

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, May 30th 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Council meeting room, located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were David Rogers, Kiel Lasswell, Chuck Rutledge and Tony Stanton. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Police Chief John Blair and Building and Codes Official Jerry Mallory and City Attorney Patrick Reavey by phone.

Mayor Lytle opened the public hearing for public comments. Andrew Kovar with Triplett Woolf Garretson, LLC spoke to the council and audience regarding the property tax exemption for property acquired with the proceeds of certain taxable industrial revenue bonds.

Jeff White with Columbia Capital talked about the cost benefit analysis. Jeff also talked about the benefits of tax abatement. The cost benefit analysis covers average cost with the City, County and School district. The benefit analysis does not pick up spin off benefits such as sales tax etc.

Randy Renoud spoke and stated he suggested not doing a 10 year 100% abatement.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey stated that he did receive a call from the school district asking questions when a decision would be made on the abatement. The School told Patrick that they didn't have a school board district meeting and asked to hold off until he had an opportunity to speak to his board regarding a position on the subject. Patrick Reavey stated that his position would be to table the public hearing until the next meeting to hear what the School board has to say.

Kim with DT Properties stated that if anyone has any questions they would be able to answer them. Bill Thompson explained some of the thoughts and costs behind asking for a 100% abatement.

Councilman Kiel Lasswell voted to close the public hearing. Councilman Dave Rogers seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was opened.

Councilman Tony Stanton moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Dave Rogers seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Randy Renoud gave the County activity report. FCDC is in the process of hiring a new director. Commissioner Renoud stated that June 12th is an investors networking at the Historic Post office from 4:30 to 6:30.

The new CMB license for Casey's was brought before the council. Councilman Dave Rogers moved to approve the new license. Councilman Kiel Lasswell seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The bid from NewCo Concrete was discussed for the curb and gutter at the Baptist Church the Cities portion would be \$6,120.00.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to approve the new curb and gutter at a cost of \$6120.00 from NewCo Concrete. Councilman Dave Rogers seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 01-0530-2018 was brought before council relating to Ad Valorem Property Tax Abatement in Connection with not to exceed \$2,000,000 taxable industrial revenue bonds. (DT Property, LLC)

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to approve Resolution 01-0530-2018 for an average of 92.5% over 10 years. Councilman Dave Rogers seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 891 was brought before council. Councilman Dave Rogers moved to approve Ordinance 891 and Ordinance allowing the governing body to delegate its statutory authority to issue notices of code violations to a designated code enforcement officer. Councilman Tony Stanton seconded. Motion passed

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to approve 3-5 signs that would say 15 minute parking between the hours of _____ Monday through Friday on West 5th Street from 1st to Elm. Councilman Kiel Lasswell seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey left the conversation

City Superintendent Darien Kerr stated there is a time frame from Westland Construction on when they can return to the project on 8th street to transfer water services which would include boring, meter setting, and to cut and cap the existing 40 water main but they need a firm commitment from the City.

Councilman Dave Rogers moved to approve the Westland tap agreement on 8th street in the amount of \$54,620.80. Councilman Kiel Lasswell seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Councilman Kiel Lasswell moved to rescind the motion for a valve exerciser from Schulte Supply in the amount of \$1920.83 due to the product being accurate. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Councilman Dave Rogers moved to approve Core & Main for the valve exerciser in the amount of \$1995.00. Councilman Kiel Lasswell seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The sewer plant was hit by lightning last Thursday. Darien is working with the Insurance Company to get the issue resolved.

Darien stated that he, the Mayor and Tammy Jones met with 2 applicants for an operator position. Barry Carpenter and Johnnie Edminston were the applicants.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to hire Barry Carpenter due to his level of experience at \$22.00 per hour for a 6 month probationary period. Councilman Tony Stanton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Chief John Blair gave the police department activity report. Chief Blair introduced Branden Stofko to the council as our new officer.

Chief hired a new administrative who is taking Lisa Jewells position as administrative assistant her name is Debbie Swank.

Chief Blair stated he has a new Reserve officer starting and his name is Christopher Danes.

Planning and codes official Jerry Mallory stated that construction is still very busy. Caseyø is slated to open the end of August.

Mayor Lytle suggested keeping a laborer position open for the Public Works department.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Kiel Lasswell seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Council adjourned at 7:14 p.m

City Clerk
Tammy Jones