

Wellston City Council Meeting Minutes

January 4th, 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 Officer Todd Shong.

Motion to approve the absences of Councilmen Keith Woolum and Councilman Roaby Browning from the December 21st, 2017 meeting was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Rupert, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to approve the December 21st, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Councilman Rupert, second by Councilman Woolum, and unanimously approved by all.

Public Comments:

Kyle Gilliland stated he put his father in a nursing home in Spring of 2016. In July of 2016 his father's home was broken into. His father's home was unoccupied due to his father being in the nursing home. After hearing of the break in from his wife, he went to the home and encountered Officer Sonya Jones. Mr. Gilliland said he told Jones he has had quite a few problems with the WFD over quite a few years. Following the exchange, he said that himself and Officer Jones had agreed to part company. Mr. Gilliland's wife contacted the Jackson County Sheriff's Office for assistance with the break in. Three or four weeks after the incident, Mr. Gilliland checked his mail and he was surprised to find he was a party to a grievance with the Ohio Supreme Court's Disciplinary Council. He said it had been filed by Officer Jones, stating that Mr. Gilliland had made some disparaging comment about the WPD. He said part of the complaint was that he refused to give Officer Jones his Social Security number. Mr. Gilliland said the grievance was dismissed. He asked Council to dissolve the WPD. He wants them to wipe them completely out. Get rid of it. He also called for an investigation against all of the people included in the grievance against him such as Officer Jones, WPD Chief Tim Ackley and Service Director Bill Shumate. He also stated he wanted an investigation against Mayor Connie Pelletier. He stated he was not accusing anyone in the City's administration of wrongdoing, but he operates under a pyramid complaint mechanism. He also requested five minutes of speaking time at each of the next three council meetings.

Legislation:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2018-01-An Ordinance approving additional appropriations in the General Fund, State Fire Loss Fund, Street Fund, and Wellston Capital Improvement Fund and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend rules was made by Councilman Woolum, second by Councilman Rupert, and

unanimously approved by all.

Motion to adopt and pass Ordinance No. 2018-01 was made by Councilman Clark, second by Councilman Woolum, and unanimously approved by all.

Council President Brenner stated they should have all gotten the committee list. He stated there is one change he wants to make to it though. He stated on the Parks and Recreations, he meant to put Taylor Rose as the chair. He stated there is a new committee on there. The new committee is Planning & Development. He looked around and Chillicothe & Athens both have a planning and development committee. That committee is involved in the code enforcement and stuff like that.

Motion to accept the rules for City Council was made by Councilman Browning, second by Councilman Hudson, and unanimously approved by all.

Mayor Pelletier welcomed the new council members.

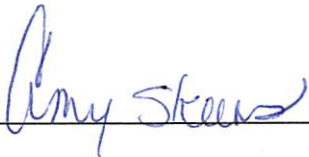
Service Director Shumate stated we have been working on snow and ice. We have a big stockpile of salt. If anyone has potholes in town, give us a call and we will get to them as quick as we can. We have just been getting ready for the new year.

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

Council President Brenner reminded Council to get there Ethics Form filled out and turned in.

Motion to adjourn at 7:13 P.M., was made by Councilman Ousley, second by Councilman Rose, and unanimously approved by all.

Council Clerk



Council President

