

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, May 27th 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room located at 411 Main. Councilmen present were Chuck Rutledge, Cory Cunningham, Nichole Pruitt, Scott Hutchinson and Luke Henry. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Chief Hackler and Building and Codes official's Guy Price and Pat Burton.

The invocation and Pledge of allegiance was given.

Councilman Hutchinson moved to approve the consent agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting. Councilman Henry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Mayor opened up the meeting for public comments. Katie Hopkins at 4th and Oak spoke to council and has some issues she wanted to discuss. She asked if the City has been approached by a data center. Council said no. She also asked about the easement that people are driving thru at her house on the corner, they leave ruts and water sits there and floods. Council asked Darien to jet out her ditch and deliver some dirt.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the County report. Don said that Wellsville got approved for \$1500.00 in transient funds to go towards the Fourth of July Celebration (fireworks).

Paul Bean with Ottawa FCDC spoke to council. He said the contact at Witt O'Brien flew in and introduced her self and took a tour of the communities and discussed the grant opportunities we are wanting.

Clayton Neel with the Wellsville car show gave council an update. He handed out a sponsorship flyer as well.

The term appointments were brought before council for approval and are as follows:

ZONING APPEALS BOARD:

Member-Lesli Campbell
Member-Elba Unruh
Member-Scott Gage
Open
Member-Bill Oshel
Secretary-Tammy Jones

LIBRARY BOARD:

President-Ann Unruh
Vice President-Kelly Wright
Secretary-Alise Chandler
Treasurer-Emily Bradbury
NKLS Rep-Becky MacDonald
Member-Rita Anderson
Director-Robin Avers
Full-Time-Shara Stephenson

CITY ATTORNEY-Tom Barnes
JUDGE-Nathan Sutton

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Chairman-Sarah Klamm

Vice Chairman-OPEN

Member-Casey Lytle

Member-Lee Martin

Member-Joel Partridge

Member-Kathy Gharst

Member Robert Thomas

Secretary-Kari Rogers

Councilman Hutchinson moved to approve the members of the Zoning Appeals Board, Library Board, Planning Commission, The Judge and City Attorney as presented.. Councilman Henry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Council President Appointment was discussed. Councilman Hutchinson moved to approve Luke Henry as council president. Councilman Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The agreement with PEI was brought before council for approval .This is for approval of constructing of K-33 from 6th Street to 1st Street, and a new water line on the east side of K-33 and a sidewalk on the west side of K-33. Council suggested asking for a cul-de-sac or opening up 3rd street to K-33.

Councilman Pruitt moved to approve PEI water line and sidewalk design. Councilman Henry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Safe Route to School Discussion was brought up by Councilman Hutchinson. He wants to keep moving forward with these improvements. He would like to move forward as a City to keep the project moving forward, until a grant has been awarded.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr said he got the pool opened and everything is up and running for their opening Saturday. Darien said the ground tank and tower was painted but the paint is peeling. He said they are coming back to re-do the painting.

The brush dumpster was discussed, because people are dumping large trees and leaving it beside the dumpster. Suggestions were to install cameras and make sure our signage is clear.

Chief Hackler gave the Police Department activity report. He stated that the Leadership Franklin County is opening up for anyone to sign up. Chuck asked where we are with the no parking signs and the speed limit signs. Chief said they are working on it and some of the signs have come in and they will put them up this week.

Guy Price gave the Building and Codes activity report. Guy said they did another final at East Village. Guy stated they are moving along with condemnations and may have something by the next meeting.

Councilman Rutledge moved to go into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss data relating to financial affairs pursuant to KSA 75-4319 (b) (4) The open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 7:05 p.m. Chief Hackler, Guy Price, Pat Burton and Tammy Jones were asked to stay.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt moved to come out of executive session. Councilman Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Cunningham moved to go back into executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss data relating to financial affairs pursuant to KSA 75-4319 (b)(4) The open meeting will resume in City Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Councilman Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Hutchinson moved to come out of executive session. Councilwoman Pruitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Councilwoman Pruitt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

City Clerk
Tammy Jones