

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, November 30th 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Council meeting room, located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Scott Hutchinson, Chuck Rutledge, Cory Cunningham, Luke Henry and Nichole Pruitt. Department heads present were Chief Hackler and City Superintendent Darien Kerr.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey was present via the phone.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to approve the consent agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the county report. The County has 195 full time employees at this time.

The bank rates with Mid America Bank and Landmark Bank were discussed. Rates were discussed between the banks and getting more bang for our buck. It was suggested that we slowly transition some of our funds to Mid America with the higher rates. The suggestion was to start with the 2012 Sales tax fund

Councilman Scott Hutchinson motioned to move the 2012 Sales tax fund to Mid America Bank. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motioned passed 5-0.

The Christmas bonuses were discussed. The same bonuses as last year were approved.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge motioned to approve the bonuses as per the memo. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the public works activity report. Darien stated there have been some problems with the lift station and a few water leaks. Darien said the lead and copper incentive through the State would probably not give the City any money. The lead and copper is \$23,000. Mayor Lytle asked if the lead and copper rule was just for cities or was it rural as well, Darien said it was for all water districts. The suggestion was to reach out and discuss it next May.

Darien got with a company about cleaning the duct work because of mold issues. He also said we need a de-humidifier for the Fire Department.

Scott Hutchinson would like the milling machine rented for a whole month before we chip and seal. Darien stated it would be hard to do a whole street with the width of the machine.

Chief Hackler gave the Police department activity report. Chief talked about abandoned vehicles and the time frame for cleaning them up. Chief will put it on the face book page and send out letters.

Chief Hackler said the station is nearing completion. Carpet was delivered today, they are hoping for the first of December as a move in date.

Attorney Larry Ferree said he had a problem with the Resolution and would like some verbiage removed. He has represented Regina Smith for the last 4 years. Mr. Ferree would like to take the “all of which the City believes unnecessary, wasteful, and frivolous” out of the Resolution. The only other question is the \$65.00 deposit and she would like to get the money back.

Staff responded that deposits are returned after someone closes out their account.

Patrick Reavey told Mr. Ferree that the Mayor is unauthorized to sign anything without council approval, even if Mr. Reavey looked at the document and he had no problems with it.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to recess into executive session at 6:50 p.m. for attorney –client relationship. The open meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 7:05p.m. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey and City Clerk Tammy Jones stayed for the executive session.

Councilman Cory Cunningham motioned to come out of executive session. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Chuck Rutledge moved to approve Resolution 01-1130-2022 with the following changes. Remove “all of which the City believes unnecessary, wasteful, and frivolous”. Councilman Cory seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

City Clerk
Tammy Jones

