

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Monday, July 13th 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room located at 411 Main. Councilmen present were Chuck Rutledge, Cory Cunningham, Scott Hutchinson, Luke Henry and Nichole Pruitt. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Chief Danny Hackler and Building and Codes officials Pat Burton and Guy Price.

The invocation and Pledge of allegiance was given.

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

Paul Bean with the FCDC had nothing to report.

Carol Hatfield spoke to council regarding her plot at the cemetery of her husband. She says that there is a slab to close to her stone and she is unable stand there. She also asked about any settling problems that may occur in the future. She is asking us to not allow any vaults and move the vault that is currently there. She stated that a vault is usually 2 ft. from the property line. She would like some consideration to this matter.

Jason Bell also spoke to council and handed out photos. He asked of a place where there is written documentation regarding vaults. He asked about dimensions for the vault and where they were supposed to go. The rules were read and shared with the audience. The suggestion was to make it either a vault or a headstone and change the rules. The rack that is erected at the end of the vault is not legal as it is. The council suggested giving the plot owner 10 days to remove the rack and place vaults in the middle of the grave space from now on.

The Planning Commission letter of interest was brought before council from Mystic Mastin.

Councilman Pruitt moved to approve Mystic Mastin to the Planning Commission. Councilman Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mystic Mastin asked council to have a Ranger-Rzr run in hopes to bring the community together to support the local needs like the lunch program at the school with negative balances. The event would start in Wellsville at 12:00 p.m. leaving Main Street at 12:45 p.m. and go to Baldwin, Eudora and Edgerton with the final stop being Chil-Jacks in Wellsville by 6:00 p.m. at the latest.

Councilwoman Pruitt moved to approve the Ranger run. Councilman Henry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Gregg Neis spoke to council about the budget meeting. Revenue neutral is 46 mils. If we want to stay the same it is 50.394. Council suggested publishing at 56 mils and we can always lower it at a later date. September 9th will be the budget hearing at the first council meeting.

Tuesday, July 21st and Thursday, July 23rd will be the first budget workshops at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room.

Councilman Rutledge moved to exceed the RNR to 56 mils. Councilman Henry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr said that the Dodge pickup has some problems and to tear it down to look at the heads would be \$4500-\$5000 the ball joints are bad as well and the amount of those are \$1500.

Council said to replace the ball joints on the truck and drive it as it is. Darien provided quotes on concrete. Darien got 3 bids that were vastly different. Councilman Hutchinson suggested putting out a bid form so it is itemized and to get references.

Chief Hackler gave the Police Department activity report. Danny said the fireworks show was a success the only problem was parking. In 21 there was a grant for in car cameras for Watch Guard which has been 5 years. Danny has been working with Motorola. Chief Hackler said Overland Park transferred to Axiom cameras and they gave us \$100,000 worth of equipment donated to our Department and we are transitioning ours over.

Chief Hackler said there is a special budget item for new fire arms and he asks that we move forward with the purchase of those guns in the amount of \$11,575.

Planning and Codes official Guy Price said the trailers are almost torn out. They are now working on sewer lines. Guy said East Village is moving along nicely. Guy said they are working on the new senate bill with code implications to follow or adopt the IRC 2018 as the standard residential code.

Councilman Hutchinson asked what the timeline is for Casper's crossing. Pat said there will be permits turned in possibly next week.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

City Clerk
Tammy Jones

