

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on March 11th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Council meeting room located at 411 Main Street. Council members present were Tony Stanton, Dave Rogers, Chuck Rutledge and Cory Cunningham. Department heads present were Superintendent Darien Kerr, Police Chief John Blair and City Codes and Planning official Pat Burton.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

Councilman Dave Rogers moved to approve the consent agenda. Which included the minutes of the April 29th meeting and the pay vouchers as presented. Councilman Tony Stanton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

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

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the county activity report. The 911 took 33,327 calls last year, which are 3.8 calls per hour. Wellsville Police Department had 7539 calls; the fire department had 382 calls for the year.

Sheila Robertson said there is a meeting at 8 am Thursday March 12th at the commissioner's chambers regarding the corona virus.

City Clerk Tammy Jones swore in Natalie Patton as the new councilwoman for the City of Wellsville.

Jamie Dreiling spoke to council regarding his property on 4890 Thomas Rd which is in the City limits. Jamie is requesting to be de-annexed because City taxes are more than what his lending institution had estimated. Mr. Dreiling stated that his property tax in the City limits is at the mil levy of 184.154. Mr. Dreiling had a water meter from Rural Water #1 put on the property at a cost of \$7019.50. He is currently putting in his own septic system at a cost of \$15,000. He lives off a gravel road maintained by Franklin County and has no fire hydrants for fire protection. Due to these conditions he would like the council to consider de-annexing his property and be annexed by the County at a rate of 129.641 mill levy.

Dave Rogers moved to table the decision until council finds out when the property was annexed. Councilman Tony Stanton seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Planning and Codes official Pat Burton spoke to council regarding the street light construction poles and agreeing to continue to incur the monthly charge from Evergy.

Over the past few weeks, City Staff has been working with the State to insure the existing and new street intersections along K-33 maintained proper lighting. The plans have had several revisions, but State staff and City staff believe the plans are close to being finalized.

The State would pay for the improvements and the City would then pay the monthly light rental bill for the pole and lighting fixture. This type of rental arrangement is already taking place for the existing street lights. The difference in the new rental will be the lighting fixtures will be greater luminaire and placed on new 40 feet metal poles with break bases. Most of the existing light fixtures are on 24 feet to 34 feet wooden poles.

Councilman Dave Rogers moved to approve Mayor Lytle to execute the Agreement relating to the installation of new street light fixtures and metal poles in conjunction with the HWY 33 bridge replacement project. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The City Wide clean up was brought before council for approval. The cost of sending out the post cards to the community is \$800.00.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to approve to send out the City wide clean up post cards in the amount of \$800.00. Councilman Tony Stanton seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

The pool manager position was brought before council and a salary increase was discussed. Mary Ann Chambers would like the Manager position again but is asking for a salary increase. The council discussed the salary of the pool manager which has been the same for over 20 years and agreed to an increase.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to raise the pool manager salary to \$6000.00 per season. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the Public works activity report. Darien as been working on getting bids to replace the sidewalk and the handicap ramp in front of City Hall.

Chief Blair gave the Police department activity report. Chief Blair stated they are working on the replacement of the wrecked SUV. Chief gave council a bid for the replacement car. The lease purchase is \$11,646.49 per year for 3 years and the police equipment is \$9452.58. The check from the Insurance money came to \$18,716.13. The difference is \$2382.07.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to purchase the vehicle in the amount of \$11.646.49 per year for the lease purchase price and the equipment in the amount of \$9452.58. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Planning official Pat Burton gave the Public works activity report.

Mrs. Williams at 215 Benton had a sewer back up into the home during a rain event. Over the past week, city staff was contacted by Mr. Williams about sewage backing up into the home. The home owners had installed a check valve or back water valve in the building sewer gravity line in 2016. During this last rain the sewer main pressure overcame the valve causing the sewer to flow into the house. The treaded area on top of the valve was spraying water from it.

It is hard to determine the reason as to why it backed up through the BWV, but the system did become over loaded and the manhole where the house is connected filled up. Do to the amount of water that was present, it did not appear that they had run the water inside the home to cause the problem. They did have to remove most of the carpet in the basement and stairs. In discussing the issue with Mr. Williams and several plumbers, it seems the only sure way to guaranty the system water does not back into the house is to install a pit and grinder pump that would pressure pump the sewer into the main and if it did back up through the BWV then the pit would contain the back-up while pumping out at the same time.

Zach Price who is a plumber has been over to look at the issue. Staff will be getting a bid for a grinder pump as a possible solution.

City Clerk Tammy Jones conferenced called City Attorney Patrick Reavey.

Councilman Tony Stanton made a motion that the City council recess into executive session at 7 pm for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to KSA 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume in the City council chambers at until 7:20 pm. Councilman Dave Rogers seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to come out of executive session. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Only the above mentioned item was discussed and no motions were made.

Councilman Tony Stanton made a motion that the City council recess into executive session at 7:20pm to discuss performance of not-elected personnel pursuant to KSA 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in the City council chambers at until 7:35 pm. Councilman Dave Rogers seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Dave Rogers motioned to come out of executive session. Councilman Tony Stanton seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

No motions were made and only the above mentioned item was discussed.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to increase Officer Stofko's hourly salary to \$19.00 per hour. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Tony Stanton seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40

City Clerk
Tammy Jones