

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 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; Teresa Lemaster; Walter Norris, and Roaby Browning. Angela Spangler and Lynley Carey were absent.

All in attendance voted to approved Vance's and Browning's absences from the October 6th meeting.

Public Comments

- Richard Monreal, 424 S. Massachusetts Avenue, came to discuss food trucks and some social media concerns.
- Kat Reinhart, 551 Aaron Avenue, came to speak about the 50% outcharge on her sewer bill since she lives outside the City Limits.

Minutes- All members present voted to approved the minutes of the October 6th meeting.

Correspondence- none

Committees:

Finance- Spangler- none

Health & Safety- Lemaster- none

Public Service- Browning- none

Planning- Carey- none

Community Action- Browning- Same programs are still available to assist residents.

Recreation- Norris- Norris wanted to clarify that the Recreation Committee will not interfere with the current projects of Make Wellston Beautiful.

Old Business- none

New Business- none

Legislation

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-54- A Resolution to accept the donation and conveyance of 673 West Broadway being parcel M240070000200, and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary thereto.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: This is a property with multiple Code Violations. It was discovered that this is a rental. The City reached out to the owner, who wished to donate the property. The City will clean and resell the vacant lot.

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-55- A Resolution by the Legislative Authority for the City of Wellston authorizing the sale, by internet auction during calendar year 2023, of City-Owned personal property which is not needed for public use or which is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired.

Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: Yearly Resolution needed

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-56- A Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Jackson County Economic Development Partnership.

Sponsor: Carey

Discussion: JCEDP currently receives \$1,000 from the City; Mayor Hudson would like to see that bumped to \$15,000 since Sam Brady and his team have secured multiple grants and development agreements for the City in just the past year alone. Jackson currently pays \$30,000 for their partnership.

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-57- An Ordinance by the City of Wellston Legislative Authority amending Chapter 90 of the Wellston Code.

Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: Deer Hunting in Cemetery; Please pass as an Emergency on 3rd Read. A new exhibit was attached. Browning motioned to adopt the amendment, seconded by Lemaster, and approved by all in attendance.

- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2022-58- A Resolution authorizing the City Auditor to enter into a professional services agreement with local government services section of the Auditor of State's Office for accounting services and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: Yearly Resolution needed.

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-59- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to secure financing for the construction of a new water treatment plant through grants and/or loans not to exceed nineteen million dollars (\$19,000,000)

Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: Loan for a new water plant

Mayor

- The Mayor spoke about the water treatment plant tour that was conducted the previous week and furthered on Resolution 2022-59. Mayor Hudson then scheduled a public forum at 6 p.m. on November 3rd to discuss the water plant. Gary Silcott, DLZ, and David Lehev will both be in attendance. The Mayor reminded everyone that there will be no rate increases for this project.
- The Mayor encouraged early voting and reminded everyone to vote. He always spoke of supporting the Senior Citizen Renewal Levy.
- New trash truck is doing great and is much safer and faster.

Service Director

- Brenner stated they have learned that using the south water plant to fill the water tank creates far less water leaks. They have discovered there is a direct line from the south plant to the tank.
- A 10-year water leak was finally discovered on Michigan Avenue
- No. 8 Pike Finley Chapel Road paving was completed
- A parking lot is being planned for downtown and Brenner spoke about the ODOT Small Cities and TAP grants that were achieved to help with parking and the downtown streetscape. This project is set for 2025

Law Director- none

Auditor- none

City Clerk's Reports- none

Treasurer Report- none

Fire- none

Zoning- none

Police- none

Mayor Hudson stated the Budget will be ready for the Finance Committee to view soon.

All those in attendance voted to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.


Council Clerk


Council President