

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

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room, 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Ryan Young, Mike McAfee, Jared Eggleston and Cory Cunningham. Councilman David Rogers was absent. Department heads present were Fire Chief Robert Thomas, City Supt. Christopher Cross and Chief of Police Steve Gillespie. City Attorney Patrick Reavey was also present at the meeting.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

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

Councilman Ryan Young moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Councilman Mike McAfee seconded. Motion passed

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

There were no further comments from the public.

Franklin County Commissioner Don Stottlemire thanked City Supt. Christopher Cross, Chief of Police Steve Gillespie and Asst City Clerk Tammy Reed for their help with the bike program.

Commissioner Stottlemire provided Council with information on a utility review that will be done by Professional Engineering Consultants for a cost of \$9000. The cost will be paid by the County, City of Ottawa and OFCED (\$3000 each).

City Attorney Patrick Reavey addressed a request that the City has received from Vernon Fraley to allow him to do open burning on his large agricultural acreage. Building Inspector Wes Brown obtained copies of regulations from the City of Gardner and City of Baldwin City to use as a basis of amending the city's codes regarding open burning.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey informed Council that he felt that he could use sections of these codes to create a code amendment that would satisfy the intent of what the Council would like to allow. City Attorney Reavey asked for a consensus of the Council on the following topics: Council consensus was to make the fire district as defined: 4th & Main, south the railroad tracks, one block east and west from Main Street. Council consensus was to continue allowing the burning of trash in approved containers. Council consensus was to allow the burning of leaves and debris in an approved container throughout the entire city (excludes fire district). Consensus was to allow some open burning with a permit issued by the Fire Chief, outside of the fire district and 25 feet from any structure. Council consensus was not to charge a fee for a burn permit and not to limit the number of permits within a one year period.

Councilman Mike McAfee tabled further discussion on fire codes until the next council meeting to allow the City Attorney to draw up a code amendment for them to further review. Councilman Jared Eggleston seconded. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Building Inspector Wes Brown submitted to Council a list of questions concerning the further pursuit of information regarding the construction of a new police department facility or the remodeling of the current police department facility.

Council reviewed the information submitted by Mr. Brown.

Council consensus was to look into the design and cost of a larger facility that would accommodate both the police department and the public works department's needs at the current 730 S Main Street location.

The City Clerk was asked to look into available finance/grant options.

City Clerk Donna Layton submitted the following list of cereal malt beverage applicants for approval. The applicants were as follows:

Chili-Jack's
Hurricane Sherry's
Casey's General Store
Smokey's BBQ

Councilman Mike McAfee moved to approve the 2012 cereal malt beverage licenses as submitted. Councilman Ryan Young seconded. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The City Clerk submitted a 2012 salary proposal based on the approved 2012 budgeted expenditure of \$12,750.00.

Councilman Jared Eggleston moved to approve the salary increases as budgeted. Councilman Ryan Young seconded. Motion passed 4 to 0.

City Supt. Cross asked Council to increase part-time worker Gill Scholler hourly wage to \$10.00 per hour.

Councilman Mike McAfee moved to increase Gill Scholler's salary to \$10.00 per hour. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Fire Chief Robert Thomas gave a fire department activity report. He informed Council of a house fire that occurred on Christmas Eve.

Fire Chief Thomas informed Council of a retirement party for Wayne Linder that will be held on New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m. at the fire department facility.

Fire Chief Thomas requested that Council transfer \$5000.00 of the fire department's budget balance to the Fire Improvement Reserve Fund.

Councilman Ryan Young moved to approve the transfer of \$5,000 from the 2011 fire department budget to the Fire Improvement Reserve fund. Councilman Jared Eggleston seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

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

City Supt. Chris Cross gave a public works department activity report.

Supt. Cross requested that Council transfer \$5,000 from the park department budget to the Park Improvement reserve fund.

Councilman Mike McAfee moved to transfer \$5,000 from the 2011 park department budget to the Park Improvement reserve fund. Councilman Jared Eggleston seconded. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Supt. Cross requested that Council transfer \$24,000 from the 2011 street department budget to the Street Rehabilitation reserve fund.

Councilman Jared Eggleston moved to transfer \$24,000 from the 2011 street department to the Street Rehabilitation fund. Councilman Mike McAfee seconded. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Councilman Mike McAfee moved to adjourn. Councilman Jared Eggleston seconded. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

City Clerk
Donna Layton