

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, June 8th 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Hall meeting room, located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Cory Cunningham, Chuck Rutledge, Scott Hutchinson, Nicole Pruitt and Luke Henry. 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 Luke Henry moved to approve the consent agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comments. Drew Hopek spoke about a 4th of July Fireworks stand he would like to set up inside the City Limits. The Saddle Club location was brought up as a possible location. They talked about going South side towards the liquor store or west of the Saddle Club. Since that location is City owned the City would have to give permission then they would talk to the Recreation Commission.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to that the Fireworks can use the Recreation property contingent of the Recreation approving it as well. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the County report. He stated that the City wide cleanup in April's total was 182 ton County wide. Wellsville had 14 loads and 64 tons.

The Juvenile Detention Center will close and not be repurposed as of yet, they are still doing intake. They have a contract with Douglas County to take juveniles there.

The County will be doing an expansion on the War Memorial on the Courthouse lawn.

Tyler Ellsworth with Kutak Rock was present to speak with Council. The City has been in negotiations with Keim to move forward with additional development around Bert's Truck Stop. Several types of financing tools have been discussed.

Tyler introduced himself and his firm and the role they play in the projects. Tyler opened it up for discussion and questions.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement for the additional professional services with Kutak Rock LLP public finance practice, Mr. Tyler Ellsworth. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Gregg Neis talked about the budget calendar. The budget workshop is June 27th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Midwest Engineering contract was discussed again after the council tabled from the meeting on May 25th. Darien said they work with lots of water districts like Johnson 7, Miami 2 and Franklin 1. Councilman Luke Henry said that there is risk on the Cities part with the contract. Councilman Cory Cunningham suggested getting the plans and looking those over.

Councilman Luke Henry motioned to move forward on the new Design on the new Booster station in the cost of \$8000.00. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 01-0608-2022 was brought before the council. Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to approve. Councilwoman Nicole Pruitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Fox situation was brought up for discussion after a complaint was made. Mayor Lytle suggested Kelsey Montgomery with Real Pest Solutions come down and look at areas where the most sightings/ problems are.

The City Clerk gave council a memo regarding a roll off dumpster which was brought before council for consideration on brush and leaves. Consensus is to do a roll off at a cost of \$90.00 per month plus \$175.00 full charge plus tonnage as long as it's not mis-used.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the Public Works activity report. Chip and Seal is scheduled for July, with all the rain it has put them behind.

Chief Danny Hackler gave the Police Department activity report. Chief has another candidate in the process of hiring who is certified. The school will be talking about the SRO position. Construction on the remodel of the new Police Department will start in two weeks.

Chief Hackler stated that the EMS would like to partner with the Police department and build on to the new building. The agreement would be they would pay us \$5000.00 and take care of building on their own addition. The City would cover water, electric and sewer and the EMS would cover Gas. In the end the building would belong to the city.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to move forward with the contract with EMS. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Nicole Pruitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Tammy Jones
City Clerk