

City of Wellsville  
411 Main  
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville Council was held on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Hall meeting room, located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Dave Rogers, Natalie Patton, Chuck Rutledge and Luke Henry. Department heads present were Chief John Blair, Asst. Chief Danny Hackler, City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Planning and Codes official Pat Burton and Mike Brungardt, City Engineer.

Councilman Cory Cunningham was absent.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

Councilwoman Natalie Patton moved to approve the consent agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting with changes noted. Motion passed 5-0.

Nick Robbins with Fr. Co. EMS stated they have fully vaccinated 5,000 people. The vaccines will be done at the Health Department and not the Bottle House anymore. Nick also said they have had a monster decrease in COVID cases this month.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the county activity report. Don stated they are looking for a new Planning official as Larry Walrod is retiring.

Ryan Bradbury the Superintendent of USD 289 was at the meeting to discuss the school bond issue. Mr. Bradbury stated that several substantial facility issues need fixed. There are 2 bond questions.

Question 1: \$11,625,000

- Roofing replacement at WES
- HVAC Replacement (WHS/WMS/WES)
- Roofing repair
- Concrete/Asphalt replacement at WHS-(east lot)
- Secure entrances
- Locker rooms-(blue gym)
- Restrooms-( WMS/WHS)
- Corridor and façade upgrades
- Acoustic upgrades

Question 2: \$18,105,000

- ALL ITEMS IN QUESTION 1
- Classroom renovations
- Secondary Classrooms including science and family and consumer science

- Abatement Work
- WMS handicap accessible classroom entrances
- Makerspace renovation (student work area)
- Wrestling room/Weight room addition

This will be an in person ballot but you may also get an advanced voter application. You must be registered to vote by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Luke Henry asked if this was a permanent tax increase. The bond issue will be a 25 year bond increase and will be as follows on at 125K house. The monthly increase would be \$6.83 if question 1 was approved. If question 2 is approved the monthly cost would be \$13.89 per month.

RWD #1 Tom Wilson, Lance Town and Larry Indecott were present. They asked council if we were interested in a secondary water source. Tom said they were talking about a couple ways to get water to Wellsville. RWD 1 stated that they can get water to us at a lower rate than what we are buying it for now from Baldwin. Tom said that some of their land was annexed into our City limits without their knowledge. The line they have is an 8 inch at Vermont Terrace and a line at Stafford Terrace.

The City Council stated they are not opposed to paying the RWD #1 for customers we took over and the potential customers they lost.

A beer garden on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Chili Jacks for the Aaron Patton fundraiser was discussed. Natalie Patton stated there will be a 1 man band and corn hole tournament.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to approve the beer garden at Chili Jacks on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Councilwoman Natalie Patton asked if they could block off ½ block on 6<sup>th</sup> between Walnut and Elm on April 25<sup>th</sup> for a family celebration.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to approve the road closing on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 3-8 p.m.. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Asst. Chief Danny Hackler provided the council with a proposal for a new SUV. There were two proposals as follows:

- Option 1- To purchase the vehicle and outfit is \$53,924.77
- Option 2- Lease purchase over 3 years the cost is approximately \$11,000 per year

Councilman Dave Rogers moved to approve the purchase of a 2021 SUV in the amount of \$53,924.77 Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr stated that City wide clean up is in full swing and the dumpsters are at the Public Works department. The city crew will pick up from homes on Saturday for those who cannot or do not have a vehicle to transport the items themselves to the dumpsters. They do have to call City Hall to be put on the list.

Darien stated that chip and seal will be in July. Councilwoman Natalie Patton asked if Pendleton is on the list. Darien said he will fill the holes this year and next year we will be ready for the new street.

Asst. Chief Danny Hackler gave the Police Department activity report. Asst. Chief Hackler stated that Officer Garcia is still in training and Officer Davenport will be starting April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Building and Codes official Pat Burton said that he and Mike Brungardt met with the attorney for Blue Nile. Pat said they are going strong on the water and sewer line in front of Select Steele.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

City Clerk  
Tammy Jones