

**City of Wellsville
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**Wednesday
May 27, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wellsville Hall meeting room, 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Ron Samsel, Jared Eggleston, Ryan Young, Jim Stonequist and David Rogers. Department heads present were City Engineer Mike Brungardt, City Superintendent Christopher Cross, Fire Chief Robert Thomas and the City's Financial Advisor Rick Ensz.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

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

Councilman David Rogers moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Councilman Ron Samsel seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comments that had not been previously placed on the council agenda. There were no public comments

Franklin County Commissioner Don Stottlemire reported that the County has hired Phillip Dudley as the new County Appraiser. Mr. Dudley's term of office will begin on July 1, 2009.

Dustin Gardner, 306 Elm Street was present to speak for his neighborhood in regards to a storm drainage way that runs behind their houses on the 300 block of Elm Street. Mr. Gardner informed Council that leaves and debris build up and clog the drainage way and the residents would like to know who is responsible for keeping it maintained.

Supt. Cross informed Council that years ago the City had cleaned out the area but he feels that since its private property it should be made so that the homeowners can maintain their sections behind their homes. Supt. Cross stated that leaves do seem to be a lot of the problems.

Ms. Marilyn Hill, 312 Elm Street stated that in years past they've been able to burn the leaves and there was never any trouble with the drainage way.

The Clerk had provided the Council with a sample burn permit that is currently being used by the City of Baldwin City.

Councilman Stonequist suggested that due to some new state rules and regulations it might be a good idea for the Clerk to contact KDHE to see if opening burning would even be allowed.

The Clerk was asked to contact KDHE about the new laws concerning open burning.

Supt. Cross stated the he would walk the area and see if the City could get equipment in the area to clean some of the debris out at this time.

The matter was tabled for further research.

City Engineer Mike Brungardt informed Council of state laws regarding waterways which allow the city or county authority to enter onto the property to do maintenance.

Financial Advisor Rick Ensz was present to submit some new figures on financing the City's proposed Capital Improvement Plan projects.

Mr. Ensz gave a slide presentation explaining several methods of financing and what the financial options would cost.

City Engineer Mike Brungardt informed Council that the CIP will be looked at annually for prioritizing and each bond issue will be reviewed before any commitments would actually be made towards any project.

A local Girl Scout Troop requested permission to use the city gravel parking lot for their concession stand during city-wide garage sale.

Prairie Lane residents asked permission to block off their street from 6:00 to 10:00 sometime in June for a block party.

Council consensus was that these requests were to be granted.

Fire Chief Robert Thomas submitted six (6) purchase requests for fire equipment that is to be purchased with the fire equipment grant. The six requests total \$22505.80.

Councilman Ron Samsel moved to approve the requested \$22505.80 grant expenditures as submitted by Chief Thomas. Councilman Jared Eggleston seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Chief of Police Steve Gillespie had provided Council with a written police department activity report.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey had provided Council with information on proposed annexation laws.

City Superintendent Christopher Cross informed Council that a small portion of Fiber Lane won't be included in the City's proposed annexation and staff has discussed the matter with County officials. The County agreed that if the City agrees to maintain all of Fiber Lane the County will maintain the portion of Stafford Road that the City would have to maintain, also due to the annexation.

Staff will submit a Memorandum of Understanding document regarding the road maintenance at the next Council meeting.

Councilman David Rogers moved to temporarily set council meeting times for 6:00 p.m. Councilman Jared Eggleston seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Lytle reminded everyone that it might be a good time to write the County Commissioner's encouraging them to continue maintaining the ambulance service here in Wellsville.

Councilman Jim Stonequist moved to adjourn. Councilman Ron Samsel seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

**City Clerk
Donna Layton**

