

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 in the Wellsville City Hall meeting room located at 411 Main Street. Councilmen present were Scott Hutchinson, Nichole Pruitt, Chuck Rutledge, Luke Henry and Cory Cunningham. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Chief Hackler and Building and Codes official Isaac Mallory.

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

President Luke Henry opened the meeting up for public comments. Paul Bean said Kwik- Kom will be here the 21st at 9:00 am at City Hall for a donation to help with the Park Equipment.

Lorrie Glass Coffman with the Wellsville Chamber spoke to council about a tourism add that the Chamber is doing in their new brochure. The Chamber is also partnering with KOFO for ads for our members in the community.

County Commissioner Don Stottlemire gave the County activity report.

Chief Robert Thomas gave the Fire Department update. Chief Thomas stated that the Christmas tree lighting went well as did the Christmas drawing.

Resolution 01-1213-2023 GAAP waiver was presented, which is the financial statements and reports for year ended 2022 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state for approval.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt moved to approve Resolution 01-1213-2023. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Gregg Neis presented and went of the City Audit for 2022 with council.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt moved to approve the audit presented by Gregg Neis. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motioned passed 5-0.

Councilman Scott Hutchinson moved to approve the CMB licenses for Bert's, Las Catrinas, Casey's and Chili Jacks. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0

The Franklin County Development dues were brought before council. They would like to increase our dues from \$3000 per year to \$10,000. Paul Bean thought that was too much of an increase all at once and asked Council for \$5000.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to approve \$5000 for the Franklin County Development dues. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Paul Bean spoke about grant opportunities. Paul said we need to have a strategy and frame some items to put into the grant. The first step is to identify what we want to do then to ask for an engineering-technical support grant.

Evaluations and raises were brought before council for their approval. The Public Works Department evaluations were discussed. Council suggested a 4% raise for all employees in that department.

Councilman Nichole Pruitt moved to approve a 4% increase. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 4-1 Councilman Scott Hutchinson voted no.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to give Kari Rogers a 3% raise. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to give City Clerk Tammy Jones a 4% raise. Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt seconded. Motion passed 4-1. Councilman Scott Hutchinson voted no.

The Police Department evaluations were discussed. Recommendations were to give Officer Hymer and Officer Fanning a 2% raise now and another 2% in 6 months after further review.

Councilman Chuck Rutledge moved to approve raises for Officer Fanning and Hymer as presented. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Police Clerk and Court Clerk Deb Swanks evaluation was discussed.

Councilman Nichole Pruitt moved to approve a 6% raise for Deb Swank. Councilman Cory Cunningham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Officer Love's raise will be .50 after graduation from the academy.

Officer Nelson's recommended raise was 5% from Chief Hackler.

Councilman Luke Henry moved to approve a 5% raise for Officer Nelson. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Sergeant Garcia's evaluation was presented to council at a 3% recommendation.

Councilman Nichole Pruitt moved to give Sgt. Garcia a 3% raise. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to give Chief Hackler a 4% raise. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Building Inspector Isaac Mallory's raise was discussed.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to approve a 4% raise for Isaac Mallory. Councilman Chuck Rutledge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The lighting on K-33 was brought before council from Scott Hutchinson. Building Inspector Isaac Mallory said we have a contract with Evergy for lighting on 7th and 8th street. Isaac Mallory said there will be lights at every intersection.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the Public Works activity report. Darien brought up upgrades our water system. Darien said he has a way to fund that project and take out \$16,000 out of the budget for our software system and use it for our water meters. Darien said he also saved money on the trade in for the mowers and he turned in scrap metal as well.

Councilman Cory Cunningham moved to let Darien order the new meter upgrade in the amount of \$25,000. Councilman Scott Hutchinson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Police Chief Danny Hackler gave the Police Department report. Chief introduced our new Officer David Love to the council. Chief gave an EMS update, the Stucco went on today and dry wall within the next 2 weeks.

Chief gave a 7th street update and said he has received no complaints on that street and has given 1 ticket.

Councilwoman Nichole Pruitt asked about kennel licenses. Chief opted not to have a kennel license. The officers can drop off dogs anytime now at Prairie Paws so we no longer need a kennel license. We currently pay Prairie Paws \$1000.00 per year.

Isaac Mallory gave the Building and Codes report. Isaac got some software pricing. The first year cost is \$17,000 to \$25,000 with an annual cost of \$6,000-9,000 annually.

Paul Bean said he would look at Grant opportunities for the new software.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

City Clerk

Tammy Jones

