

City of Wellsville  
411 Main  
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Council meeting room located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Chuck Rutledge, Tony Stanton and Cory Cunningham. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Police Chief John Blair and Building Inspector Pat Burton.

Councilman Kiel Lasswell and David Rogers were absent.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Tony Stanton seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comments. There were no comments.

The Hallowesta was brought to the council. They would like to block off from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> street for the trunk or treat on Halloween night. A hot dog roast will follow in the City Hall gravel lot. The public works department will provide barricades.

Ed McDaniels spoke to council about the drainage at Walnut Creek. Ed was asking if there were site plans for grading available. Pat Burton stated there are plans regarding the grading and it was done according to plans. There are some water holes still and the contractor plans to fix those. They still plan to sod the front of the homes and seed the back.

Dave Strip is the contractor on the Walnut Creek project and he spoke to council and the public. Dave stated that he will take care of all the problems. Dave stated all the front yards will be sodded and the back will be seeded. There are some problems they need to address with Pat regarding sidewalks. Dave stated he would give everyone his phone number if anyone needs to call him with questions.

Killough will be patching west 4<sup>th</sup> street by the school barn. Council wants to think about the curb and gutter on that location before the patch is done.

Pat Burton spoke to council regarding the design and installation of new infrastructure related to the new bridge over the rail road tracks.

City staff received a request from the Stat of Kansas that asked the City to “make necessary adjustments to the water and sewer lines that will be in conflict with our (the State’s) construction”. It is necessary that City Staff receive approval from the

Governing Body to commit resources and funds associated with the replacement and/or new construction of infrastructure in conjunction with the new bridge construction.

Over the past few years, the City has been working with the State to insure the new water and sewer lines along K-33 and the platting of R/W, didn't interfere with the construction area of the new bridge. The plans have had several revisions, but State staff believes the plans are close to being finalized.

The State of Kansas desires to begin construction on the new rail road over pass in June 2020. Street improvements with-in the Final Plat of DT are proposed to be constructed by the State as part of the realignment of Fiber Lane with the construction of 8<sup>th</sup> Street off the K333 going east. The State would pay for the improvements and the land owner would need to work with the City and contractors to complete the installation of the improvements. This type of arrangement was not working mostly because of the limited knowledge of the city codes and construction methodology by the owners or responsible parties. The following items require immediate attention in order to meet the State time frame:

1. Install water main from 8<sup>th</sup> and Fiber Lane along Fiber lane to the north and south.
2. Either install water main down old Fiber (existing) Fiber Lane and run new service lines to the business and house going East.
3. The forced sanitary sewer service lines for Doug Evans office building, Buckeye house, Buckeye business building and Dollar Genera all are private lines and run under K-33 to the city's sanitary sewer lines or manholes. At this time it's planned to remove the Buckeye house but leave the Buckeye business and Doug Evans building that will need to install new sewer lines. Staff asked the State if they would entertain extending a gravity flow sanitary sewer line with a manhole to the east side of K-33 so all of the existing forced sewer lines could be re-routed to the new manhole or stub and also this would give the city a gravity manhole on the east side of the highway for
4. The water services are much the same scenario as the sanitary sewer as explained above on item #3. If a new water main could be installed across the highway and size it for future growth, obviously that would be a plus on developing the east.
5. City Staff would like to explore the idea and costs to place a couple of conduits/casings east-west under the highway for future expansion of utilities. Staff would look at 20" crossings.
6. Staff believes this is the time to have discussions with J. Rettenmaier (Central Fiber) about annexing into the City.

The State has indicated that if the City would lead the construction of the City utilities, then they would pay for them. Staff has expressed concern to the State about funding the project and carrying the cost. Staff asked the State if they would pay half the cost up front and then the City could most likely fund the project until the State paid the City back. No response has been received. Staff believes if the Governing body moves forward with the request, they should with the mine set of funding the project and getting paid back. This is one of the reason's staff thinks installing the extra casings is a good trade-off for funding the project upfront.

As always the timing on responding to the State is critical for the bidding and funding processes. Staff would ask for approval to review the plans and put together a cost proposal for the items that are included in this review sheet, as well as any addition items that staff and consultants find applicable. The estimated cost for the review is \$3200.00. Breakdown of costs: \$32,000.00 Engineering CFS and professional Engineering Services, LLC.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to authorize staff to review the State request and present findings to the governing body. Councilman Tony Stanton seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the public works activity report. Darien had some quotes for council regarding taking trees down at Elm on 4<sup>th</sup> and Hunt and at 624 Elm. The city crew will haul off the wood.

The quotes were from Trenary's for \$925.00 and Lawrence Tree Service for \$1800.00.

Councilman Chuck approved Ternaries Tree Care in the amount of \$925.00. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Darien also put out bids for the curb and gutters on 4<sup>th</sup> and Hunt. The only estimate that was given was from NewCo Concrete in the amount of \$14,452.00. Council agreed to award NewCo Concrete the contract but they would like an estimate on surveying first.

Darien talked to council about burning leaves in the ditches. Council requested that the Fire Department come to the next meeting to discuss this issue.

Police Chief John Blair gave the police department activity report. Chief Blair gave council a quote on a new 2020 Dodge Charger from Victory CDJR of Ottawa for \$26,325.00. Chief stated a car was stolen from Casey's this morning.

Councilman Tony Stanton motioned to order a Dodge Charger from Victory in the amount of \$26,325.00. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Councilman Chuck motioned for adjournment. Councilman Tony Stanton seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

City Clerk  
Tammy Jones

The recommendation: Recommendation to authorize staff to review the State srequest and present findings.