

City of Wellsville
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Wednesday
September 28, 2011
6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room, 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Ryan Young, Dave Rogers, Cory Cunningham and Mike McAfee. Councilman Jared Eggleston entered late to the meeting. Department heads present were Fire Chief Robert Thomas and Chief of Police Steve Gillespie.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

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

Councilman Jared Eggleston entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Councilman Ryan Young moved to approve the September 14, 2011 council meeting minutes. Councilman Mike McAfee 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 gave an ambulance report and informed Council of a public forum meeting that will be held in Wellsville on Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall meeting room to discuss the 2012 Franklin County Strategic Plan.

Ordinance 838 "An ordinance amending section 8.28.090 of chapter 8.28 of title 8 of the city code to include provisions allowing for a permit to be issued for a public display of fireworks was submitted for adoption.

Councilman Dave Rogers moved to approve Ordinance with the amendment of adding "Fire Chief has authority to cancel display due to a fire ban". Councilman Mike McAfee seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

City Engineer Mike Brungardt was present to review an outline of the current water rate study that he is currently doing for the city.

A memo indicating the 2011 utility rate analysis to date was submitted to the Council to review and follow along as City Engineer Mike Brungardt discussed his analysis.

The water rate analysis is indicating a need to implement a utility rate increase beginning on January 1, 2012 at around 6.5%.

The utility rate increases will provide adequate funding for 2012 expenditures and keep the reserve balances for the account at a healthier balance of around 10%. Delaying an increase would cause a need for greater increases in the future.

The analysis also includes estimated wholesale water rates that the City will be paying in the future.

Council instructed the Clerk to contact RWD#1 and ask them to go ahead and submit their contract changes for review.

City Engineer Mike Brungardt explained how the City's billed portion from the SPWUA of \$11,143.75 was determined by projected estimated costs of the feasibility study being done by Larkin Engineering.

Councilman Mike McAfee moved to approve the \$11,143.75 payment to the SPWUA for the city's portion of the feasibility study being done by Larkin Engineering. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed. 5 to 0.

Councilman Ryan Young provided Council with information on implementing a solar energy system for the city.

Councilman Young asked Council if they would like to have some solar energy representatives come speak with them.

Mayor Lytle suggested possibly looking into more efficient light fixtures and heating and cooling systems for the city.

Councilman Young was asked to have one of the companies placed on the October agenda.

Mayor Lytle informed Council that the annual OFCED dues are up for renewal and asked them to approve the \$1000.00 dues expenditure.

Councilman Dave Rogers moved to approve the \$1000.00 expenditure for the city's 2011/2012 OFCED dues. Councilman Mike McAfee seconded. Motion passed. 5 to 0.

Chief Gillespie provided Council with a request from the school district for the city to provide a police escort for a homecoming parade on October 7th. A need to provide assistance at intersections was discussed.

Council consensus was to allow the police department to provide an escort for the school district's Homecoming parade.

Chief Gillespie gave a police department activity report.

Councilman Mike McAfee informed Council that he had done an inspection of the police department building and indicated that the insulation in the ceiling area, bathroom, furnace, back door and windows at the facility really need to be addressed.

Council instructed the Chief to get bids on what it would cost to do these improvements to the police department facility.

Fire Chief Robert Thomas informed Council that the fire department would be doing a wiener roast for the Hallowesta on October 29th. The department will be handing candy out off the pumper truck on the 31st.

Palmyra, Johnson Co#1 and Ottawa have been seeking mutual aid agreements with the fire department.

Councilman Jared Eggleston moved to adjourn. Councilman Mike McAfee seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

City Clerk
Donna Layton

