

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City council was held on Wednesday, March 29th 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Council meeting room, located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Cory Cunningham, Chuck Rutledge, Luke Henry, Scott Hutchinson and Nichole Pruitt. Department heads present were Chief Hackler and Building Inspector Pat Burton.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

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

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comments.

Jacob Eads with Excellent wireless spoke to council regarding internet. They do fiber and fixed wireless. He would like us to support putting another company and their equipment on the water tower.

Councilman Luke Henry said we have needed fiber for a long time and is very needed for the business district.

Consensus was for a contract be forwarded to our City Attorney and bring it back to council,

Debra McCoullough came to council regarding possibility getting an AED at the Community Center.

Debra also talked about the Corn hole tournament on April 22nd at noon. This is the 3rd year doing this event and all proceeds go to the Wellsville Wrestling kids.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the County report. Ambulance reported that 9% of the total calls came from Wellsville.

The Ambulance building cost was going to be \$500, 00 the County has upped that amount to \$510,000 with a \$40,000 contingency.

The Kaw Valley Wine Rally was brought before council by Natalie Patton, they are talking about having a wine tasting event in Wellsville. They have commitments from 5 or 6 wineries wineries who will be attending the event. Last year the event had 400 people show up at the Vinland Fairgrounds. Tickets are sold online then they get a ticket to do tastings. The hours would be 5-8 p.m. on June 24th.

Councilman Cory Cunningham motioned to approve the Kaw Valley Wine Rally with details to follow on June 24th. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Christy Bell with the WJRC spoke to council about a new WJRC board member that was voted in last month. Mindy Nelson is the new City representative to the WJRC.

The fee schedule was presented to council for discussion. Pat Burton went over the schedule and the costs that were increasing and why. Council wanted staff to look into cemetery rates in other towns for review at the next meeting

Councilman Luke Henry motioned to approve Mid- West Plastering to polish the pool in the amount of \$19,360.00. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The CIP work study session was discussed. Council consensus was to have the work study April 10th at 6 p.m.

Chief Danny Hackler gave the Police Department activity report. Chief Hackler discussed the shooting range and the current need for us to have our own. They would like to put it by the sewer plant the Public Works would build it. The only out of pocket would be for stands.

Councilman Nichole Pruitt moved to approve a shooting range for the Police Department. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Hackler said he had 2 spots for grants at budget time and he did not receive those grants, which totaled \$40,000. Chief would like to utilize those funds for a used 2016 Dodge Charger with 22,000 miles in the amount \$21,000. Chief would also like to lease a new SUV from Shawnee Mission Ford

Councilman Luke Henry motioned to approve the purchase of the Dodge Charger in the amount of \$21,000 and the Ford Explorer in the amount of \$43,011.00 with a lease of \$14,337 per year for 3 years and only equipping the new SUV in the amount of \$22,000.00. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Defazio on South Main was at the meeting asking for compensation for the water-sewer line that he said was hit by the Fiber Co. and when putting in a water line.

Consensus was for staff to gather information and come to the next meeting on April 12th.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge motioned to go into executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss preliminary of acquisition of real property. The open meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 7:35 p.m. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson motioned to come out of executive session. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

City Clerk
Tammy Jones