

# Wellston City Council

## Meeting Minutes

May 5, 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, Teresa Lemaster, Fred Duby, and Roaby Browning. Lynley Carey and Mayor Charlie Hudson were absent.

**Public Comments-** Sue Angel, 51 Meadow Run Road, was on the agenda to voice issues with the fairground. Angel complained of dust and the demeanor of the Fair Board President when she voiced her complaint. Ryan Pelletier, who is also on the Fair Board, reassured Angel that they were working to remedy the dust problem.

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the minutes of the April 21 meeting minutes was made by Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.

**Correspondence-** Ohio Gas Association sent a follow-up postcard for a survey.

### **Committees:**

**Finance-** Hudson- Met before the Council meeting to discuss implementing a Bed and Campsite Tax. The Finance Committee has recommended a \$5 fee for the Campsite Tax and expects Legislation soon. They also discussed raising the hourly wages of the Volunteer Firefighters- right now, they will receive a \$2/hour raise, followed by another \$2 next year until our volunteer wages are comparable with state levels. Legislation is expected for this as well.

**Health & Safety-** LeMaster- none

**Public Service-** Browning- none

**Planning-** Carey- none

**Community Action-** Browning- none

### **Old Business-** none

**New Business-** Lemaster addressed her concerns over 2022-23, specifically traffic lights. She stated the Resolution covered the traffic sensors, but not turning the Sixth Street light back to operational. Lemaster then recalled the previous weekend that she was stuck in traffic past Wendy's due to the 11<sup>th</sup> Street light. Lemaster spoke of sending the issue back to Committee. The Service Director said traffic sensors should fix this problem. He then explained that right now, the lights switch for no reason; the sensors will allow traffic to keep flowing. Hudson

then asked the status of pedestrian lights. Council then spoke of different places on Pennsylvania Avenue to place a crosswalk with pedestrian lights.

### **Legislation:**

- Third 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>.  
Lemaster furthered discussion by stating that Ford said the carwash would be open by May 1<sup>st</sup> and he had not started working at the property until May 1<sup>st</sup>.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Vance, and approved by all in attendance except Lemaster.
- Third 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.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass as an Emergency was made by Vance, seconded by Hudson, and approved by all in attendance except Lemaster.
- Third 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  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third 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.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass as an Emergency was made by Vance, seconded by Duby, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-28- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio to approve the appointment of David McWilliams by the Mayor to the Wellston Revolving Loan Fund Board.  
Sponsor: Lemaster  
Discussion:
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-28- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio to approve the appointment of Peggy Barber by the Mayor to the Wellston Revolving Loan Fund Board.  
Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion:

**Mayor-**  
not present

**Service Director**

Brenner told Council that City Offices are getting multiple complaints on cats and asked that Council place the issue on the Health and Safety Committee. He then spoke of the grants that this Administration has received this far, along with project start dates. The total has reached over \$7.7 million so far. He spoke of the Broadway Waterline Project, which is ongoing. The Infrastructure Crew has now began the New York Avenue side of the project. The Depot Project is out to bid, as is Kelli Lambert Park. The massive ballfield project is in the works. The Service Director stated that there is currently 6-7 grants in the application phase and that the office is constantly applying for new grants. He said Second Street is a mess right now, but says it is a work in progress. The crew has found and addressed multiple leaks during this work.

**Law Director-** none

**Auditor-** A Motion to Accept the Auditor's Reports was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.

**City Clerk's Reports-** none

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


**Fire-** Chief Pelletier thanked the voters for renewing the tax levy. Business Inspections have started.

**Zoning-** Rental Inspections have started with a 60% compliance. \$20,000 in revenue has been generated from this program. He says the program is going well. He then spoke of the mowing deadline- this year it is on May 16<sup>th</sup>. He says the Contractor Permits are going fantastic. Lemaster then inquired about the ordinance which requires vehicles on city streets to be moved every 48 hours.

**Police-** The Police Chief thanked the voters for the passage of the levy. He also brought attention to the monthly report that was submitted to Council. Brenner spoke of the police department's new side-by-side, which was purchased with funds obtained from the GovDeals Impound Lot sales, and said they have used it multiple times down the railroad tracks to deal with homeless encampments. So far this year, GovDeals has helped to generate close to \$14,000 for the police department.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lemaster, seconded by Vance, and approved by all in attendance at 7:40 p.m.

  
Council Clerk

  
Council President