

City of Wellsville  
411 Main  
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, April 27<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, Nichole Pruitt. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Chief Hackler and Building and Codes official Pat Burton.

Councilman Luke Henry was absent.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to approve the consent agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Nicole Sullivan from Wellsville Chiropractic spoke to council regarding her sewer problems at her business on Main Street. She stated she has done regular sewer maintenance and continues to have sewer problems. The problem seemed to be a collapsed sewer. She said that one side of the sewer was not capped. Dirty water was coming in at the Y. She shares a sewer with Century Link and the Car Wash. The best action was to bore under Main Street. Her total is over \$12,000 and climbing.

Councilman Luke Henry entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Nicole is asking for approximately \$5000.00 for time wasted since they hit an unmarked sewer.

Mayor Lytle stated that sewer system was put in over 60 years ago and it is difficult for our department to have known that was there.

Councilman Luke Henry said the rules say the bill is all the homeowners since it was from the Main to her business. He asked what responsibility or fault there is on the Cities part. Nicole stated it was a lost day yesterday that work could not be completed of the city not showing up and asking that work be stopped by the contractor. Nicole said that she was told that a grinder pump was the only option.

Mayor Lytle asked how much time was lost, Nicole said she lost a day of work because there was a stall with the City getting back to her about the work.

Councilman Luke Henry stated that he would like to have written statements from all involved. He would also like the cities attorney involved as well.

Councilman Luke Henry asked to have something in writing along with numbers for the next meeting, council would like to review information before the next meeting.

Consensus was to have a statement written up from Nichole's contractor with amounts and times on the job for council to review.

Kim Hoehn said she owns the lot next to the Chiropractor and asked how this affects that lot. Pat Burton said they would have to bore across the street to get sewer on that lot just like Nichole has done.

The Community Coordinator position was discussed. Susan Stueve was present to present information/job description. Susan provided the council with a plan that outlines what the job entails.

Councilman Luke Henry stated that we need to look over the information provided and decide if the information provided helps the city in any way and if the cost of the position is worth the monies being spent and beneficial to the community. Councilman Scott Hutchinson said his thoughts are; is an investment this year going to turn into more money asked of the city in the years coming.

The council decided to table the Community Coordinator position.

Susan Stueve spoke about the wine, brew & spirits fest on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-11:00 p.m. They would like to have it downtown on the bricks. They would need city services including road barricades, power & speakers for performers, trash collection, and police presence. They would have Buck-U, Chili's, Wineries and breweries. The goal is to have 4 wineries, 3 breweries and 1 distillery.

Councilman Luke Henry motioned to approve the planning of the wine, brew & spirits on the bricks July, 16<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Dave Strife with Oakwood homes presented plans for the new Police Department remodel. He put together a budget. He said he is working on the cost of the electrical right now. He believes he has found a way to reduce that cost. The mechanical engineer is working on this as we speak.

The bid is for review only right now, the bid will change due to the electrical. Chief Hackler stated that he had bids from Lloyd Builders and J & J Builders as well. Dave has been the most pro-active with plans, pricing and coming down to see the project.

Council would like to see some final numbers before making any decisions and revisit this at the next meeting May 11<sup>th</sup>.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the public works activity report. Darien stated that on City wide cleanup we used 18 dumpsters.

Darien said liquid engineering was supposed to come and clean the tank. The first time they came they couldn't do it because of the power line. They went to clean the ground tank and deemed the ladder unsafe. The cost of the replacement ladder is \$10,950.00. Which includes taking out the old ladder, putting up the new and coating the ladder.

Councilman Luke Henry motioned to get a new ladder from Liquid Engineers in the amount of \$ 10,950.00. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Kerr provided a SCATA system quote from Letts, Van Kirk and Associates that was given to council. The system will give alerts to tower levels, pressures, pump run times and call employees out if there is a problem with lift stations or the water tower. The cost of the system is \$6,869.40 for the Tank, \$6,374.40 for the Tower and \$15,917.60 for the Stations with a total of \$29,161.40.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to approve the SCATA system in the amounts of \$29,161.40 for the tower, tank and station.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Danny Hackler gave the Police Department activity report. Chief introduced the new Wellsville Police Department Officer Byron Pelts who started Monday April, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Hackler said that Officer Atchison owes the City \$8,357.58 for repayment of the academy according to his contract since he left before his two years were up. Justin Atchison would like to have a repayment option monthly.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt moved to approve the monthly payment. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Chief stated he has two candidates for an Officer position but they are non-certified.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

City Clerk  
Tammy Jones