

Wellston City Council Meeting Minutes

February 10th, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Dave McWilliams by asking Council and others in attendance to stand for the Pledge. He then called for the roll call.

Councilpersons answering the roll call included: Angela Spangler, Rick Hudson, Lynley Carey, Teresa Lemaster, Fred Duby, and Roaby Browning.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 20th meeting was made by Hudson, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.

Public Comments- none

Correspondence- none

Committees: Committee Assignments were passed out and are as follows:

Finance- Rick Hudson

Health & Safety- LeMaster stated the committee met on February 1st to discuss the Traffic Light and Mobile Home Ordinance. The Service Director will be in contact with someone to gather more information concerning the lights; the Committee made recommendations concerning the Mobile Home Ordinance.

Public Service- Browning

Planning- Carey

Community Action- Browning attended the latest Board meeting and learned of a new program for warm coats and shoes. Mayor Hudson told the Chairperson Community Action was welcome to send pamphlets to the City Building for notices and distribution.

Old Business- none

New Business- none

Legislation:

- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-69- An Ordinance vacating a portion of 12th Street running east-west from South Rhode Island Avenue to South New Hampshire Avenue.
Discussion: This alley is no longer being paved by the City and has been used as a parking lot for Clark's Body Shop for years.
Sponsor: Browning

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.

- Third Reading of Resolution No. 2021-70- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio to approve the appointment of Vicki Arthur-Rupert by the Mayor to the Wellston Planning and Zoning Board as an At-Large Member for the remainder of the term left vacant by Wayne Cosper.

Sponsor: Carey

A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Browning, seconded Duby, and approved by all in attendance.

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-06- An Ordinance vacating a portion of an alley abutting and situated between parcels numbered M240280012900, M240280013100, and M240280013200, and running from 11th Street South between those parcels.

Discussion: The Mayor said this alley has never been used. Jeffery Collins, Mohawk Electric, had requested the alley vacation.

Sponsor: Lemaster

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-07- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wellston to apply for, accept, and enter in a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account on behalf of the City of Wellston for the construction of water system improvements 202; and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Hudson

Discussion: This is for the potential project of a new water plant. This new plant would consolidate the existing plants, making the process more energy efficient and cost effective.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Lemaster, seconded by Duby, and approved by all in attendance. A motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Browning, seconded by Hudson, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-08- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wellston to apply for, accept, and enter into agreement with the Ohio Department of Education for a Summer Learning and After-School Grants and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Hudson

Discussion: This is in conjunction with the WCS and Rotary Club for after school programs starting in the summer. This will require no grant match from the City.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance. A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Hudson, and approved by all in attendance.

Mayor

RCAP training needs to be completed by members of Council for principal forgiveness for the loan.

A new garbage truck is required.

There have been personnel changes in the Water Department and the Mayor is very impressed with the successes of the new employees.

Projects this year will include: Broadway Street Waterline will start soon, Sewerline will start in the fall, and paving will finish this portion of the project; pre-bid meeting occurred the week prior. Second Street will get a new waterline and repaved from Minnesota to Broadway. Tenth Street will get paved and the City will reach out to the County to see if she could complete the project from Mulga Road to 32. Lockard Road will receive a new waterline. Lift Stations are nearly complete, and The Depot Project will go out to bid soon. Ballfields will be starting in March. Kelli Lambert Park grant has been secured and the work will begin soon, as well as removing a few blighted houses on Broadway.

Two bidders came in for the traffic light.

There is now an Operator of Record for the Water Plant.

Service Director

A third bidder has come in for the traffic light and is researching pressure sensors for Pennsylvania Avenue.

Infrastructure Crew is assembled and working, led by Phil Thompson.

Major changes are coming to the Clerks Office, including Point of Sale systems, cash drawers, new monitors at the window, working scanners, and new credit card readers.

The Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant has been hired and is working.

The Service Director would like to see Contractor's Licenses required within the City.

The old trash truck has been rear-ended multiple times and the new truck will be safer for workers, as it will have a side-loading arm for the cans and does not require someone to ride on the back of the truck.

Law Director- none

Auditor- A motion was made by Hudson, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance, to approve Statement of Cash Pos Appropriation Expenditure Report.

City Clerk's Reports- none

Treasurer Report- A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Carey, seconded by Hudson, and approved by all in attendance.

Fire- none

Zoning- none

Police-

The Police Chief presented his monthly report and asked Council if there was anything else they would like to see on his reports. Spangler said she would like comparable information.

The VFW donated \$1,000 to the Officer Blu Fund.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance at 7:36 p.m.


Council Clerk


Council President