

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville city council was held on Wednesday, March 30th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Hall meeting room, located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Chuck Rutledge, Dave Rogers, Jared Eggleston and Cory Cunningham. Department heads present were City superintendent Christopher Cross, Police Chief John Blair and City Engineer Mike Brungardt.

Councilman Ryan Eiche was absent.

Commissioner Randal Renoud gave the County activity report. EMS will have an open house on April 6th.

City Engineer Mike Brungardt spoke regarding the water rate study and the analysis of the utility fund it was suspect that we will have a 10 % increase in water rates. Recently we have found that the unencumbered cash that was used in the budget is not readily available. It was discussed to increase the base rate and the commodity rate. Mike suggested cashing in a \$250,000 CD to help the utility fund recover from not passing on rate increases from Baldwin to Wellsville over the last 11 years. Wellsville has absorbed 5 rate increases that we did not pass on to the consumer. Mike suggested we increase rates to 11% now or before the next meeting.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge suggested raising the rates to 12.5% instead of 11%. Councilman Cory Cunningham suggested a 15% raise this year and then leveling out the following years.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to raise water rates to 15% this year and revisit the subject next year. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to approve the city clerk the use of the \$250,000 CD if needed. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mueller Systems contract was discussed, which is the purchase of new water meters with a remote read. The cost of that system is \$253,203.00 with an annual fee of \$3450.00 after the first year.

Councilman Jared Eggleston moved to approve the Mueller systems contract for the new meter system not to exceed \$253,203.00 with an annual fee of \$3450.00 after the first year and not to exceed \$275,000 total for all projects attached to this. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Councilman Cory Cunningham abstained.

Councilman Jared Eggleston moved to approve a down payment of 10% for the system. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Councilman Cory Cunningham abstained.

City Superintendent Cross gave the public works activity report. The Mayor stated he did have a request for a handicap spot on 6th street on the corner. Supt. Cross stated that he will look into the costs attached to this project. It was suggested to look into the end spot by the grass.

Police Chief John Blair gave the activity report. Prom walk is the 16th of April and the breast cancer walk is the 24th. Training has been set in Lyon County for the officers.

Building Inspector Wes Brown spoke about the bids for the wall and the door for the conference room in the main office. J Bell constructions bid was \$2240.12 and Bryan Scotts bid was \$2300.63.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to approve J Bell construction for \$2240.12 to put the door and the wall in the office space. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Building Inspector Brown spoke about rental properties and code enforcement and asked for a study session. He would like to discuss 6 different properties during the study session. Consensus was to pick a date at the next council meeting.

Councilman Jared Eggleston moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

City Clerk
Tammy Jones