

City of Wellsville
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February 11, 2009
City Hall Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting room, 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Kurt Taylor, Ron Samsel, Marvin Hutchinson, Jim Stonequist and Jerald Owings. Department heads present were Chief of Police Steve Gillespie, Fire Chief Robert Thomas, City Superintendent Chris Cross and City Attorney Patrick Reavey.

Mayor Lytle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

Councilman Marvin Hutchinson moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Councilman Kurt Taylor seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Franklin County Commissioner Don Stottlemire informed Council that Gene Harris is the new Treasurer for the Franklin Township board.

Commissioner Stottlemire informed Council that the County-wide clean-up has been scheduled for April 16-18th for City's and April 24-25 for individuals. The City should be receiving a letter very soon to confirm the dates.

Commissioner Stottlemire reported that County sales tax figures have been steadily increasing.

Alan Radcliffe has reported to the County Commissioners that the State emergency preparedness will hold on April 1, 2 & 3rd a state wide emergency preparedness exercise for Franklin County. State will come in and use the scenario of the 1951 flood as the disaster.

The County has implemented several changes in the County, which are saving the taxpayers several thousands of dollars.

Planning Commission Jeanine Berrier reported that the Planning Commission would be meeting next week to discuss implementing planned development zoning areas for the City and to discuss regulation updates.

Hamilton Properties the owners of Wellsville Heights Apartments located at 833 S Main Street requested that Council approve Resolution 01-011-2009, that helps them obtain a grant to make improvements to the facility. Wellsville Heights also requested that the City sign a referral agreement.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey recommended that the Council approve the Resolution but not enter into the referral agreement until he can get further clarification on why Hamilton Properties needs the document.

Resolution 01-011-2009 that indicates the City's support of Hamilton Properties desire to obtain a grant to make improvements to Wellsville Heights Apartments was submitted for approval.

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to approve Resolution 01-011-2009. Councilman Marvin Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Resolution 02-011-2009 "A Resolution Establishing fees and rates for permits, licenses and services within the City of Wellsville" was submitted for approval. The resolution adopts building permit fees, insufficient fund check fee, water charges (city & rural) and new sewer charges.

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to approve Resolution 02-011-2009. Councilman Jim Stonequist seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

BG Consulting Engineers Agreement for city dump clean up grant was submitted for approval.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey informed Council that he had reviewed the document and made some very minor changes to it and recommended that council approve the document as revised.

City Superintendent Christopher Cross informed Council that he had gotten the engineer contact from KDHE. That BC Consulting was one of the engineering firms that they recommend handle these types of projects.

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to approve the revised contract for services from BG Consultant Engineers. Councilman Ron Samsel seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

City Superintendent Chris Cross informed Council that the Glenwood Acres sewer lift station needs a new transfer switch. The cost of repairing the switch is \$1400.00. The cost of replacing it with a new one is \$1625.00.

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to purchase a transfer switch for the Glenwood Acres sewer lift station at a cost of \$1625.00. Councilman Ron Samsel seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Supt. Cross informed Council that he has started the additional parking area at the City Park.

Chief of Police Steve Gillespie gave a police department activity report.

Fire Chief Robert Thomas gave a fire department activity report.

Councilman Kurt Taylor asked if the sirens have to go off every Monday and if they have to, if they have to go off as long.

He was informed that it was done to keep them in functioning condition and that they were activated countywide at the County level.

Mayor Lytle reviewed a letter the City had received from Senator Sam Brownback regarding a letter the City had sent encouraging him to help small cities like Wellsville get some stimulus funding for badly needed infrastructure projects.

Mayor Lytle informed Council that he and other private investors are implementing a flower basket program and briefly explained that several baskets will be purchased by private contributors and will be hung at the 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th Street intersections.

Building Inspector Wes Brown submitted a list of properties that currently have buildings that need to be removed and asked for Council's guidance regarding them.

Council consensus was to leave the enforcement policy as "on a complaint basis only".

Councilman Jerald Owings moved to adjourn. Councilman seconded. Motion passed 4 to 1. Councilman Kurt Taylor voted no.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

City Clerk
Donna Layton