

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 in the Wellsville City Hall meeting room located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Luke Henry, Cory Cunningham, Chuck Rutledge, Scott Hutchinson and Nichole Pruitt. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Chief Danny Hackler and Building and codes Official Isaac Mallory.

Mayor Lytle was absent.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to approve the consent agenda and the meetings of the previous meeting. Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt seconded.

President Luke Henry opened the meeting up for public comment.

Paul Bean with the FCDC spoke to council about the Fr. County career day tomorrow November 9th at the Ottawa High School.

Nichole Pruitt had an update for Holidays in Wellsville. The tree lighting is December 1st and the drawing on the 2nd at 6:00 p.m. and the house tour is the 9th.

Lorrie Glass Coffman with the Chamber said there is a Chamber Coffee at the Family Church and the Chamber meeting is next Tuesday at noon at Wellsville Health and Rehab. Sheila said the Chamber is looking for Office space downtown. She also reported they have the most Chamber members in recent years at 60 members.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the County report. KU is going to start doing studies on the gravel roads at no charge to the community. The ambulance Director gave the update and the inspection of the ambulance service. There were no deficiencies and are still in good standing.

Chief Robert Thomas gave the Fire District update.

Ryan Dalton with Cunningham recreation spoke about the proposal that was sent regarding the playground equipment. The playground equipment cost is \$84,814/Grant pricing: \$42,407. The install is 10 weeks out right now. Councilman Hutchinson asked about rubber mulch, the wood mulch is \$8000 and the rubber mulch is around \$12,000.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to approve the playground equipment and the wood mulch along with a standalone teeter totter. Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the Public Works activity report. The truck in the budget is at Olathe Ford and was budgeted at \$60,000 but the cost now is \$61,401.00.

The cost of the mini excavator came in cheaper than budgeted at \$78,603.00 these would be on a 3 year lease.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved for the mayor to sign the paperwork. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0

Darien said that the sidewalk at 615 E 7th will cost \$ 6500.00 and \$225 to have the stump removed. When the state removed that sidewalk there were no plans to put it back in at that time. We are hoping that the second phase will pay for the sidewalk.

Darien reported that the water meter system is getting outdated and needs to be upgraded. It is an L system, the upgrade cost is \$25,021. The cost is \$115 for the MTU per meter when they are damaged by people mowing over them.

Chief Hackler gave the Police Department activity report. The EMS building is being painted right now. They are waiting on the natural gas to be installed to move forward.

Building and Codes Official Isasac Mallory said phase II will start December of 2025. The water lines and valves the City will have to move. The center portions of the roundabout can be concrete and not grass. Lighting will not change they will not add any extra for that location. Speed limit for roundabouts is 25 the rest of K-33 is 45 mph. Everything north of 1st Street they are looking at a super two and a roundabout is a possibility as well.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt said we talked about the guardrails the consensus was to have another engineer look to see what there opinion is.

City Attorney Patrick Reavey spoke to Council and said he would have to quit as the City Attorney and Prosecutor for the City. He will stay on until a replacement is found and he has someone in mind as well.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Tammy Jones
City Clerk