

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Interim President Matti Vance by asking Council and others in attendance to stand for the Pledge. She then called for the roll call.

Councilpersons answering the roll call included: Angela Spangler; Matti Vance; Fred Duby; Lynley Carey; Teresa Lemaster; Walter Norris; and Roaby Browning.

Excusal of Previous Absence(s)- All members in attendance voted to excuse the absence of Vance from the January 5, 2023 meeting.

Interim President Vance then recognized Ruth Fannin for turning 100 years old and wished her a happy birthday on behalf of the City.

Public Comments- Kathy Helm, 616 S. New Jersey Avenue, addressed Council concerning 30 acres sold to the City in 1965. Helm passed meeting minutes from the July 15, 1965, meeting and also Ordinance No. 1836. The minutes reflect that this land is designated for Ridgewood Cemetery and should be designated the "Johnson Addition." Helm believes the land that has been cleared recently for the addition of cemetery grounds is most likely what should be referred to as the "Johnson Addition." The family would like a sign and/or plaque erected to recognize the family for the sale of the property. This will be turned over to the Public Service Committee for review.

Minutes- All members present voted to approve the minutes of the January 5th meeting.

Correspondence-

- Mayor Charlie Hudson Resignation
- Law Director Randy Dupree Resignation
Vance thanked both gentleman for their many years of service and dedication to the City of Wellston
- Columbia Gas
- Hammond/Louvee Email
- Ohio Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure Reminder/ Form 2-I Reminder

Committees:

Finance- Spangler- meeting will be held on February 2 at 6:30

Health & Safety- Lemaster- none

Public Service- Browning- none

Planning- Carey- none

Community Action- Browning- none

Recreation- Norris- none

Old Business- Carey voiced concerns that she has heard from the community regarding the ballfield complex since sports' forms are being passed around. She also asked if the lease with Make Wellston Beautiful (MWB) has been signed. Service Director Brenner stated the park will most likely be completely finished this fall, but there are usable fields at this time. As far as the lease agreement, Brenner stated the Mayor had handled most of the discussions with MWB; however, he would check into it.

New Business- none

Legislation

- Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-67- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, Service Director, and any other necessary official to enter into an agreement with the County of Monroe regarding the custody, supervision, confinement, and board of prisoners.
Sponsor: Vance
Discussion: Yearly contract needed
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Spangler, seconded by Browning, and approved by all in attendance.
- Third Reading of Resolution No. 2022-68- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio authorizing the Mayor and/or Service Director to enter into a contract with CMAB, LLC for the sale of water at a discounted rate.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: 25% rate reduction on water ONLY for Wellston Wonderwash; on 3rd reading, Lemaster wanted to make a motion to amend the Resolution to equal other rate reductions in the City, including the Car Wash; or, to make a motion to decline the Resolution. After more discussion, pertaining to the amount of the original requested rate reduction, members of council inquired as to whether CMAB originally requested 25%.
A Motion to Adopt and Pass was made by Duby, and seconded by Vance. The vote was as follows: Spangler- no; Vance- yes; Duby- yes; Carey- no; Lemaster- no; Norris- no; and Browning- no.
The Finance Committee will meet before the next Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this issue further.
- Second Reading of Resolution No. 2023-03- A Resolution authorizing Regular Blanket Certificates for the Year 2023, setting expiration dates for regular certificates, and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Browning
Discussion: Yearly legislation is needed. It was decided no emergency was needed; On second read, it was decided that this legislation needed to be passed as an emergency.
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 Lemaster, seconded by Spangler, and approved by all in attendance.

- First Reading of Resolution No. 2023-05- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio accepting the bid of \$160,000, which was the low bid by JAGS for the purchase of a Duperon Mechanical Bar Screen and awarding the purchase contract to and authorizing the Mayor and/or Safety/Service Director to finalize the contract and purchase and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsor: Spangler

Discussion: This equipment is needed to keep baby wipes from clogging the system. This was the lowest bid received.

Mayor

- Interim President Hudson remarked that the Republican Caucus will meet on Friday, January 27th at 7 p.m. to appoint a new Mayor and Law Director.

Service Director

- The City workers have voted on working 4-10's and it has passed. Brenner believes that this will help fill some vacated spots within the City and will also lead to higher productivity and retention. The work day will now be from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the building will no longer close for lunch, which gives residents an option to come in before or after work. The garbage routes will see a change.
- Brenner then detailed why the City sees less leaks around 4:30 each day.
- Brenner thanked everyone for his time as Service Director.
- Lemaster asked about the drainage issue from the Cemetery and Brenner stated that it is a bad situation and he would try to come up with a fix for it.

Law Director- none

Auditor- none

City Clerk's Reports- presented.

Treasurer Report- none

Fire- Pelletier gave the yearly fire report.

Zoning- Pelletier presented the yearly run down of code inspections.

Police- none

All those in attendance voted to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.



Council Clerk

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Council President