

City of Wellsville
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March 9, 2011
Regular Council Meeting
6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, March 09, 2011 at the Wellsville City Hall meeting room, 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Ron Samsel, Jared Eggleston, Ryan Young, Jim Stonequist and David Rogers. City Attorney Patrick Reavey, Fire Chief Robert Thomas and City Supt. Chris Cross were also in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire reported that the County was going to have a special meeting tomorrow to vote on plans for the new juvenile detention center. Family Physicians have rented the upstairs of the county annex building on a 20 year lease. To date, the cost of the annex building is 80% funded by private sources.

Glenna Beckley a representative of the elementary/high school site councils was present to submit a request for additional school zone lighting and marking. Ms. Beckley provided Council with information sources on obtaining grants and support. Ms. Beckley also provided some price quotes on lighting. She offered to do the necessary leg work on obtaining additional information.

Ms. Beckley stated that this is the time to apply for grants because the funds are available and will soon be gone.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey informed Council that the Uniform Traffic Control devices ordinance explains the necessary requirements. He also informed them on what would be required to put together an ordinance to resolve the inconsistency in speed limits in the school area.

Supt. Cross stated that he would get some prices on the signs but a determination will need to be made regarding on what needs signage and what the signs need to state.

Mayor Lytle thanked Ms. Beckley for her submittal and she was informed that they would keep her updated on the city's progress regarding her suggestions.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey wanted to let the City know that there could be an appearance of conflict with him working as counsel for Wellsville and DeSoto during the Public Wholesale Water negotiations. He provided council with the laws regarding the matter and stated that legally he can represent both parties as long as there isn't any animosity or conflict between the two parties during the negotiations. He provided Council with a memo explaining the details.

Councilman Jim Stonequist moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the document which gives City Attorney Patrick Reavey their consent to represent Wellsville in the Sunflower Wholesale Public Water Utility negotiations. Councilman Ron Samsel seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

The pool manager position was discussed. The Clerk was told to advertise on the message sign for two weeks and provide copies of the applications to the Council at their next meeting.

The annual city-wide clean-up will be held during the week of April 11th. The Clerk asked Council if they would like to do a mass mailing informing the citizens again this year. The cost of a mass mailing runs around \$350.00.

Mayor Lytle informed Council that he would also like to include some additional information that he feels needs to be placed in the mailing and it was decided that he and the Clerk would compile a letter and submit it for approval at the next meeting.

Supt. Cross informed Council of current water discussion regarding the Sunflower Wholesale District.

Supt. Cross also informed them that there was a scheduled meeting tomorrow at 2:30 at the DeSoto City Hall to continue the water discussions.

Supt. Cross informed Council that FEMA had awarded the City 75% grant (up to \$15,000 each) for two new sirens. He would like to purchase two sirens to replace the ones located in the alley beside the Baptist Church and in front of the community building on Seventh Street.

Supt. Cross submitted the following siren bids:

Storm Sirens, Inc. - \$23100.00

Sentry Siren, Inc. - \$24600.00

Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc. - \$25361.00

Supt. Cross recommended that Council approve the Storm Sirens Inc as the vendor that the city will use. He needs to report this information to FEMA for the final approve award amount of the grant.

Councilman David Rogers moved to approve selecting Storm Sirens Inc as the City's vendor for the sirens. Councilman Jared Eggleston seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Supt. Cross submitted an expenditure request for the purchase of a semi-trash water pump at a cost of \$569.99 plus shipping.

Councilman Jim Stonequist moved to purchase the water pump. Councilman Jared Eggleston seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Fire Chief Robert Thomas gave a fire department activity report.

He has volunteers that would like to take SCAFFA classes the cost will be minimal to the city, approximately \$35.00.

Councilman David Rogers moved to approve the cost of the SCAFFA classes with a \$10.00 meal. Councilman Ron Samsel seconded. Motion passed. 5 to 0.

Mayor Lytle read aloud a police activity report.

Councilman Jared Eggleston reported that Chief Gillespie is not in attendance due to another bronchitis issue. He feels that the air quality in the police department building may have something to do with these types of illnesses that the officers are suffering. He informed Council that he had done a basic air quality test and mold was not detected but a lot of dust-like particles were indicated.

Councilman Eggleston suggested that something be done about the police department facility. Remodeling would be helpful but would be funds spent on a facility that is already too small. He has looked for grants but has been unsuccessful. There was some discussion on various options.

The consensus was to approve Councilman Eggleston proceeding with obtaining more information on a new police station and funding possibilities.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey informed Council that the court had a defendant that would like to work off a \$600.00 doing volunteer work for the city. The City Attorney stated that the defendant has been working at the City Library to pay off a County fine and would like to continue and work off the city fine.

Council consensus was to allow the defendant to continue working his fines off, as long as it is approved by the Library.

Councilman Ron Samsel moved to adjourn. Councilman Jared Eggleston seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

City Clerk
Donna Layton