

City of Wellsville  
411 Main  
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 in the Wellsville City Hall meeting room located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Scott Hutchinson, Chuck Rutledge, Nichole Pruitt and Luke Henry. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Chief Danny Hackler and Building and Codes official Isaac Mallory.

Councilman Cory Cunningham was absent.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comments.

Lorrie Glass Coffman with the Chamber said they have a trivia night this Saturday night at Milestone Events. The Chamber is having a coffee at 9 am at Wellsville Health and Wellness. The visitor guide is in the works and in production and should be coming out in March.

Fire Chief Robert Thomas gave the Fire Department activity report and gave the year-end report.

Tyler Ellsworth bond counsel for the City of Wellsville spoke about the ICON Valley grant agreement. Dustin Baker is working on ICON Valley Town homes and has certain Economic Incentives. There are two separate grants.

Shane Pruitt with the WJRC gave an update. He stated their numbers have exploded recently. He said they are running out of space and they are forming a facilities committee to see how we can build a true Community Center. He would like the City to earmark the property behind Dollar General that was gifted to the City for a Community Center/Recreation Center. They are in the infancy stages right now and getting ideas at the moment from other communities. The funding was also discussed; they will be looking for grants.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson asked how much this project will cost. Shane said between 5 and 10 million dollars. The facility committee will be some businesses people in the community and staffed by WJRC. The first meeting will be March 13<sup>th</sup>.

The agreement for engineering advisory services with Rick Walker and CFS was brought before council for review and consideration.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt moved to approve the advisory services contract with Rick Walker. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The Cereal Malt Beverage license for On the Bricks was brought before council. Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt moved to approve the CMB license. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the Public Works activity report. Darien said we need to re-do our emergency snow routes, he and the Chief have been working on them.

Council suggested our Attorney get the paperwork together for the new routes.

Darien said in the Park there is one tree that the branches keep falling and need to come out before we get our new park equipment.

Consensus was to take out the tree at the park.

Chief Hackler gave the Police Department activity report.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to recess into executive session at 6:22 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 will resume in the City Council chambers at 6:32 p.m. Councilman Luke Henry seconded. Motion passed 4-0. City Clerk Tammy Jones and Bond Counsel Tyler Ellsworth was asked to stay.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson motioned to come out of executive session. Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Councilman Luke Henry moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

City Clerk  
Tammy Jones