

# Wellston City Council

## Meeting Minutes

### July 21, 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 Fred Duby. Roaby Browning was present via telephone.

Fred Duby resigned his position as Council-At-Large and was renominated to serve as 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Council. Spangler led the nomination of Duby, Vance seconded, and all voted in favor. No other nominations were given.

#### **Public Comments**

- Matt Waldron, 403 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, came to Council to speak on Ordinance 2022-42 (Alley Vacation along Illinois Avenue). He asked Council to pass this Ordinance as an emergency so the property could be sold.

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

**Correspondence-** none

#### **Committees:**

**Finance-** There is a Legislation on the evening's agenda to reflect business licensing fees. Bed Tax is in discussion. Browning has been appointed to the Finance Committee.

**Health & Safety-** LeMaster- the third and final meeting was held before Council to discuss the stray cat nuisance. There is not enough money or manpower to deal with the cat issue.

**Public Service-** Browning- none

**Planning-** Carey- none

**Community Action-** none

**Old Business-** none

**New Business-** none

#### **Legislation:**

- Third 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.

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

- Third 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

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

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-35- A Resolution of the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston authorizing the Mayor to enter into the Indigent Defense Contract with the Jackson County Commissioners so as to provide legal counsel to indigent persons charged with violations of the Wellston Municipal Code for the second half of 2022, and declaring an emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: This Resolution requires passage twice a year.

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 Vance, and approved by all in attendance.

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-36- 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 Transportation's Small City Program and/or Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: This is for proposed work on New York Avenue, between 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets, which will include widening the roads, sidewalks, curbs, etc.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Vance, and approved by all in attendance.

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

- Second 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.

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-38- A Resolution approving additional appropriations in the Recreation Fund and Declaring an Emergency.  
 Sponsor: Spangler  
 Discussion: This will allow for spending of the 2021 Foundation for Appalachian Ohio Grant, which will be used for trash can covers and a bike rack.  
 A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.  
 A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Vance, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- First 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
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-40- A Resolution approving additional appropriations in the American Rescue Fund and Declaring an Emergency.  
 Sponsor: Spangler  
 Discussion: Second Round ARPA  
 A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Lemaster, seconded by Vance, and approved by all in attendance.  
 A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Vance, and approved by all in attendance.
- First 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- Buff'lo Dip
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-42- An Ordinance vacating a portion of Illinois Avenue and a portion of two alleys running parallel to said Illinois Avenue.  
 Sponsor: Lemaster  
 Discussion: Council decided to pass this piece of Legislation as an Emergency to help facilitate the sale of the property.  
 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 Carey, seconded by Vance, and approved by all in attendance.
- First 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 Ordinance No. 2022-44- An Ordinance by the City of Wellston Legislative Authority amending relevant Sections of Chapter 33 of the Wellston Code and Declaring and Emergency.

Sponsor: Vance

Discussion: Previously discussed increase of Firefighter Wages

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by DUBY, and approved by all in attendance.

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

**Mayor**

- The Land Bank has received funds for demolitions. The 3 properties in Wellston include: The Louvee, Coops Bar, and King's Pool Hall. This list will also include a few houses in Wellston as well.
- The Mayor had a meeting with Ken Reed of OVRDC to come up with regional projects which will be established with grant funds by the Appalachian Community Grant Program.
- The Mayor has suggested that a Park/Recreation Levy be placed on the ballot to build and financially support a City Pool.
- The Mayor would like to see a Recreation Department in the City once again.

**Service Director**

- The Finance Committee was asked to meet the following week to mitigate budget issues such as rising fuel costs, the cemetery, and the new Infrastructure Crew.
- Cemetery Plots are almost gone and needs immediate action.
- RV Park/Strip Mine Project is ongoing.
- The Lookout Drive Paving Project has started.
- Half of the sidewalks have been replaced in the ongoing Depot Project. There will be parking on both ends and the drainage has been fixed. The interior work is slotted to begin in 2 weeks.
- The sidewalks on Pennsylvania Avenue will be addressed soon.
- The work at the WinMac subdivision has been completed and is successful.
- The Red-Light project has begun, but there is no price on the crosswalk, and we are waiting for the sensors to be delivered.
- New York and Broadway waterline project is almost finished. The Service Director brought in a piece of the old water line to show Council.

**Law Director-** none

**Auditor-** none

**City Clerk's Reports-** none

**Treasurer Report-** All Present voted to approve the Treasurer's Reports

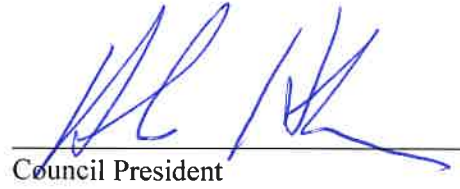
**Fire-** none

**Zoning-** none

**Police-** Police Chief John Robinson spoke on the anniversary of Officer Kelli Lambert's death and ways WPD honors Unit 211.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance at 7:58 p.m.

  
Council Clerk

  
Council President