

# Wellston City Council

## Meeting Minutes

### November 17, 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; Fred Duby; Lynley Carey; Teresa Lemaster; Walter Norris; and Roaby Browning. Matti Vance entered at 7:01 p.m.

All in attendance voted to approved Lemaster and Browning's absences from the November 3rd meeting.

#### **Public Comments-**

- Clark Saunders, Wellston Wonder Wash, has asked that Council consider lowering the water and sewer rates for the laundromat. Saunders suggested a 40% reduction in rates.

**Minutes-** All members present voted to approve the minutes of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Correspondence-** Ohio Division of Liquor Control- changing name of Original Rocket Pizza of Wellston LLC to Patio Grubs and Suds LLC

#### **Committees:**

**Finance-** Spangler- First Read of 2023 Budget for the evening's meeting.

**Health & Safety-** Lemaster- none

**Public Service-** Browning- none

**Planning-** Carey- none

**Community Action-** Browning- none

**Recreation-** Norris- A meeting was held prior to the Council meeting with Make Wellston Beautiful.

**Old Business-** Spangler had requested that the streaming of Council meetings persist. The Clerk replied that there are technical difficulties at the moment, but the meetings will be streamed.

**New Business-** none

#### **Legislation**

- Third 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 twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000)  
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.

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

- Second 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

- Second 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.

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 Vance, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.

- Second 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.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Lemaster, seconded by Carey, 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. 2022-63- A Resolution approving Additional Appropriations in the General Fund and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Lemaster

Discussion: Prisoner Housing

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

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

- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-64- An Ordinance of the Legislative Authority of the City of Wellston, Ohio, approving Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: Annual Budget

**Mayor**

- AMLER has turned down the request for the amphitheater; however, Mayor Hudson assured Council that the project will be on the Appalachian Community Grant Application.
- The Mayor then spoke on the Appalachian Community Grant- it is being spearheaded by OVRDC and is a slow-moving process.
- Contract negotiations with the Union have wrapped up, the Mayor believes this is a reasonable contract.

**Service Director**

- Last year's water loss was at 41%; this year, the City is at 32%. He recognized the workers and the crews for doing such a great job.
- Vance asked about the additional streetlights. Brenner stated the list has been submitted to AEP, but it is a slow process.
- Norris asked the Service Director if there was anything that could be done about horse waste in the roads. It was suggested that Council determine whether an ordinance was needed to address this issue.
- Garbage can placement was brought up. Some residents had been notified that the garbage was not taken due to can placement. The Service Director reassured Council that the customers have been notified a few times concerning placement. The final step is to not pick up the garbage.

**Law Director-** none

**Auditor-** none

**City Clerk's Reports-** none

**Treasurer Report-** none

**Fire-** none

**Zoning-** none

**Police-** Officer J and Blu were present. They came to discuss Blu's recent certification as a therapy canine.

All those in attendance voted to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

  
Council Clerk

  
Council President