

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on November 27th 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Council meeting room located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Dave Rogers, Tony Stanton, Chuck Rutledge and Cory Cunningham. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Police Chief John Blair and Building and Codes official Pat Burton.

Councilman Kiel Lasswell was absent.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comment. Sheila Robertson spoke about some grants available. She also wanted to revisit the Economic Development Envisioning Wellsville program. Sheila also spoke about some Economic advantages with Ottawa as well.

The Mayor suggested a study session some evening and coordinating with the City Clerk on a time frame.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the county activity report. Don reported that there is a new roof on the jail. The County applied for a \$58,000 Heritage Grant to rebuild the tower clock. The County is also working on a new burn ban resolution. Instead of a yearly permit you will sign in under Emergency Management and you can apply for a 1 day permit. If there is a burn ban it will also pop up on the screen and will not let you apply for that permit. The Health Department put on a Health Summit that was paid for by Blue Cross and Blue Shield and was well attended and had some good information.

Shane Pruitt spoke to council about Holidays in Wellsville which starts Wednesday, December 4th. Santa will be at City Hall at 6:30pm on Wednesday for the Christmas tree lighting the Awana group from the Baptist Church will be singing around 6:45 p.m. Saturday is the annual craft fair which begins at 9:00 am and Saturday evening is the annual free Christmas drawing. Sunday night is the home tour.

Resolution 01-1127-2019 was discussed amending Resolution 01-03123-2019 which provides for the issuance of certain taxable industrial revenue bonds to finance various improvements benefiting Keim Boys LLC, and Bert's, LLC.

Councilman David Rogers moved to approve Resolution 01-1127-2019. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mike Chilton (Chili Jacks) was here to address the council regarding the possibility of staying open until 2 AM. Mr. Chilton stated that usually when he closes the patrons leave and go to other towns. Mr. Chilton would like to see the patrons stay in town.

Police Chief John Blair talked to council stating that he would not be in favor of the bars staying open until 2 am and he thinks some problems could arise if they are given 2 extra hours.

Councilman Kiel Lasswell entered the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Consensus of council was to have City Attorney Patrick Reavey to look into the matter and we will address it at the next meeting. No action was taken.

Christmas Bonuses were addressed with council.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to approve a \$750.00 bonus for all full time employees and \$375.00 for part time employees. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the public works activity report. Darien stated he has a dump truck he would like to get rid of. He asked council if they would like to put it at City Hall for bids or put it on purple wave. Council consensus was to put it on Purple Wave. Darien also has a light weight trailer he would like to sale since it is too small for the City's needs.

Police Chief John Blair gave the police department activity report. Chief stated they had a very good turn out for Cram the Cruiser at the Dollar General Store which benefited our local food pantry Chief informed council that he ordered some equipment for the new rifles.

Building and Codes Official spoke about the 4th and Walnut storm drain project and that they should have bids in January. We should start on the project in early spring.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to adjourn. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

City Clerk
Tammy Jones

