

City of Wellsville  
411 Main  
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Hall meeting room, located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Chuck Rutledge, Cory Cunningham, Scott Hutchinson and Luke Henry. Department heads present were Chief Danny Hackler, City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Building and Codes Official Pat Burton and City Attorney Patrick Reavey.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt was absent.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to approve the consent agenda and minutes of the previous meeting.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the County report. Don stated that they are giving Public Works employees a \$2.00 an hour raise. Don stated that they purchased 62 acres for more landfill space.

Straightening of the property lines between the Library and Taylor Oil was discussed. The property line needed straightened out to make equal amounts for both properties. Mrs. Taylor signed a quit claim deed.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to approve the straightening of the property lines from Mrs. Taylor's property to the Library.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Patrick Erwin with AT&T was at the meeting to present a legal document for review of 17- 5 year renewals of an agreement of a cell phone tower. If they decide that they don't want it anymore the tower becomes the property of the City. The payments are \$1000.00 per month to the City.

Councilman Luke Henry moved for the mayor to sign the cell phone agreement between Tillman Infrastructure and the City of Wellsville.

Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The speed limit reduction letter to be sent to the State was brought back before council and their review and approval.

Councilman Cory Cunningham motioned to send the speed reduction letter to the State Capital and to add to reduce the speed from 45-35 mph in the work zone on K-33 Highway.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The salaries were discussed for retention of workers.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to approve the raises as presented. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The agreement for purchase agreement between Rural Water District No. 1 and the City of Wellsville, Kansas was brought before council. As Consideration of purchase of this interest, City hereby agrees to pay RWD #1 \$122,241.60 due at the time of signing of the Agreement, which is composed of the following:

- A. Infrastructure (All items in the ground to six benefit units) using 2020 material Costs. \$24,333.60
- B. infrastructure installation: \$78,408.00
- C. Reimbursement for cost of RWD#1 rate study: \$16,500.00
- D. Payment for six premises at \$500.00 each: \$3,000.00

City Attorney Patrick Reavey spoke regarding the contract and the monies involved for payment.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to approve the contract between RWD #1 and the City of Wellsville. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the public works activity report. Darien stated there was a complaint about a dead tree in the City right of way and the cost for removal is \$1550.00 the bid was from Dalton Schnoor.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to approve taking the dead tree down that is in the Cities right of way at 217 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Darien said there is timber at the sewer plant with lots of walnut trees. They will pay \$30,000 to cut out some of those trees. This is a forest management opportunity because a lot of the trees are falling into the creek and they need thinned out.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to approve the Forrest management program at the sewer department between Dan Barrow Trading and the City of Wellsville. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Chief Danny Hackler gave the Police Department activity report. Wellsville will send Officer Davenport to the STAR TEAM training. He will test and then need SWAT gear when he passes the test, the approximate amount will be \$2,000.

Chief Hackler extended an offer to Byron Pelt to become our new officer.

Building and Codes official Pat Burton stated that he has put in for a couple grants.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

City Clerk  
Tammy Jones