and unanimously approved by all.

Council Clerk

Council President
