

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Hall council was held on Wednesday, August 12th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Hall meeting room, located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Cory Cunningham, Chuck Rutledge and Natalie Patton. Department heads present were Building and Codes official Pat Burton.

Councilman Dave Rogers was absent.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

Mayor Lytle opened the public hearing of the 2020 budget meeting up for comments.

There were no comments.

Mayor Lytle closed the public hearing.

Mayor Lytle opened the regular council meeting.

Councilman Chuck moved to approve the previous council minutes from July 29th and the pay vouchers. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comments. Citizen Mark Samsel spoke about the city code. He stated that we haven't followed the City Code. The opinion that our city attorney gave when it says "shall" in the codes opens up the city for legal action. Mr. Samsel thought that the opinion on the codes was incorrect and not in the Cities best interest.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey said his analysis is that it is a Supreme Court ruling that was mentioned and the City would in no way be at risk. Mr. Reavey also stated that Mr. Samsel can call him at any time to discuss this matter.

The 2021 budget was brought before council for review and approval.

Councilwoman Natalie Patton approved the 2021 budget as presented. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Tony Stanton sent a letter of resignation after moving out of the City limits.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to approve the resignation. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Jim Crist the Sergeant of arms at the American Legion was at the meeting to speak to council regarding the storing of rifles and asked if the American Legion could store them

in the basement at City Hall in a gun safe. Jim also would like to store a trumpet and other items in the basement.

A lease agreement will be drawn up for the Legion to sign between the City and the Legion.

Paul Bean with the Economic development council said there is SPARK money. Phase 1 has already been coordinated. Phase 2 is a Grant request. They will open up the next phase tomorrow with businesses of 500 or fewer. The portal will go live tomorrow at 4:00. Non Profits can also apply for grants as well.

Ordinance 912 was presented for approval. The Rezoning for property located South of City Sanitary Sewer Plant and West of Main St. from R-1 to C-2.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to approve ordinance 912. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to recess into executive session at 6:25 p.m. 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 at 6:35 pm. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Councilman Chuck moved to come out of executive session. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Building and Codes official Pat Burton stated they finished up on Stafford but no one will be able to drive on it for 7 or 8 days. He also said that the car wash at Bert's should open up and running today. He said we received some plans and initial contracts for Walnut Creek.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Natalie Patton seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

City Clerk
Tammy Jones