

# **Wellston City Council Meeting Minutes**

## **January 18th, 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, Roaby Browning, Taylor Rose, Nick Rupert, and Ron Hudson. City Officials that were present included Mayor Connie Pelletier, Service Director Bill Shumate, Law Director Randy Dupree, Engineer Tim Wojdacz, and Auditor Chris Dupree. Representing the Police Department was John Robinson. Representing the Fire Department was Fire Chief Ryan Pelletier.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 4th, 2018 meeting was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Hudson, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:00 P.M. to discuss personnel with no action to be taken was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Woolum, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to leave Executive Session at 7:13 P.M, was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Rupert.

### **Public Comments:**

Cathy Tiffany shared the idea of constructing a community garden. She believes a community garden would fit right in with all of the positive progress Wellston has made. Tiffany said a community garden is about coming together to help one another. One 4x16 square foot garden bed could produce \$200-\$600 of produce annually. The community garden would be placed in the most prominent place in town and would have an entry way with a large arbor. The site would produce opportunities for community service workers for 4-H members, Future Farmers of America students, cheerleaders, and other sports teams to help out. The two problems that could potentially happen is vandalism and drug addicts. A solution could be to place the garden in a prominent area, where those who live close by could keep an eye out on the site. She said she is willing to put the time in and help out. Council President Brenner stated he has her information and would get in touch with her in the future to discuss the community garden.

Kyle Gilliland of P.O. Box 286 Wellston, Ohio stated he seen there was a Policy Levy on the ballot back in November and he went back in and voted. He reviewed the results later on and he found that a 2 mill levy passed in Amesville. In Shady side Village of Belmont County a 2 1/2 mill levy passed. In Chesapeake passed a one and a half mill which was the same thing Wellston was asking for. Hamden Village passed a five mill levy, which is three times more than Wellston was asking for. You come to

Wellston and it failed 43-57%. He said there were three reasons. It was not campaigned properly. The second reason is this is an anti-tax town. The third reason is the city knows what the Wellston Police Department is like.

Legislation:

First Reading of Resolution No. 2018-02-A Resolution of necessity to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of maintaining and operating cemeteries, requesting the Auditor's certification and declaring an emergency.

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

Motion to adopt and pass Resolution No. 2018-02 was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Rupert, and unanimously approved by all.

Council President Brenner stated that Council needed to vote for a Council Pro Tem to cover for him in the case of an absence.

Councilman Woolum nominated Tom Clark, Roaby Browning seconded, and it was unanimously approved by all.

Mayor Pelletier stated she received a text from Karen Boch thanking the City workers for all the hard work they have put in the last few weeks. She commended them.

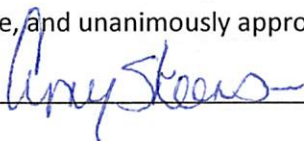
Service Director Shumate also thanked the City workers for all their hard work.

Engineer Wojdacz stated they did not get a couple projects done that they thought they would have done in time. They were the Minnesota Avenue water line and the revamping of the controls at the South Water Treatment Plant. They are still going to do it but we will have to ask Chris and your blessing to swap money from 2017 and put it in 2018.

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

Wellston Fire Chief Pelletier stated that there has been an issue with buildings known as taxpayers. These type of buildings include a business on the ground floor and have apartments above. People are not allowed to live on the ground floor of these types of buildings. Putting shingles on a home or painting does not require a permit, but if you are expanding your footprint, we need to be involved.

Motion to adjourn at 7:51 P.M., was made by Councilman Ousley, second by Councilwoman Rose, and unanimously approved by all.



Council Clerk



Council President