

# Wellston City Council

## Meeting Minutes

### September 15th, 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; Matti Vance (present at 7:09 p.m.); Fred Duby; Lynley Carey; Teresa Lemaster; and Roaby Browning. Walter Norris was absent.

All in attendance voted to approved Browning's absence from the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Spangler corrected the minutes and the agenda, stating she was absent as well. All members present voted to approve the absences of Browning and Spangler.

**Public Comments-** none

**Minutes-** A correction will be made for Spangler's absence.

**Correspondence-** none

**Committees:**

**Finance-** Spangler- none

**Health & Safety-** Lemaster inquired as to the order status of the traffic sensors

**Public Service-** Browning- none

**Planning-** Carey- Regaining the title of Tree City will wait until another time.

**Community Action-** Browning- Board meeting was held; there is a program that will pay back-property taxes of homeowners. Browning also named off numerous other programs and vouchers available at Community Action.

**Old Business-** none

**New Business-** President Hudson decided to start a Recreation Committee. He has assigned Walter Norris as Chair, along with Lynley Carey and Angela Spangler.

**Legislation:**

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

- Third 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  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass as an Emergency was made by Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-52- A Resolution of the Council of the City of Wellston to participate in the 2023 Ohio Department of Transportation's Municipal Bridge Inspection Program and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Spangler  
Discussion: The bridge inspection services are offered to any municipality in Ohio with bridge inspection responsibilities with a population of 50,000 or less. The inspection services are free, and the only expectations from those who opt in is cooperation.  
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 Spangler, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-53- A Resolution approving additional appropriations in the Drug Education Enforcement Fund and Declaring an Emergency.  
Sponsor: Vance  
Discussion: This is money that came from the opioid settlement and has very strict spending guidelines including caring for the drug dog, undercover buys, etc. This is the first installment of this settlement.  
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.  
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Browning, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.

### **Mayor**

- The Mayor spoke on the upcoming AMLER application. The City is hoping to win this grant and use the funds for an amphitheater/entertainment facility.
- The Depot work continues. Work is now being done on the food serving area.
- The Mayor congratulated and thanked the OHillCo Committee for their hard work during the festival. He said the festival went great. Council complimented the new sidewalks and said it was a nice addition.
- He recently had lunch with the new WCS Superintendent. Tennis Courts were discussed as a joint project.
- The Service Director is working with the Water Clerk to fine tune the water ordinance.
- Budget work is starting.
- Union Contract Negotiations are beginning.
- The Mayor has requested a City-sponsored Food Truck lot be sent to Committee
- The Mayor encouraged everyone to vote for the upcoming Senior Citizens Renewal Levy
- The Water Plant grant and low-interest loan has not worked out as originally planned. The City was offered a \$20 million loan, but cannot afford it. The Mayor assured Council that we are still working on this.
- The Mayor will be issuing deer hunting permits for the cemetery.

**Service Director**

- The water ordinance is getting rewritten to be current. For example- the meters are digital and the trash procedures have changed.
- Budget meetings have began.
- Lookout Drive is finished.
- The next big project is Number 8 Pike/Lockard Lane/Broadway Waterline.
- This time of year is slow with small projects and clean-up.
- Hangers have been ordered for the trash cans. Some folks are still putting their cans the wrong way. If the hangers don't work, Brenner will order stickers. The new truck is faster, safer, and many people are ordering second trash cans.

**Law Director-** none

**Auditor-** All voted in favor to approve the Auditor's Reports.

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

**Treasurer Report-** none

**Fire-** none

**Zoning-** none

**Police-** The Chief just applied for a bodycam grant.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vance, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance at 7:38 p.m.

  
Council Clerk

  
Council President