

City of Wellsville
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Wednesday
January 14, 2009
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room, 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Kurt Taylor, Marvin Hutchinson and Jerald Owings. Councilmen Ron Samsel and Jim Stonequist were absent. Department heads present were City Supt. Chris Cross, Fire Chief Robert Thomas, Chief of Police Steve Gillespie and City Attorney Patrick Reavey.

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Councilman Marvin Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Shane Pruitt an Officer for the Wellsville Police Department read aloud a letter explaining the great job the current police officers are doing, their dedication and the need for better pay.

Kristen Adams of Auburn Pharmacy read aloud a letter of commendation to the Wellsville Police department for their services due to a robbery that took place at the pharmacy.

Mayor Lytle read aloud a thank you letter from Larry Fowler (Cuddlesome Farms) regarding the great service his family received from our local police department and medical personnel during the illness of his mother.

Planning Commission Chairman Jeanne Berrier informed Council that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss planned zoning areas.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey briefly discussed the process of annexation. For those who are don't oppose the annexation, merely sign a consent document and Council makes it official by passing an ordinance to annex. He also informed Council that he will be submitting ordinances regarding contractor fees and implementation of additional building codes at the next council meeting.

Resolution 01-014-2009 "A Resolution establishing fees and rates for permits, licenses and services within the City of Wellsville" was submitted for approval

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to adopt Resolution 01-014.2009. Councilman Jerald Owings seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

2009 Salaries were discussed. The Clerk provided Council with figures based on a 3% cost of living raise.

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. Councilman Jerald Owings seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

The meeting went into executive session at 7:21 p.m.

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to come out of executive session only the item mentioned was discussed and no motions were made. Councilman Jerald Owings. Motion passed.

The meeting came out of executive session at 7:27 p.m.

Councilman Jerald Owings moved to give an equal 3% across the board cost of living raise to all full time city employees. Councilman Kurt Taylor seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Councilman Jerald Owings moved to give a 3% cost of living raise to part-time employees. Councilman Marvin Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

City Supt. Chris Cross requested permission to purchase a new chop saw for the public works department. He requested the purchase of a Makita Power Cutter at the cost of \$789.00. (\$769.00 + \$20.00 shipping).

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to approve the expenditure of \$800 for a chop saw for the public works department and authorized Supt. Cross to get rid of the old saw as he saw fit. Councilman Marvin Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Chief Gillespie gave a brief police department activity report.

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to have a streetlight placed on the south side 6th street in the east alley between the 600-700 block of Main Street. Councilman Jerald Owings seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Fire Chief Robert Thomas gave a fire department activity report.

Fire Chief Thomas requested permission to purchase 2 helmets, 2 shields and a washing machine at a total cost of \$1252.00.

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to approve the purchase of two helmets and two shields at a total cost of \$453.00. Councilman Marvin Hutchison seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Chief Thomas was asked to look for more bids on a washing machine; the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Chief Thomas presented information to the Council regarding the lease purchase of a 2008 demo fire truck for \$228,000.00. The truck is designed so that compartments can be tended to individually. Wellsville Bank will do a 15 year lease purchase of \$180,000.00 at around 4 ½%. The estimated annual lease payments will be approximately \$17,000.

Chief Thomas informed Council that the City may have received a grant for equipment (needs to be verified) and they will use those funds to buy equipment for the new truck. The equipment on the old truck can be transferred to the new truck.

Mayor Lytle suggested that Council not be hasty in their decision and take their time. He stated that he felt that a full council was needed to make the decision.

Chief Thomas reported an accident at the fire station that resulted in one of the bay doors being damaged. The cost of the repairs will be around \$900.00. The fire department budget will pay for the repairs in lieu of making an insurance claim.

Chief Thomas was told to set up a special meeting with Franklin Township/Miami County to discuss fire districts and coverage.

Council discussed changing their meeting time to 5:30; further discussion was tabled until the new council members take their seats in April.

Building Inspector Wes Brown reported that he had received two complaints about code violations in the commercial district and asked Council on how to proceed with the matter. Inspector Brown felt that the entire commercial district should be addressed.

The Clerk was told to inform Inspector Brown that the policy is to address complaints as received.

Councilman Marvin Hutchinson moved to adjourn. Councilman Kurt Taylor seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

City Clerk
Donna Layton