

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, May 26th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Hall meeting room, located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Chuck Rutledge, Dave Rogers and Luke Henry. Department heads present were Police Chief Danny Hackler, City Superintendent Darien Kerr and City Building Inspector Pat Burton.

Councilwoman Natalie Patton and Councilman Cory Cunningham were absent.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation was given.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to approve the consent agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comments.

Paul Bean with the FCDC asked for consideration to be on the next agenda. Franklin County is eligible for the rural housing zone. This is a program helps with payment with the student loan debt. This is a 5 year program and is optional for all businesses, municipalities and schools.

Leland Green on 1st street stated that tree branches are hanging down onto the street and brushing against big trucks. The brush and branches are bad on 10th street as well.

Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the county report. Don stated that the County approved the salt bid for the year. The price will be \$2.00 lower per ton. The culvert prices are jumping and they bought \$29,000 worth of them. Larry Walrod the planning director will be stepping down June 30th.

Graham Hafner with Ottawa Sanitation spoke to council. They have a new computer system and since our contract is up for renewal in July he wanted to discuss going to mandatory cart service. We have about 130 people that have bag service that would to have to be replaced with a cart. The carts are owned by Ottawa Sanitation and will be replaced if needed. Council asked that a contract be written by the June 9th meeting and sent to our City Attorney for approval.

The WHS reunion on the bricks was on the agenda for a special events permit.

Councilman Dave Rogers moved to approve the special events permit. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Becky with the library spoke to council about a possible loan for the library. The Friends were working with getting another grant. The City would have to ask for a loan for the library and use the ½ cent sales tax. The anticipated cost has gone up since February and the cost is \$270,833.55 instead of \$200,000. Heather Adams with the Friends of the Library spoke about the grant. The good news is the grant foundation didn't deny the application but table it until they were closer to the goal.

Council asked Heather to reach out to the foundation to see how much they would be willing to put in and how long the grant will be open.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to table the discussion for 1 month until more information was brought to council. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 3-0

The budget meeting time was discussed and June 23rd at 6:00 p.m. was set as the best time

Councilman Dave Rogers moved to have the meeting on June 23rd. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

City Superintendent Kerr gave the public works activity report. Darien is having trouble with mixers at the sewer plant. Chip and seal will be sometime the first week of July.

Police Chief Danny Hackler gave the police department activity report. Officer Davenport is still in training. Officer Atchison will go to the Academy July 19th. The County attorney asked that someone from the Wellsville Police Department send someone to a class for transcribing. Chief Hackler would like to ask that Debbie Swank go to the class, the class is \$ 599.00

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to approve Deb Swank to attend the transcribing class. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved approve sending Deb Swank to the transcribing class in the amount of \$599.00 Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Councilman Dave Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

City Clerk
Tammy Jones