

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President 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: Lynley Carey, Teresa Lemaster, Fred Duby, and Roaby Browning. Angela Spangler and Matti Vance were absent.

Public Comments- none

Minutes- A Motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2022 meeting was made by Browning, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.

Correspondence- none

Committees:

Finance- none

Health & Safety- LeMaster- a second meeting was held before Council to discuss the stray cat nuisance. More ideas were given. Lemaster plans to host another meeting before the July 21, 2022 Council Meeting at 6 p.m.

Public Service- Browning- none

Planning- Carey- none

Community Action- none

Old Business

- Council President Hudson addressed a downtown parking space issue- parking an extended cab truck in the current angled parking reduces the street to just one-lane of traffic. Brenner said the City has received 2 grants from ODOT that will allow for the brick pavers to be removed, which will then widen the road.
- President Hudson then asked the status on the Louvee demolition. Mayor Hudson responded that the City is waiting on Columbus to release the funding for the Land Bank demolitions. The Mayor said he noticed that there's now a crack in the Louvee wall facing Viva Jalisco. Land Bank funds are also expected to demolish the Old King's Pool Hall on Second Street.
- Lemaster asked the status of the traffic sensors. The Service Director said all the equipment is on order but does not have a timeline.
- President Hudson inquired as to the status of the crosswalk. Brenner stated that he has been given a quote and that it would not be a complex project, especially if it was placed at Sixth Street since most of the equipment is already there.

New Business

- Lemaster asked about the length of time given to someone after they are issued a demo permit. The permits are good for one year; however, the property in question was also condemned. Since the property was condemned, this would give the property owner 30 days to demolish. She then asked how the property owner was notified that the structure was condemned. Brenner stated that he spoke to the owner and a letter was issued.
- Lemaster then asked if City Employees are exempt from wearing seatbelts in City Vehicles. Brenner responded that it depended on what the workers were doing, but would address her concerns.

Legislation:

- Third Reading of Resolution No. 2022-30- A Resolution supporting the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission's 2022 Appalachian Regional Commission's Power Initiative Grant Application.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: This will extend the current Bike Path to Vinton County
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Lemaster, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third Reading of Resolution No. 2022-31- A Resolution approving additional appropriations in the Garbage Fund.
Sponsor: Browning
Discussion: none
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Carey, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third Reading of Resolution No. 2022-32- A Resolution approving Additional Appropriations in the Street Fund.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: Repaving Lookout Drive. Browning wanted to be reassured that this project was not just going to be an overlay. The Mayor reassured him that core samples have been taken and this would be an actual paving project.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Browning, seconded by Duby, and approved by all in attendance, except Lemaster- who cast the only "no" vote.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-33- A Resolution authorizing the Wellston City Mayor to execute the legal documentation necessary to purchase real property located at 0 South Ohio Avenue, Wellston, Ohio, and bearing Parcel I.D. Number M240330002400 for the purchase amount of \$20,000.00 plus any necessary costs.
Sponsor: Lemaster
Discussion: This is approximately 2 ½ acres on Ohio Avenue and will be the site of the new water plant.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-34- An Ordinance vacating a portion of 11th Street abutting and situated between parcels numbered M240280012900 on the south and M240180000100 on the north and running east and west between those parcels and a portion of Minnesota Avenue abutting and situated between parcels numbered M240280012900 on the west, and M240280009700 and M24020009800, M24020009900, M240280010000, M240280010100, M240280010200, and M240280010300 on the east and running north and south between those parcels.

Sponsor: Browning
Discussion: This is the Collins' alley vacation

Mayor-

The City Building will close for Juneteenth. The Service Director has started discussing budgets with the Department Heads. City Employee Union Contract negotiations will begin in August. Additional ODNR grants will be applied for in the near future for the new RV campground.

Service Director

Second Street is completely finished and the infrastructure crew is now working at WinMac to fix a drainage ditch.

Law Director- none

Auditor- none

City Clerk's Reports- New City Clerk Kathy Speraw came to introduce herself and explain the Clerk's Reports. The Mayor acknowledged that the Water Department is doing a great job.

Treasurer Report- none

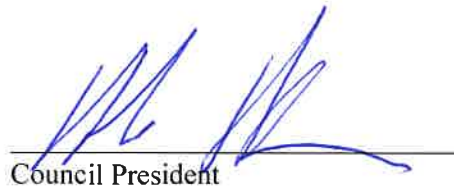
Fire- none

Zoning- none

Police- The Chief presented the monthly report and spoke about the Fourth of July festivities. He told Council that the side-by-side will be seen throughout the weekend and reminded the group that it was purchased with monies made from the impound lot. The Department was also able to obtain a used cruiser with very little miles.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lemaster, seconded by Bronwing, and approved by all in attendance at 7:30 p.m.


Council Clerk


Council President