

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

September 1st, 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: Matti Vance; Fred Duby; Lynley Carey; Teresa Lemaster; and Walter Norris. Roaby Browning and Angela Spangler were absent.

All in attendance voted to approved Carey's absence from the August 18th meeting.

Public Comments- none

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

Correspondence- none

Committees:

Finance- Spangler- none

Health & Safety- Walter Norris is added to this Committee

Public Service- Browning- none

Planning- Carey- none

Community Action- Browning- during the August 18th meeting of Council, President Hudson appointed Spangler to serve as the City's representative to Community Action; however, Spangler found this to be a conflict of interest with her employer. Browning was re-appointed to this chair.

Old Business- none

New Business- none

Legislation:

- Third 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.

Sponsor: Vance

Discussion: Sewer portion of New York/Broadway Project

A Motion to Adopt and Pass as an Emergency was made by Vance, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-50- A Resolution Accepting the Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor.

Sponsor: Browning

Discussion:

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-51- A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the PY 2022 CDBG Residential Public Infrastructure Grant.

Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: Please pass as an emergency on third read. This is for sanitary sewer separation.

Mayor

- Mayor Hudson began by stating the City is applying for an AMLER grant, similar to the grant for the ballfields. The City will apply for a “Wellston Community Entertainment Center” which will consist of an amphitheater, vendor area, etc. Support letters are needed from Council and the public for this endeavor.
- Hudson spoke to DLZ earlier. The New York/Broadway Waterline portion is finished. The project came in between \$150,000-170,000 under budget. The Storm and Sewer portion of this project is at the “securing funding” phase: there will be approximately \$50,000 in CDBG grants and the rest of the \$2.8 million will be taken out in zero interest loans that will probably be forgiven. Planning and funding should take place in November.
- Water treatment plant funding is still being researched. Currently the City is looking at a 50/50 match with a 40-year, 2% interest loan. The South Plant will be working on a pilot study with the Ohio EPA called a “Trident System.” This is expected to take \$2-3 million from the \$25 million project.

Service Director

- A low spot between the Argabright property and the Cemetery has been addressed. City crews are beginning to trench and will install a drain. A drain was also installed near the Fire Church to address standing water.
- The sidewalk work continues; there was a break taken from this project to clean up around The Depot.
- A meeting was held earlier that day with a lady from ODNR Division of Forestry. If Wellston would like to be eligible for grant monies from this Division, we must set up a Tree Committee and earn the title of “Tree City” once again.
- Road closures for the OHillCo Festival were then discussed.

Law Director- none

Auditor- none

City Clerk’s Reports- All voted in favor of accepting the Clerk’s Reports

Treasurer Report- none

Fire- none


Zoning- none

Police- none

A motion to adjourn was made by Vance, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance at 7:18 p.m.



Council Clerk



Council President