

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on February 9th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room located at 411 Main Street. Council members present were, Chuck Rutledge, Luke Henry, Nichole Pruitt and Scott Hutchison. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Police Chief Danny Hackler and Planning and Building Official Pat Burton.

Council Member Cory Cunningham was absent

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given

Mayor Lytle called the meeting to order.

Councilman Scott Hutchison moved to approve the consent agenda and minutes from the previous meeting. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Pay Vouchers on the consent agenda were presented for approval.

General Fund Checking: \$38,911.90

Utility Fund Checking: \$15,891.15

Mayor Lytle opened the floor to the public. There were no comments from the members of the public in attendance.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire advised that the County approved a Chip and Seal project for 2022 that will run from Rantoul to Wellsville. The cost of the project is \$969,000.00 and will be completed by Vance Brothers. The yearend ambulance report was given. Having an ambulance stationed in Wellsville is a good service to the community as the calls for service to Franklin Township had increased over the last year.

C.P.A. Greg Neis gave the year end 2021 report. Greg is waiting on a reimbursement the city is receiving from the State of Kansas and recommended making the transfers as budgeted once the funds are received.

Mike Brungardt spoke about the flood plain overlay districts and requested a special meeting to be held March 2nd at 6:00 PM at City Hall Meeting Room. Councilman Scott Hutchison moved to hold the Special Meeting as proposed and Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Pat Burton and Paul Bean Executive Director of Franklin County Community Development Council spoke about BASE grant opportunities that can be applied for. The grants cover new development and are available to both cities and developers. Deadline for the grant application is February 28th with an anticipated award date of March 25, 2022. There are several City projects that could qualify for the grants. There are also several developers planning to apply for the BASE grant. Developers are required to submit letters of support from the city with their application.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved that Pat Burton move forward with grant applications and the City provide letters of support to the developers who are applying. Motion was seconded by Councilman Luke Henry. Motion carried 4-0

Pat Burton introduced Paul Atteberry, –developer for a planned housing district consisting of 16-18 patio homes – outside maintenance free. The target market is for retirees who are downsizing from current homes. Ash Street from Douglas to 4th in Walnut Creek. These developments qualify for Grant funding.

Pat Burton advised there was a contract signed today for the development of a strip center in the ICON Valley area, and recognized Paul Bean for his efforts in bringing it to Wellsville.

Mayor Lytle and Council had discussion reference the request for funds to assist with a Community Coordinator position that was originally tabled for 90 days. They discussed wanting to know what benefit this would bring to the city in lieu of their donation if granted. Councilmember Luke Henry stated he would like to see goals and more in-depth plans on what the position would entail presented to the Council at the end of the 90 days. Council women Pruitt also questioned the need for the position to give assists to City Staff and it might be better to have an additional position on city staff. Pat Burton will be meeting with Lori Glass and any questions that the Council has can be emailed to him to cover in his meeting.

The Community Center is one of the projects that may be eligible for grant funding. No discussion on the project needed until we know more concerning the grants but did support the submittal of the project to the BASE grant program.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr reported he is getting prices to replace the sidewalk on the east side of Maple between 4th & 6th St.

Police Chief Danny Hackler advised council that the department had received another \$1200.00 donation from Jackie Hodson towards the Taser lease. This makes the 4th donation for this lease/purchase made by Jackie.

Chief Hackler reported that he was originally budgeted for \$1760.00 for updating the graphics on 2 cars. After speaking to Sign Lady Graphics, she is willing to do all 4 cars for \$2100.00. If

approved this would allow all marked units to be uniform. Councilman Luke Henry moved to approve the \$2100.00 for the upgraded graphics. Motion was seconded by Scott Hutchison. Motion carried 4-0

Pat Burton reported he is checking with other municipalities on regulations and licensing of food trucks. Pat also advised that Sales tax collected from the food truck sales come back to Wellsville. Council wants a report on the rules other municipalities have on street vendors.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Scott Hutchison seconded the Motion. Motion Carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Police Clerk
Debbie Swank