

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

November 3, 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; Fred Duby; Lynley Carey; and Walter Norris. Teresa Lemaster and Roaby Browning were absent.

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

Public Comments- none

Minutes- All members present voted to approved the minutes of the October 20th meeting.

Correspondence- none

Committees:

Finance- Spangler- Committee met November 1st to go through the 2023 Budget. The only adjustment would be to increase the part-time wages to \$13.50/hr.

Health & Safety- Lemaster- none

Public Service- Browning- none

Planning- Carey- none

Community Action- Browning- none

Recreation- Norris- some discussion as to when to begin on the Recreation Levy.

Old Business- none

New Business- none

Legislation

- Third 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.

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

- Third 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calendar year 2023, of City-Owned personal property which is not needed for public use or which is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired.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

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

- Third 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.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Norris, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third 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. Additional discussion was held pertaining to the rules of the Cemetery Deer Hunts-licensing, basic insurance, and why tree stands are required.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Vance, seconded by Norris, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third 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.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Norris, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- Second 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. Additional discussion was held. DLZ has given updated projections that put the cost of the plant at \$20 million. A Motion to Amend the Ordinance to \$20 million was made by Norris, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-60- An Ordinance by the City of Wellston Legislative Authority amending Title XI and establishing Chapter 117 of the Wellston Code.
Sponsor: Vance
Discussion: Food Trucks

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-61- A Resolution approving Additional Appropriations in the General Fund and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Vance
Discussion: TC Energy Grant for propane props. This will allow WFD to train for gas fires.
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2022-62- A Resolution approving Additional Appropriations in the Fire Fund and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: WFD is teaching extra classes.

Mayor

- The Mayor touched on the Budget, pointing out that the cost is higher than the revenue. He says this is not out of the ordinary, and explained carryover. He explained the City has 11 months of carryover, which is excessive.
- The Broadway/New York Sewer Project just received roughly \$750,000 in grants. The Mayor expects the rest of the needed funds to possibly come from forgivable loans. The Sewer Project will begin next year.
- McNally property stream is not contaminated. This will free some of the EPA grant funds to most likely tear down the old house that is attached to the property.

Service Director

- Next year's projects include: Montgomery Meadows drainage problems; cemetery work will continue; waterline and sewer line replacements; and road paving.
- Lockard Lane project is still continuing. He spoke of the benefits of this being an in-house project.
- Sidewalk work is continuing and the Service Director expects "repair paving" to begin soon.
- A downtown parking lot has been researched. The Service Director has asked Council to consider a permanent parking lot.
- The Mayor discussed Land Bank projects, including the Louvee.

Law Director- none

Auditor- none

City Clerk's Reports- none

Treasurer Report- none

Fire- none

Zoning- Code Enforcement reports were received. Fire Truck is slated to be received in July.

Police- monthly report was received. Trick or Treat went really well. Blu is headed for his therapy dog certification. A stolen jeep and stolen dirt bike were both recovered.

All those in attendance voted to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.


Council Clerk


Council President