

City of Wellsville
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Wednesday,
December 9, 2009
6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, December 09, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room, 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Jared Eggleston, Ryan Young, Ron Samsel, Dave Rogers and Jim Stonequist. Department heads present were Christopher Cross, Chief of Police Steve Gillespie and Fire Chief Robert Thomas.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Dave Rogers moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Councilman Ryan Young seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

The Mayor opened the meeting up for public comments that had not been previously placed on the agenda.

There were no comments from the public.

Franklin County Commissioner Don Stottlemire reported that sales tax figures are down for the entire year and hopefully will improve next year.

Tax foreclosures in the amount of \$69,000 have been filed.

Change Order No. 1 – City Dump Repair Grant was submitted for approval.

Councilman Jim Stonequist moved to approve Change Order No. on the City Dump Repair Grant as requested. Councilman Ron Samsel seconded. Motion passed. 5 to 0.

Ordinance 823 “:An ordinance amending the text of certain sections of articles five, fourteen, and sixteen of the zoning regulations, all of which pertain to swimming pools, bathhouses and hot tubs” was submitted for approval.

Councilman Dave Rogers had concerns regarding screening of pools.

City Engineer Mike Brungardt spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission and relayed their intent for the purpose of the ordinance and guidelines for pools.

Councilman Jared Eggleston moved to table Ordinance 823 until the next council meeting. Councilman Dave Rogers seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

City Engineer Mike Brungardt updated Council on a meeting that he had with the City of Edgerton on possibly selling Wellsville water. Minimum purchase requirements that they have on a couple of contracts have put them in a position to sale off some water of their water to help alleviate some of those minimum requirements. It gives Wellsville an opportunity to get a more reasonable price on the water for a short period of time (possibly 5-10 years). Also Edgerton’s water is less than \$3.00 and Baldwin’s will be \$4.22 next year.

The City’s raw water application with Hillsdale still needs to be looked at. Mike Brungardt stated that a lot of elements need to be looked into but still worth pursuing.

Councilman Ryan Young asked Mike Brungardt for an update on the DeSoto wholesale water plan.

Mike stated that their water study hasn't been completed and more information should be available after the first of the year.

Council consensus was to have Mike continue water discussions with Edgerton and the DeSoto wholesale project will also be looked into as information is submitted.

Mayor Lytle initiated a discussion of Christmas bonuses.

Councilman Dave Rogers moved to give full time employees a Christmas bonus of \$450.00 and part time employees a Christmas bonus of \$200.00. Councilman Jared Eggleston seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

City Superintendent Christopher Cross gave a brief public works department activity report.

Chief of Police Steve Gillespie gave a police department activity report. Chief Gillespie asked Council for approval to fill the police officer opening that was vacated by Officer Lasswell.

Councilman Jared Eggleston moved to allow Chief Gillespie to hire the best qualified applicant. Councilman Ryan Young seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Fire Chief Robert Thomas provided a fire department activity report.

The Clerk reminded Council of the City Christmas party that will take place on Friday (Dec. 11th) night.

Councilman Jared Eggleston moved to adjourn. Councilman Ron Samsel seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

City Clerk
Donna Layton