

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, October 11th, 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, Nichole Pruitt and Scott Hutchinson. Department heads present were Building Inspector Isaac Mallory.

Councilman Cory Cunningham was absent.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to approve the consent agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting. Councilman Nichole Pruitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comments.

Scott Averill with Wellsville Rehab spoke to council about a project that he has going on. Scott bought the nursing home 15 years ago and did some improvements at that time. Over 2 years ago he was planning on putting a memory care center at that location. The increase in projected costs put the project on hold. He has reviewed the project again and scaled down to make things work. He stated that costs continue to be a factor. He said they are competitive in the market place because his costs are low. His request is an IRB for the building, it would be a 12 person memory care home and he is hoping for a 75% abatement for 10 years.

Fire Chief Robert Thomas asked if the state approved the guard rails on the bridge side.

Lorrie Glass Coffman with the Chamber of Commerce said thank you for the submission to the candidate forum which will be on the Chamber website. The Chamber will be starting the tourism brochure and will be contacting businesses soon.

Robert Thomas gave the Fire District update. They are working on the Hallowesta and setting up in the gravel lot. Drinks and Dreams will be there with Cider slush's.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt said December 1st will be the tree lighting ceremony and the Christmas drawing is December 2nd.

There was discussion to set up a meeting with a grant writer that Paul Bean suggested from Franklin County.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt spoke about the Grant writer position and said we need to do better about getting someone for this position.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge said he would like to look into grants for personnel as well.

Discussion was to have a study session on October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. and talk with the grant writer after that at 7:00 p.m.

Building Inspector Isaac Mallory gave the Planning Department activity report.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Tammy Jones
City Clerk