

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

August 4, 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: Angela Spangler; Matt Vance; Lynley Carey; Teresa Lemaster; and Roaby Browning. Fred Duby was absent.

Public Comments

- Brandon Lambert, East 1st Street, asked that Council take occupancy numbers into consideration while doing rental inspections, stating that it is a safety concern. He also asked that the Code Enforcement allow for a "Rental Re-Inspection," upon landlord request. This issue is assigned to the Public Service Committee
- Tami Phillips, 96 Oak Ridge Rd., President of Make Wellston Beautiful, spoke on the projects that the Committee has performed and some future plans.
- Grant Plummer, 220 Oak Ridge Rd., Make Wellston Beautiful, spoke on the projects that the Committee has performed and some future plans.

Minutes- All members present voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Correspondence- none

Committees:

Finance- Spangler- a meeting was held the previous week. Discussion included additional requested appropriations, campground tax, 3-year cemetery plan, and business license fees. The bed tax/campground fee is need of further research. The Committee feels the issue of business licenses has stalled.

Health & Safety- none

Public Service- Browning- none

Planning- Carey- none

Community Action- none

Old Business- none

New Business- none

Legislation:

- Third Reading of Resolution No. 2022-37- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to take all necessary actions and execute any and all related documents to apply,

receive, and finalize the acceptance of grant moneys from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Natureworks Program.

Sponsor: Carey

Discussion: This grant will hopefully further a “downtown accessories” project.

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

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-39- A Resolution approving additional appropriations in the State Loss Fire Fund.

Sponsor: Vance

Discussion: Ryan Pelletier will discuss at next meeting

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-41- An Ordinance by the City of Wellston Legislative Authority changing the Zoning of particular parcels and amending the official Zoning District Map of the City of Wellston to reflect those changes.

Sponsor: Vance

Discussion: Storage on Ohio Avenue- Buffalo Dip

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-43- An Ordinance by the City of Wellston Legislative Authority amending relevant Sections of Chapter 110 of the Wellston Code.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: Business Licenses

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-45- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Vance

Discussion: Broadway and New York- Sewer Portion of the Project

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-46- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in the General Fund, transferring funds to the Street Levy Capital Improvement Fund and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: Lookout Drive Corrected Ordinance

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-47- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in the General Fund, transferring funds to the Cemetery Fund.

Sponsor: Vance

Discussion: Automated Records for the Cemetery

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-48- An Ordinance approving Additional Appropriations in the General Fund, transferring to Cemetery Fund and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: Cemetery Expansion Project

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-49- A Resolution approving Additional Appropriations in the General, Fire, Water, and Police Department Special Program Funds and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Carey
Discussion: Multiple Appropriations

Mayor

- The City was represented at a meeting pertaining to the Appalachian Community Grant Program, which is a \$500 million for a type of regional tourism project.
- A meeting was held on the Broadway/New York waterline replacement project. The waterline portion is complete. Sewer work is the next step.
- The Mayor asked the Community Action liaison to discuss some misunderstandings concerning the Water Department.
- There was a meeting with Jeremy Eisnagle, who purchased the soon-to-be Harvest Crossing Senior/Disabled Living Facility. The Mayor expects this group to approach Council to reopen a sewer line that Council abandoned last year.
- Annexation has been discussed to see how the City can grow its tax base and more water/sewer customers.

Service Director

- Depot sidewalks are almost complete. Handicap parking will be closer to the building. The memory bricks have been donated to the Rotary Club to create a pathway through the Community Garden.
- The current Strip Mine Project phase is nearing completion. The area is fairly flat.
- The City's portion of the Lookout Drive Project is complete. Blacktop should begin in a few weeks.
- Cemetery clearing is complete.
- The waterline project is complete. A local contractor has been hired to fix sidewalks and driveways in the area that were damaged in the process.

Law Director- none

Auditor- The Auditor covered some line-item adjustments. A Motion to Approve was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance. Council then voted unanimously to approve all the Auditor's Reports.

City Clerk's Reports- none

Treasurer Report- none

Fire- none

Zoning- none

Police- The Chief presented his monthly report.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance at 7:55 p.m.

M. E. Pisona
Council Clerk

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Council President