

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, October 25th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellsville City Hall meeting room located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Luke Henry, Scott Hutchinson and Cory Cunningham. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Chief Danny Hackler and Planning Official Isaac Mallory.

Councilman Nichole Pruitt and Chuck Rutledge were absent.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to approve the consent agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comments.

Paul Bean with the Ottawa FCDC spoke about market research for potential development of a hotel in the Wellsville, Ks market area.

Paul also spoke with Evergy and Kansas Gas regarding partnering with the City on some projects.

Derek Brown the Franklin County Administrator thanked the City for the help with the EMS building going up so smoothly and our continuing partnership with the County. He said partnerships are rare and very important in all aspects.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the County report. Don said the new computer system for the EMS is working very well and very informative. Don stated advance voting is open.

Fire Chief Robert Thomas gave the Fire Department report. Robert asked if the City would chip in on the hot dogs for the Hallowesta or pay half of the cost, the total amount is \$849.05.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson motioned to pay for the total cost of the hot dogs in the amount of \$849.05. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Ryan Dalton with Cunningham Recreation spoke to council regarding a matching grant for playground equipment. The equipment would be 2-12 equipment surfacing costs are not included in the grant. Turf is \$25 per sq foot, bonded rubber is \$20 per sq. ft and engineered fiber is \$4000.00. Installation cost would be extra. Ryan will be sending over some renderings for council to look at within the next week.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the Public Works activity report. Darien reported that all the meter pits have been done for the lead and copper survey.

Chief Hackler gave the Police Department activity report. Chief Hackler said the Sheriff's Department lost a deputy this week and his burial will be here at the Wellsville Cemetery on Saturday October 28th. Chief said they filled Officer Petty's position with a non-certified person. Chief asked the council to approve the Mayor signing the 2 year contract with David Love.

Councilman Luke Henry motioned for the Mayor to sign a two year contract with David Love as our new Police Officer. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chief asked council about the Flock tag reader system which is \$3100 the system would be located at Berts on one of the poles.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to approve the Flock license reader. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chief Hackler said that 2 Police cars were approved in the 2024 budget but they are not making any of the 2024 Explorers and we don't know if they will be getting any. Chief said he found an F-150 Suprcrew the vehicle is new but a demo and is cheaper for that reason. Chief said he would just add 1 vehicle and not 2 vehicles to his fleet which would save the City money. He also stated he would sell one of the 2014 Explorers. Chief Hackler stated Kansas state Bank had the best interest rate and would do a lease program like we have done with Ford. The cost of the truck is \$ 44,963.26 the equipment is \$21,749.85 for a total of \$66,713.11 the total with interest being \$72,122.20 and the first payment will be due March 2024.

Councilman Luke Henry motioned to purchase the vehicle and the equipment in the amount of \$66,713.11 and borrow a total of \$72,122.20 from Kansas State Bank and approving City Clerk Tammy Jones as a signer of the lease agreement. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chief asked council what to do with our old 2014 explorer. Chief suggested selling the older explorer.

Olathe PD donated 5 old Watchguard cameras and 6 body cameras to the Police Department.

Isaac Mallory the Building and Codes official said that Phase 2 for K-33 will be starting soon and we need to have our comments back to Isaac by then. Council asked about a special meeting for thoughts and comments for the project.

Council will hold a special meeting Monday October 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

City Clerk
Tammy Jones