

City of Wellsville
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Wednesday
March 11, 2009
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at the Wellsville 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 Supt. Chris Cross, Fire Chief Robert Thomas, Chief of Police Steve Gillespie and City Attorney Patrick Reavey.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

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

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

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

There were no additional public comments.

Planning Commission Chair Jeanine Berrier informed Council of Planning Commission activities. Ms. Berrier asked Council why a culvert had been allowed to be blacktopped on First Street. She informed them that the Planning Commission has denied a First Street access to the property.

Ms. Berrier was told that the matter would be looked into.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire reported on County activities. He provided Council with information on ambulance calls for this area that have occurred in the last six months. He also provided Council with a letter from Ransom Memorial Hospital endorsing the ambulance being placed in this area.

Mrs. Barbara Jones informed Council that she is seeing an increase in stray cats in the city limits. She asked if the Council had ever tried to do a cat registry. She asked if it was legal to trap feral cats.

The City Attorney stated that it's not illegal to trap cats but there could be some liability if they trapped someone's pet. The cat owner could sue in civil court. He informed Mrs. Jones that an individual in Edgerton with a similar complaint had started a program for feral cats and he suggested that she contact the City of Edgerton for information on how to contact her.

Darren & Renee Maples from Smokey's BBQ requested permission to stay open and serve alcohol until 1:00 on Friday nights on a regular basis and possibly on certain holidays like New Years Eve and Wellsville Day's.

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to have staff draw up an ordinance allowing Smokey's BBQ to serve alcohol until 1:00. Councilman Marvin Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Mayor requested authorization to sign four KDOT stimulus applications for street improvements.

Councilman Ron Samsel moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the KDOT stimulus applications requests. Councilman Marvin Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0

City Supt. Christopher Cross gave a brief update on public works department activities.

Chief Gillespie gave a brief update on police department activities.

Fire Chief Robert Thomas gave a fire department activity report.

Chief Thomas requested permission to purchase seven air cylinders (45 minutes bottles only).

Chief Thomas submitted two bids for the (7) air cylinder bottles. The bids are as follows:

Jerry Ingram Fire & Rescue - \$4340.00

Weiss Fire - \$4180.68

Chief Thomas requested permission to purchase (2) carrier bags for the air pacs. The costs of the bags are: \$300.00 (\$150.00 each).

Chief Thomas requested permission to purchase a metal 18 x 21 x 5 car port for the fire station to be used for an additional storage area. He informed Council that T.J. Bivins had donated a generator on a trailer to the department and he needs some place to store it.

The cost of the car port is: \$795.00

Councilman Kurt Taylor moved to approve the seven (7) air cylinder bottles and two (2) carry cases and the cost of valve replacements on the bottles, for a total cost of \$4800.00. Councilman Jim Stonequist seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Chief Thomas provided Council with an update on the fire truck discussions. No decisions on the truck have been made so far.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey informed Council that Mrs. Green's (415 W 4th Street) Attorney had not contacted him regarding the environmental code violation that was discussed at the last council meeting.

Mayor Lytle asked the City Attorney to wait another couple of weeks to see if Mrs. Green's attorney does finally contact him.

Councilman Kurt Taylor asked about an alley off of Fourth Street, he's been receiving a lot of complaints about a homeowner who has erected a fence across the alley.

Councilman Taylor was told that the alley is private property and the City can't get involved in the dispute. It is a civil matter between the property owners.

Chief Thomas asked Council to officially adopt his new volunteer fire department roster

Councilman Jim Stonequist moved to adopt the fire department roster. Councilman Kurt Taylor seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Councilman Marvin Hutchinson moved to adjourn. Councilman Jim Stonequist seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

City Clerk
Donna Layton

