

# Wellston City Council Meeting Minutes

April 21, 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, Rick Hudson, Lynley Carey, Teresa Lemaster, Fred DUBY, and Roaby Browning. Matti Vance was absent.

**Public Comments-** none

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the minutes of the April 7 meeting minutes was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.

**Correspondence-** Wellston Public Water Consumer Confidence Report was passed to Council

## **Committees:**

Finance- Hudson- none

Health & Safety- LeMaster- Second Reading of Ordinance to appropriate money for traffic lights is on the evening's agenda. The Service Director will also look into pedestrian signals.

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; the Mayor has been in contact with Ford, who says he plans to open the Car Wash on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 Resolution No. 2022- 27- A Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Winter Fill Program.

Note: Please pass as an Emergency

Sponsor: Browning

Discussion: This was needed as an emergency due to timing. To save \$20 a ton, this legislation needed to be passed as soon as possible.

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 Browning, and approved by all in attendance.

### **Mayor**

The Mayor requested that Finance Committee meet to discuss a Bed Tax. This meeting will be held before the next Council meeting at 6 p.m. Mr. Hudson then discussed the fire and police levies which are on the upcoming ballot and asked for everyone's support. The second round of ARPA funding is expected in the next few weeks, which is roughly \$260,000. These funds will be directed toward the new infrastructure department. The new water plant project looks to be self-funded, and the new Operator of Record is doing a great job- both of which are positives as the City moves toward this \$25 million project. The Mayor stated that this water plant will be the biggest achievement this administration will ever accomplish.

### **Service Director**

The Service Director spoke of the levies and asked that Council show their support. He also warned that if these levies fail, the General Fund will need to be used to support both departments.

**Law Director-** none

**Auditor-** none

**City Clerk's Reports-** none

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

**Fire-** none

**Zoning-** none

**Police-** The Police Chief spoke of the department's upcoming levy and asked for support. He said WPD has exciting things on the horizon but can give no details other than he is working with other departments. Support of this levy will help to combat the drug problems that exist in the City. He also informed Council that the Police Department is down a cruiser due to engine problems. This car will be stripped down and go to auction.

A motion to adjourn was made by Browning, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance at 7:19 p.m.

  
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Council Clerk

  
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Council President