

Wellston City Council Meeting Minutes

August 17th, 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, Law Director Shannon Weber, Engineer Tim Wojdacz, and Auditor Chris Dupree. Representing the Police Department was Police Officer Steve Wilbur.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August 2nd, 2017 meeting was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

Public Comment:

Ryan Stroud of 335 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Wellston asked about the sidewalk by his property at 8 East Broadway St. He said he was following up since last meeting. He stated he always wanted to discuss the fire escape on the side of his building. It gets stuck in a tree, which also is going into the power lines. If there is a fire in his building and you need to get out, you will either get electrocuted or burn. Mayor Pelletier stated he will have to get with AEP on that due to the power lines. Councilman Woolum stated he checked it out and his recommendation when it came to committees is to have the tree removed and fix the sidewalk. There is also a place where a tree used to be that needs to be filled in. Mr. Stroud stated he understand where we do not have the money, but it is only a matter of time before there is a lawsuit where you will have to find the money. Councilman Rupert stated we are going to have to find out how much it will cost us to fix it before we see where we are going to get the money from.

Councilman Clark stated there is someone else who brought up this same type of situation before Mr. Stroud. He stated Mr. Morrow brought it up to him some time ago when we was in fiscal emergency.

Councilman Stevens stated we are going to be looking at doing a new budget before long anyways and there needs to be some priorities set. We need to create a

cycle of funds even if it takes us a couple of years. He stated when we get an estimate, we can then see if we can find the money.

Legislation:

Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-33-An Ordinance amending Ordinance Section 29.03 Private Swimming Pools and Section 29.04.01 Residential Fences and/or hedges, Definitions, of the codified Ordinances of the City of Wellston. Law Director Weber stated with Councilman Woolum, we have amended the Ordinance which would exempt any above ground pool from the Ordinance all together. If you put in an underground pool, you would have to come to the city building and get a permit and be so much from the boundaries of the property. If it is an above ground temporary pool, 4 feet or greater there are no requirements. Also the fence height is coming down to 4 foot. Councilman Rupert asked if we could table this so Council would have time to look it over and that he also had some questions about it also.

Motion to table Ordinance No. 2017-33 was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

First Reading of Resolution No. 2017-34-A Resolution regarding the resurfacing of SR 32 within the corporation limits of Wellston and declaring an emergency. Engineer Wojdacz stated this needs to be an emergency so we can get it back to them.

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

Motion to adopt and pass Resolution No. 2017-34 was made by Councilman Woolum, second by Councilman Browning, and unanimously approved by all.

First Reading of Resolution No. 2017-35-A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wellston to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Wellston for the disposal of waste with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc.

Committees:

Councilman Woolum stated his recommendation is to fix the sidewalks and remove the trees.

Councilman Rupert stated he has been in contact with Mr. Shumate and the company with the Flexnet. They are going to do a presentation for the finance committee. It will be September 21st at 6:00 p.m. We will also have them do a presentation for Council.

Mayor Pelletier stated we had a cleanup day last Saturday. She thanked all the volunteers that showed up.

Engineer Wojdacz stated they will be starting to put the water line in this week.

Motion to adjourn at 7:21 P.M., was made by Councilman Browning, second by Councilman Woolum, and unanimously approved by all.

Council Clerk

Amy L. Skene

Council President

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