

# Wellston City Council Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Pro Tem Rick Hudson 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, Matti Vance, Rick Hudson, Lynley Carey, Teresa Lemaster, Fred Duby, and Roaby Browning.

**Public Comments-** none

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the minutes of the March 17th meeting was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.

**Correspondence-** Ohio Gas Association Survey; Clark Shaeffer Hackett

## **Committees:**

Finance- Hudson- none

Health & Safety- LeMaster- none

Public Service- Browning- none

Planning- Carey- none

Community Action- Browning- none

**Old Business-** none

**New Business-** none

## **Legislation:**

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-19- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio authorizing the Mayor and/or Service Director to enter into a contract with Scott Ford for the sale of water and establishing rates.  
Sponsor: Browning  
Discussion- This is for Mr. Ford to have commercial water rates for operation of the Car Wash
- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-21- An Ordinance amending the written Credit Card Policy for the City of Wellston.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: The Service Director informed Council that due to Online Purchasing, a \$2,000 available credit is not sufficient for City Business.
- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-22- An Ordinance by the City of Wellston Legislative Authority adopting, amending, and replacing relevant Sections of Chapter 51 of the Wellston code in its entirety.  
Sponsor: Vance  
Discussion: Water and Sewer Service Application

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-23- A Resolution by the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston approving Additional Appropriations in the Sales Tax Fund.  
Note: Please do 3 reads and pass as an emergency  
Sponsor: Vance  
Discussion: This is for detection for the traffic lights, fuel, and stone.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-24- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Service Director, and any other necessary Official to enter into an agreement with the County of Washington regarding the custody, supervision, confinement, and board of prisoners.  
Note: Please Pass as an Emergency  
Sponsor: Browning  
Discussion: It was discussed that Washington County Jail was a “last resort” to send prisoners because of distance.  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Browning, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-25- An Ordinance by the City of Wellston Legislative Authority amending relevant sections of Chapter 116 of the Wellston Code.  
Note: Please Pass as an Emergency  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: This is to correct a typo in the Contractor Ordinance.  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-26- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wellston to prepare and submit an application to participate in the 2022 Ohio Department of Natural Resources “Recreational Trails Program & Clean Ohio Trail Fund” and to execute contracts as required.  
Note: Please Pass as an Emergency  
Sponsor: Lemaster  
Discussion: This is to attach legislation to a grant application, which is most always necessary.  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Vance, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.

### **Mayor**

The Mayor suggests that the topic of Business Licenses be sent to Committee for Discussion- the Planning Committee will meet on April 21 at 6 p.m. to discuss. The County Board of Elections has been in contact with the Mayor concerning redistricting to be more in line with

population. The Mayor also recommended for Council to consider a Bed Tax for the new campground and also for the influx of AirBnB's. Then the Mayor stated that the Water Department continues to improve; however the City has now discovered that we are losing 60-65% of treated water every month, which is why pursuing a new water treatment plant is imperative. American Tower has been in contact with the Mayor because the lease is up on the cell tower site. The company has given the City 3 options for payment on the lease renewal. Spangler suggested that Council give some thought to the options and discuss in "Old Business" at a future meeting.

**Service Director**

Water Distribution has ran six main lines, repaired four city mains, and four sewer lines had collapsed and were repaired. The Lakeview Lift Station rebuild has been completed and successfully inspected by the EPA. The Water Department reported 10 leaks and 120 shut-offs. The increase in the number of shut-offs this month is due to the software transition; shut-offs have not been done since December. For the Street Department, 5 yards of concrete was laid for sidewalks and one driveway repair was performed. These repairs were made by the City because these were damages made by fixing water leaks. New York and 11<sup>th</sup> saw 15 yards of stone repair and sewer line work. They also completed 20 tons of cold patch and pothole repair. On Maine Avenue, the City installed 200 feet of ditching, a slope was fixed on Livingston, 100 feet of under draining on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and the Infrastructure Crew has put in 1,540 feet of 6-inch pipe and three fire hydrants. The Service Director then spoke about the massive amount of treated water that the City is losing, saying that the pipes are 60-80 years old.

**Law Director-** none

**Auditor-** Lemaster made a motion to accept the Statement of Cash Position and the Appropriation Expenditure Report. Spangler seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**City Clerk's Reports-** none

**Treasurer Report-** none


**Fire-** none

**Zoning-** Code Enforcement has reached almost \$20,000 for Rental Inspections. These inspections will start the following week. The Peddler's Permit has been moved to Code Enforcement instead of the Police Department. The Service Director then asked Council to be sure to report houses that are in bad condition.

**Police-** Chief Robinson presented his monthly report, in addition to comparison numbers from the previous years. A call summary was also left for Council, along with three months of arrests and citations.

A motion to adjourn was made by Spangler seconded by Vance, and approved by all in attendance at 7:51 p.m.

  
Council Clerk

  
Council President