

City of Wellsville  
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Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room located at 11 Min Street. Councilpersons present were Chuck Rutledge, Scott Hutchinson, Luke Henry, Nichole Pruitt and Cory Cunningham. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Police Chief Danny Hackler and Building and Codes Official Pat Burton.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

Councilman Rutledge moved to approve the consent agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting. Councilman Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the County report. The update from the Public Works Director was that they approved everything from the flood from FEMA in the amount of 1.8 million dollars.

The Community Coordinator position was brought back before Council again for consideration. Sheila Robertson, Lorrie Glass Coffman and Susan Stueve were present to answer any questions.

Councilman Henry stated that there is potential to grow and he wished there was something more specific in their plan. He wants to know that there will be some kind of a plan in place on what the position will entail and help the community.

Mayor Lytle would like to see what could happen between now and the end of August. He believes that we have a very vibrant Economic Development system in place with the County already. He would like to see what progress will be made between now and then and go from there.

Councilman Rutledge stated that it had real potential but we would like to have more guidance to where we were investing our funds.

Lorrie Glass Coffman stated that she would be working on bringing Wellsville back digitally with subscriptions for a paper.

Councilman Hutchinson stated that if there is lack of funding will the burden continue to grow next year. Councilman Hutchinson also stated it may not be a bad idea to revisit this back in August when the funding ends from the Chamber.

Susan Stueve with the Chamber stated that the operating expenses were approximately \$7600 for the Chamber currently when asked by council.

Councilwoman Pruitt asked what fundraisers the Chamber did. Susan Stueve responded that they do the Wine & Brew, Golf Tournament and the Car Show.

Councilman Henry motioned to table for 90 days and then revisit. Councilman Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 919 the Standard Traffic Ordinance was brought before council for consideration.

Councilman Henry moved to approve Ordinance 919. Councilman Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 920 the Uniform Public Offense Codes was brought before council for approval.

Councilman Hutchinson moved to approve Ordinance 920. Councilman Henry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Superintendent Kerr gave the public works activity report.

Chief Hackler gave the Police department activity report. Chief stated that last year we put in car camera systems in the budget. The cost of the system is \$37,550 by ordering this now we can insure that price, if not the price will go up by 3%. Chief said the City of Ellsworth currently would like to buy our old cameras for \$5000 and with the potential of a \$3000 grant we will actually be under budget.

Councilman Henry motioned to purchase the equipment for \$37,550. Councilwoman Pruitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Building and Codes Official Pat Burton gave the building report. He gave information to council on a project which includes a gym, office space, basketball courts. When the school would have a tournament they could use the facility when available. They will have a public walking course available at no cost and possibly a gym at no or little cost. Pat had the plans available for council to look at.

Councilman Rutledge motioned to go into executive session at 7:15 p.m. for 10 minutes with City Attorney Patrick Reavey (via telephone) and outside litigation counsel Chris Heigele (via telephone) to discuss Smith vs. Wellsville cases pursuant to attorney-client privilege, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2), with the open meeting resuming in the City Council chamber at 7:25p.m. Councilman Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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

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

Councilman Hutchinson moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Pruitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

City Clerk  
Tammy Jones