

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, July 26th 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Council meeting room, located at 411 Main. Councilmen present were Cory Cunningham, Nichole Pruitt and Luke Henry. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Police Chief Danny Hackler and Building and Codes Officials Pat Burton and Isaac Mallory.

Councilmen Chuck Rutledge and Scott Hutchinson were absent.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comments. Lorrie Glass Coffman with the Chamber said she appreciated the City putting the link to the Chamber on our website.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the County report. Franklin County EMS received National recognition by the Heart Association for the second year in a row.

Gregg Neis was here to talk about the budget. The City went Revenue Neutral which means taxes will not go up.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to approve the 2024 budget for publication. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chief Hackler gave council a list of donations for the station which came in at over \$70,000. The following people/businesses donated: Discount Tire-Office furniture, WHS-Gym equipment, Home Depot-flooring/kitchen cabinets/refrigerator, Jones family-Treadmill, Wellsville Baptist Youth-flag pole, MC flooring-labor for laying flooring in bathrooms, Walmart-TV's, not included are discounts given on certain projects.

Chief also talked to council about the Drone, they did test it last week. The quote is \$15,329 and we would need to train a pilot. The training is online and you have to obtain a license for \$100.00. There will be 2 operators trained and be on a call out for all agencies.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to purchase the Drone in the amount of \$15,329. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chief talked about a tag reader camera for the City. The company has offered a \$15,000 discount. The cost of the camera is \$3150.00 this year and \$3000.00 every year after that.

Councilman Cory Cunningham said he would like to see a demonstration on the system. Council agreed. Chief will set up a demonstration at the next meeting.

Chief stated they T-Mobile contacted him about connecting hero's program. The Chief and Officers will be testing area lines to see if they are better than Verizon.

Building Inspector Pat Burton gave the Building and Codes update. Pat said Ash Street is paved and curbs will go in tomorrow. There is an asphalt patch at 4th and Douglas. We need to look at crosswalks and pedestrian crossings. There was talk on the Park ground that was donated to the City and a plan to seed it and how to use it.

The new EMS station got the footings in and they are moving forward.

Tyler Ellsworth with Kutak Rock talked to council about IRB projects. The nursing home wants to ask for sales tax IRB'S. Tyler is working on the IRB's for the Icon valley portion and the 64 door units. We would have to work with the owners and developers at the next few meetings. We will be asking for an issuance fee from them for the City.

Tyler said an origination fee of 1% will be asked of the developers.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt moved to go into executive session at 6:30 p.m for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. The open meeting resume at 6:45 p.m.

Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed

Councilman Cory moved. Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

No motions were made and only the above mentioned topic was addressed.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

City Clerk
Tammy Jones