

Wellston City Council

Meeting Minutes

February 2nd, 2023

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. 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)- none

Public Comments

- Todd Valentine, Frontier Community Services/Harvest Crossing, 12125 Pleasant Valley Road, Chillicothe, Ohio, was previously working with Charlie Hudson on the development of 46 Senior Housing Units on Wheaton Drive. He hopes that the City will provide sewer to this area once again. Valentine is hoping Council will repeal 2021-30, which had previously called for the abandonment of the sewer lines in that area. Frontier has agreed to upgrade the pumps for the lift stations and help to remediate an issue that was recently discovered. Valentine then handed out packets which contained plans and blueprints for the area. Mayor Brenner stated that in addition to the pump upgrades and line repairs, Frontier has agreed that there will be only one sewer bill, which will be based off of the complex's Jackson County Water Readings. Additionally, the developers have agreed to annex if the other residents in the area make that decision. Valentine requested for Brenner to sign an "availability letter," which states the City has the ability to reestablish sewer services for this project. Brenner asked Council's opinion on signing the letter, which was agreed upon.

Minutes- All members present voted to approve the minutes of the January 19th meeting.

Correspondence- Todd Valentine, Frontier Community Services/Harvest Crossing, had sent correspondence to all members regarding a Phase 2 of the Harvest Crossing Subdivision.

Committees-

- Finance (Spangler)- Met prior to meeting to discuss giving a water rate reduction to CMAB, LLC a.k.a. Wellston Wonderwash. No recommendation was reached, but Spangler plans on hosting another meeting in the future to include additional information concerning the costs of treating and distributing water before a decision is reached.
- Health & Safety (Lemaster)- none
- Public Service (Browning)- none
- Planning (Carey)- none
- Community Action (Browning)- none

- Recreation (Norris)- Norris asked Mayor Brenner if Make Wellston Beautiful has signed their lease. Brenner answered in the negative.

Old Business- none

New Business- none

Legislation

- Second 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. Upon second reading, Brenner stated that this legislation does need to be read as an emergency. This piece of equipment will see a price increase of \$30,000 soon.
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Vance, seconded by Lemaster, 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. 2023-07- A Resolution by the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio, to approve the appointment of Jeremy Garrett by the Mayor to the Wellston Planning and Zoning Board as an At-Large Member for the remainder of the term left vacant by Vicki Arthur-Rupert.
Sponsor: Spangler
Discussion: This is one owner of the “Lazy Italian,” which is seeing renovations and new business(es).
- First Reading of Resolution No. 2023-08- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a cooperative agreement for planning of Water Treatment Improvements Project between the City of Wellston and the Ohio Water Development Authority and Declaring an Emergency.
Sponsor: Lemaster
Discussion: Next step in Water Plant Project
A Motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Vance, 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.

Mayor

- Mayor Brenner began with discussing the City-owned land in which the GJMV Solid Waste District owns the building. GJMV would like to buy the land and has offered

\$30,000. The lease ends in 2039 and the City is paid \$12,000 every 10 years for the lease of the land.

- The Mayor recognized Robert Bennett for removing, fixing, and rehoming 14 abandoned cats.
- He is also still working on appointing a Service Director and is on contact with Jackson County Prosecutor Randy Dupree on securing a new Law Director. He says it may be less costly to the City to contract the Law Director position.

Service Director

Law Director

Auditor's- report received

City Clerk's Reports- report received

Treasurer's Report- none

Fire- none


Zoning- Code Enforcement presented a financial report for the beginning of 2023 to date.

Police- none

All those in attendance voted to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.


Council Clerk




Council President