

**Village of Wellington
Council Meeting Minutes**

Hans Schneider, Mayor

**Council: Gene Hartman, Council President, William Bogan, Mark Bughman, Helen Dronsfield,
Keith Rowland and Guy Wells**

Council Chambers

January 2, 2018

7:30 PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ĩ Mayor Schneider called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilman William Bogan ĩ Present

Council President Gene Hartman ĩ Present

Councilman Mark Bughman ĩ Present

Councilman Keith Rowland ĩ Present

Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield ĩ Present

Councilman Guy Wells ĩ Present

Others Present ĩ Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Dupee, Finance Director Hales, Law Director Bond, Chief Barfield, MSW Director Arntz, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Enterprise Reporter Delozier, Madison Schneider, Richard Friend & Family, Carole and Todd Weegmann, Ryan Friend, Albert and Valerie McCarty, Charlie McCarty, Pat and Jack Sumpter, Jim Reymann, Alecia Mafarlane, Mallorie Conlan, Roger Simpson, the Fox Family, Debra Saliis, Rick and Karen Caswell, Mike Beher, Dominic Fannin, Susan Alspach, Mike Schneider, Matthew Shinsky Paul Hornbeck, Aden Macfarlane, Timothy Hornbeck, Marshal Mull, Matt Mull, Darla French, Darrell French, Kathryn French, Josh Poling, Jeff Shelton, and Eric Brubeck

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ĩ Motion by Wells, 2nd by Dronsfield to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2017 council meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting řyesř

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS ĩ No Financial Reports

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider ĩ Mayor Schneider reported that during the Bicentennial year, he would be taking the opportunity to recognize individuals and their accomplishments, throughout the year. He introduced Darrell French, a Wellington Boy Scout Master for 21 years, who will be retiring this year. Mayor Schneider asked all of the scouts in the audience to join Mr. French at the front of the room. He presented Mr. French with a bicentennial coin in commemoration of his accomplishments. Mr. French gave a short speech, introduced his successor Roger Simpson, and was met with applause.
- Law Director Bond ĩ Nothing to Report
- Chief Barfield ĩ Nothing to Report
- Finance Director Hales ĩ Ms. Hales mentioned that her report was included in the packet and she would be happy to answer any questions. She reported that there were no financial reports included in the packet as it is the first of the year; there would however be a large run in the packet for the next council meeting.
- Village Manager Dupee ĩ Mr. Dupee mentioned that his report and those of his department heads were included in the packet and he would be happy to answer any questions.
- Public Participation ĩ None
- Main Street Wellington ĩ Ms. Arntz reported that there is a business to business mixer scheduled for January 11th at H&R Block from 3 PM ĩ 5 PM. She further reported that their annual meeting would be held at the Elms Retirement Village on January 23rd from 7 PM - 8:30 PM. She mentioned Lets Wine About Winter at Forts Tavern and Beer tasting at the Red Iron Bar and Grill, Saturday January 27th from 12:00 PM ĩ 4:00 PM, and presale tickets are \$15.00.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance - Mr. Hartman reported that the committee will meet prior to council on January 16th.
- Police ĩ Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed the proposed tiered payroll system, and an ordinance to sell a vehicle at internet auction. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to extend the probationary period for Kayla Chrosniak from January 10, 2018 through April 10, 2018, with no change in pay. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting řyesř
- Public Works ĩ Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to the council meeting and discussed winter projects including, the soccer pavilion, and replacing basketball hoops in the Town Hall Gym.
- Utility ĩ Mr. Bughman reported that the committee would meet on January 16th prior to council.
- Ordinance ĩ Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed updating the lighting ordinance, through Planning Commission. Mr. Wells mentioned that council had met for a special organizational meeting at 5:30 PM to appoint committees and elect a council president. He further mentioned that it was quite an improvement over previous years, and that it worked out very well.

- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that they would be holding a work session to discuss employee succession planning. Mr. Hartman noted that Mr. Rowland had four committee appointments, and recommended that Mr. Bughman take Mr. Rowland's place on the Public Works Committee. Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Wells to have Mr. Bughman replace Mr. Rowland on the Public Works Committee. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *yes*. Mayor Schneider suggested that the tentatively scheduled work session set for January 23rd, be moved back a week to possibly January 30th, as Main Street Wellington will be holding their annual meeting that evening; council agreed, as Mr. Dupee needed some time to gather information. Council will discuss the date for the work session further at the January 16th meeting.
- Mayor Schneider gave the floor to Chief Barfield and the Police Department, as they had awards to present. Chief Barfield announced that three years ago, the Police Department began selecting an Officer and Dispatcher of the year award, and mentioned that it was a difficult choice. He asked Carole Weegmann to come forward and presented her with the Dispatcher of the Year Award. Ms. Weegmann was met with applause. Chief Barfield asked Officer Daher to come forward and presented him with the Officer of the Year Award. Officer Daher was met with applause.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RESTATED PERSONNEL MANUAL RELATIVE TO EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2018 -02

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SELL AT INTERNET AUCTION A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES 1st Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL BY ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 4.1.1 RELATIVE TO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading

8. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to discuss.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- **Park Committee** – Mayor Schneider reported that the Park Committee, consisting of 13 members, had been appointed at the first of last year and had worked diligently with Eric Brubeck, from Brubeck Designs, to produce a plan for the old McCormick Middle School site. Mayor Schneider introduced Mr. Brubeck who reviewed the final plan with council. Mayor Schneider named the members of the Park Committee which included: the late Fred Alspach - Committee Chairman, Susan Alspach, Steve Dupee, Gene Hartman, Ted Hyde, Vanessa Klesta, Terry Mazzone, Father Reymann, Hans Schneider, Tim Simonson, Patty Sumpter, John Westfall, and Ralph Wright. Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to accept the recommendation of the Park Planning Committee, and accept the rendering of the Wellington Park, and forward it to the Planning Commission. There was some discussion about enacting the plan, before being able to review the information first. Mr. Hartman rescinded his motion. Mr. Wells had reservations about adopting the plan, and asked whether the budget figures would be appropriated; Mr. Hartman and Mayor Schneider assured Mr. Wells that the money was not to be appropriated. Mr. Brubeck added that the park could be built in phases, as money allows. Mayor Schneider mentioned that they would be seeking grants and donations to fund the park. Mr. Wells suggested resolving to receive the plan tonight, to thank the committee for their hard work, and then send it to planning. Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to accept the plan received tonight, to thank the committee for their hard work, and to send the plan to the Planning Commission. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *yes*.
- **Bicentennial Committee** – Mayor Schneider introduced the members of the Bicentennial Committee: Al and Barb Leiby, Jenny Arntz, and Laura Braddock. He displayed the Bicentennial Calendars that the committee designed, and mentioned that the calendars are free and available at Main Street Wellington, the Spirit of '76 Museum and at the Town Hall. He mentioned that the committee had met its donation goal of \$25,000. He read through the list of events and their dates and mentioned that the majority of events are free or very low cost to attend. He thanked the sponsors, the Lindley Center and the committee for all of their hard work. The committee was met with applause.
- **Swearing In** – Mayor Schneider swore in Councilmembers William Bogan, Gene Hartman, and Keith Rowland.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Rowland to adjourn at 8:18 PM

