

City of Wellsville  
411 Main  
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Hall meeting room, located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Luke Henry, Chuck Rutledge, Scott Hutchinson, Cory Cunningham and Nichole Pruitt. Department heads present were Building Inspector Isaac Mallory, City Superintendent Darien Kerr and Chief Danny Hackler.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

Councilman Scott Huchinson motioned to approve the consent agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motioned passed 5-0

Mayor Lytle Opened the meeting up for public comments.

Gage Ewbanks who lives at 102 Maple Street spoke to council regarding concerns the City has at his home the issue being the scrap and inoperable vehicles.

Councilman Luke Henry asked if he was using the house as a business. Gage stated he fixes cars in the driveway. Councilman Scott Hutchinson said he needs appropriate screening and he would want all of the neighbors to be on board with it.

Councilman Luke Henry suggested Mr. Ewbanks think about what he is willing to do like putting up a fence or building and also talk to the neighbors.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the County report. They just put in an all new software program throughout the County.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to open the public hearing to open the public CID hearing for Keim CID Sales Tax. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Bond Council Tyler Ellsworth spoke to council regarding the sales tax which would affect the inside sales only not the gas sales. Keim would have to contribute up to 1 million dollars at K-33 and Stafford for the intersection.

Barbara Layton asked when the improvements will start. Bond council stated that there are timeframes in the development agreement.

Stan Keim stated that plans have started for the A & W.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to close the public hearing. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt moved to approve Ordinance 931 creating the Poplar Street Community improvement district sales tax. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Paul Bean with FCDC spoke about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The HUB is offering technical assistance to any eligible entity developing a project located in Kansas that will be funded all or in part by a grant from BIL.

There was discussion regarding possibly putting a stop sign at 7<sup>th</sup> street. The Mayor suggested going with extra speed limit signs on 7<sup>th</sup> first with extra police patrol and officers will be giving out tickets.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt said that the stop sign will impact other streets like 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and side streets like Oak and Pine. Councilman Scott Hutchinson suggested doing things in stages to see what impact speed signs and Chief Hackler policing 7<sup>th</sup> with zero tolerance will have. Council will touch base regarding 7<sup>th</sup> street after it opens up for traffic. Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to revisit the discussion until November. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Hackler gave the Police Department report. Chief said Wellsville days went really well this year. Chief said that the new PD has significant damage to the roof. Reeves Roofing will be checking all City Buildings for damage.

Chief Hackler said that Officer Petty announced his retirement effective Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. Chief does have two applicants, one is certified and one is not certified.

Chief reported that all the new stop signs are in and have been placed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

City Clerk  
Tammy Jones