

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, August 27th 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room located at 411 Main. Councilmen present were Chuck Rutledge, Scott Hutchinson, Luke Henry, Nichole Pruitt and Cory Cunningham. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Police Chief Danny Hackler and Building and Codes official Pat Burton.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation was given.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to approve the consent agenda.

Councilman Henry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comments. There were no public comments.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the County report.

Paul Bean with the FCDC gave the update on the grant for Pendleton due September 18th. He is also working on a playground grant as well. Franklin County Career Day is coming up November 5th.

Alicia Wheeler with Orion spoke to council about a potential solar project. Ms. Wheeler said at this time this is just informational. The project is South of Ottawa and is a Franklin County project. The panels will be on about 1500 acres. The project is a 400 million in private capital investments with 150 jobs in construction added. There is a community benefit package equivalent of 15 million over 35 years.

Questions were asked about toxic chemical and MS. Wheeler stated that there are no toxic chemicals and everything has to meet EPA standards.

Clayton Neel with the Wellsville car show gave the update for Friday night. He has been working with the Police department on emergency routes etc. He expects 375 cars and 3000 spectators. All funds will go to kids going to a trade school.

Sheila Robertson addressed the safe routes to school plan which the City needs to adopt.

Councilman Henry moved to adopt the SRTS plan. Councilman Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The utility relocation award was discussed with the recommendation from Midwest Engineering group for the bid going to Rural Water Services in the amount of \$735,390.00.

Councilman Hutchinson moved to award the bid to Rural Water Services in the amount of \$735,390. Councilwoman Pruitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The sewer relocation encasement project was also discussed and a contract award recommendation was given by Midwest Engineering. The lowest and responsive responsible bidder was Cohorst Enterprises.

Councilman Hutchinson moved award the bid to Cohorst Enterprises in the amount of \$281,550.00. Councilwoman and Pruitt seconded.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the Public Works activity report. He had a quote on fixing our old sewer jetter.

Darien also had a quote on the power pole out at the new water shed. Sosaya & Sons Const. bid was \$3200.00.

Councilwoman Pruitt moved to approve Sosaya & Sons Construction to put in the power pole at the new water shed in the amount of \$3200.00. Pruitt moved and Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Darien said they are done with chip and seal. They will do the striping on 1st street the week of September 27th.

Chief Hackler gave the Police Department activity report. Chief said he had an emergency plan for the car show that Sgt. Garcia helped write and put in place.

Building and Codes official gave the planning report. The property north of TA was discussed, the land owner is present. There is a possibility of 3 projects going in at that location. He would like a letter of recommendation to extend Pendleton across the road to Fiber Lane for a new entrance.

Consensus was to send a letter of recommendation and to have the Mayor sign the letter.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk
Tammy Jones