

Wellston City Council Meeting Minutes

February 17th, 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, and Fred Duby. Roaby Browning was absent due to Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Mayor Charlie Hudson then presented a plaque to Wellston Subway for taking care of City Crews during emergency situations. The plaque was received by Manager Dawn Mullins.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 10th meeting was made by Hudson, seconded by Duby, and approved by all in attendance.

Public Comments- none

Correspondence- Correspondence was attached to 2022-14 from Code Enforcement Officer Ryan Pelletier.

Committees:

Finance- Hudson- none

Health & Safety- LeMaster- none

Public Service- Browning- none

Planning- Carey- none

Community Action- Browning- none

Old Business- Vance proposed a new piece of legislation, listed as Ordinance 2022-09, because she was unhappy with the recommendations made by the committee in regard to a Mobile Home Ordinance.

New Business- none

Legislation:

- Third 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
A motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Vance, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-09- An Ordinance by the City of Wellston Legislative Authority amending relevant sections of Chapter 153 of the Wellston Code.
Sponsor: Vance
Discussion: Vance stated that this is the same Ordinance that was set before Council previously, but had never reached a vote. This one prohibits any new mobile homes within the City Limits outside of the Manufactured Home District.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-10- A Resolution approving additional appropriations in the General and PD Special Programs Funds.
Sponsor: Hudson
Discussion: This is for officer training and a donation to the Officer Blu Fund
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-11- An Ordinance by the City of Wellston Legislative Authority amending Chapter 153 of the Wellston Code amending, adopting, and incorporating a Planning a Zoning Fee Schedule and declaring an emergency.
Sponsor: Duby
Discussion: Spangler inquired as to the need of the emergency declaration. Code Enforcement Officer Ryan Pelletier says the fee schedule has not changed since the 90's and he would like to get it updated and online as soon as possible.
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Vance, seconded by Hudson. All in attendance voted in favor of suspending the rules, except for Spangler. The Motion did not carry.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-12- An Ordinance by the City of Wellston Legislative Authority amending relevant sections of Chapter 153 of the Wellston Code.
Sponsor: Duby
Discussion: This is the Ordinance based upon the suggestions provided by the committee to which it was assigned. The Service Director said the legislation was missing requirements that the committee discussed and rewording, for instance: permanent foundations, manufactured in the previous 12 months, not previously titled, and owner-occupied only.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-13- An Ordinance of the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston, Ohio adopting Chapter 116: Registration of Contractors of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wellston, Jackson County, Ohio and declaring an emergency.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: Another question as to the reason for an emergency. Pelletier approached the podium and stated that there is a large infrastructure project coming to the city byway of Columbia Gas in April. This will help to ensure that contractors operating within the City are insured. He stated this will protect the homeowner and will also help to obtain RITA funds for the City.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-14- An Ordinance by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio to purchase one (1) New Way Widewinder XTR Automated Side Loader Garbage Truck from Cerni Motors of Youngstown, Ohio, through the Ohio State Cooperative Purchasing Program for an amount not to exceed three hundred sixty-eight thousand, three-hundred sixty-nine dollars and ninety-six cents (\$368,369.96), authorizing the Mayor and/or Safety/Service Director to finalize and execute a purchase agreement and to seek financing, and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: The Service Director says this new truck will be safer since no one will be riding on the back of the truck. Hudson reminded Council and Brenner that new Legislation will need to be introduced for extra garbage hauling and possible scheduling. The Mayor stated both trash trucks are not operating properly, so this needs to be passed as an emergency.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Hudson, seconded by Vance, and approved by all in attendance.

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

Mayor

Hudson met with Representative Jason Stephens concerning the State Capital Budget. The Mayor made a request for \$125,000 to further the campground project. Stephens seemed pleased. The bid package for the Pride Park/Depot remodeling grant will be going out soon. This will go for upgrading electricity and a new gazebo.

Service Director

Rental Permit Applications have been mailed.

Law Director- none

Auditor- none

City Clerk's Reports- none

Treasurer Report- none

Fire- none

Zoning-

Police-

Officer Blu made an appearance, along with Officer J. Blu's therapy training was the topic of discussion.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vance, seconded by Hudson, and approved by all in attendance at 7:44 p.m.


Council Clerk


Council President