

Wellston City Council Meeting Minutes

February 15th, 2018

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 Vicki Ousley, Keith Woolum, Tom Clark, Taylor Rose, Nick Rupert, and Charlie Hudson. Absent was Councilman Roaby Browning. City Officials that were present included Mayor Connie Pelletier, Service Director Bill Shumate, Law Director Randy Dupree, Engineer Tim Wojdacz, and Auditor Chris Dupree.

Motion to approve the absence of Councilman Charlie Hudson from the February 1st, 2018 meeting was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Rupert, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February 1st, 2018 meeting was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Hudson, and unanimously approved by all.

Public Comments:

Kyle Gilliland stated he wanted to present Council with two different experiences that they have had with the Wellston Police Department. The first one he discussed was back in July where he had an intrusion into his house. Three and a half months later in October he was getting ready to return back to his office after lunch, he realized there was a boy out in his garage. He said he asked him what he was doing, where he got the response he was trying to get to Chillicothe. He said he told the boy he cannot be in his garage. He said he knew he was lying to him after his second response. She said he spoke to his wife who then told him the boy is a convicted felon. She then called the Wellston Police and they arrived very quickly. He said Todd Shong acted in a professional manner. He ended up not only being charged for the trespassing, but also possession of drug paraphernalia and drug instruments. He said Randy Dupree then picked up the ball and carried it to the end zone. The other incident was when my wife had a client in the office in July of 2016. He stated she had an argument when she met with her husband. Her husband made a comment saying he would put a bullet through the skull of Dana Gilliland. During that argument, Police Officer Wilbur showed up and then he left.

Mike Potts of Make Wellston Beautiful discussed the events that have happened during the past year. They start planning in January for spring and summer sports. We had two baseball teams in Junior High; 7th and 8th grade teams. We had 4 softball teams. We had about

75 boys and girls involved. In April we had around 361 kids involved. Last year at this time when I was talking to you, we had revenue of about \$94,000 with expenses of about \$99,000. In 2017, we had about \$116,000 in revenue with about \$100,000 in expenses. He stated every dime we make; we try to put it back in the program. We are having a spring soccer program this year. Sharon Brenner is helping lead that up for us. He finished up by thanking Tami, Phil, Betsy and all of Making Wellston Beautiful for all the time and effort everyone has put in.

Legislation:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2018-04- Final Resolution to cooperate with Ohio Director of Transportation on resurfacing project involving a portion of State Route 327, authorizing the director of transportation to proceed, authorizing Mayor to enter into a contract for the project and appropriating funds for the project, and declaring an emergency.

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

Motion to adopt and pass Ordinance No. 2018-04 was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Woolum, and unanimously approved by all.

Mayor Pelletier stated they are in the process of talking to the local banks about the City's Banking Services so when she gets that information together she can take it to the finance committee.

Engineer Wojdacz stated he heard from ODOT and they are going to resurrect the bike path. It probably will not be out until next January.

Motion to approve the line items was made by Councilman Hudson, second by Councilman Clark, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to approve the Appropriation Expenditure Reports and Statement of Cash Pos w/MTD was made by Councilman Hudson, second by Councilman Clark, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to approve the Water Adjustment and Clerk's reports was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Woolum, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to approve the Fiscal Officer's Certificate was made by Councilman Hudson, second by Councilman Clark, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to adjourn at 7:19 P.M., was made by Councilman Ousley, second by Councilman Rose, and unanimously approved by all.

Council Clerk

Amy Skans

Council President

Pro Tem
Tom Cluskey