

**Village of Wellington  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**Hans Schneider, Mayor**

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

**Council Chambers**

**March 7, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Schneider called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance
2. **ROLL CALL**

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| Councilman Mark Bughman – Present                                                                                                                                                | Council President Gene Hartman - Present |
| Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield – Present                                                                                                                                          | Councilman Keith Rowland - Present       |
| Councilman Gary Feron – Present                                                                                                                                                  | Councilman Guy Wells – Present           |
| Others Present – Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Chief Barfield, Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Arntz, Bill Neff |                                          |
3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE** – Mayor Schneider asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Water/WW Superintendent Greg Frenk, who passed on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rowland to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2022 Council Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Motion by Hartman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rowland to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

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| 101 General Fund        |  | \$ 69,694.46  |
| 201 Street CM&R Fund    |  | \$ 18.99      |
| 202 State Highway Fund  |  | \$ 1,622.55   |
| 401 Capital Improvement |  | \$ 65,808.83  |
| 501 Water Fund          |  | \$ 19,057.30  |
| 502 Sewer Fund          |  | \$ 25,631.27  |
| 503 Electric Fund       |  | \$ 121,640.17 |
| 504 Garbage Fund        |  | \$ 5,372.00   |
| 506 Storm Sewer Capital |  | \$ 3,290.75   |
| Pay 4                   |  | \$ 111,732.34 |
| Total                   |  | \$ 419,868.66 |
6. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS**
  - Mayor Schneider
  - Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
  - Chief Barfield – Nothing to report
  - Finance Director Pfeiffer – Mrs. Pfeiffer mentioned that her summary would be included in the next packet, and offered to answer any questions.
  - Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever reported that his memo was included in the packet. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their support during this difficult time. He mentioned that they will keep moving forward with all of Greg's projects.
  - Public Participation – Mr. Neff asked why the trees were removed from the business district; Mayor Schneider explained that they out grew their space. Mr. Neff mentioned the lot clean up across the street from the Fire Station, and asked about when the property owner of the Silos on Depot St. would be removing the sandstone; Mayor Schneider mentioned that they could reach out to the owner of the Depot St. property. Mr. Neff mentioned that the location was an eyesore.
  - Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz gave her report. She mentioned the Easter Egg Hunt, April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Gazebo Garden Walk in May, and Newsie's on Friday and Saturday at the Lindley PAC.
7. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**
  - Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed the Police facility financing, where they decided on direct placement bond. He further reported that they should have legislation to vote on within the next couple of weeks. Motion by Hartman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rowland to compensate the Auxiliary Police \$15.53 per hour, effective the second pay in April, and to compensate the Auxiliary Police Captain \$16.54 per hour. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Mr. Hartman mentioned that the SLCAD would begin interviewing candidates for the Executive Director position within the next couple of weeks.
  - Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee will meet on March 21<sup>st</sup>, prior to council.
  - Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council. She mentioned that the

20 yr. old snow blower is inoperable, and quotes for a new machine is estimated at approximately \$40,000. She reported that Leak Seekers found 4 leaks in the Village, where two were repaired by Public Works, and two are on service lines, which are the homeowner's responsibility. Ms. Dronsfield reported that Public Works ran the camera in the storm sewer at the new police station property, where they found that storm sewer to be an original from 1896, and is still in very good shape.

- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council. They discussed the tree project in the business district, and mentioned there was a lot of ruckus, however it must be done to correct the uneven sidewalks. Mr. Rowland gave hats off accolades to the water and sewer departments, who are getting through this tough time, and making sure they deliver safe drinking water to Wellington. He further mentioned that they are moving forward to find a replacement for Greg Frenk, which will not be an easy task.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee will meet prior to council on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council. Motion by Rowland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to accept the resignation of auxiliary officer Matthew Conley, effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Motion by Rowland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to move John Ball from part time patrolman to special officer position, effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Motion by Rowland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dronsfield to hire Jeff Mecklenburg as a part time patrolman, at \$26.02 per hour effective March 12, 2022. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

## **8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 351.99 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to move the third reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022.09**

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MAY CONDUCT ITS PROCEEDINGS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, AND THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS MAY ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Mr. Wells reported that the legislation became available last week, and asked Mr. Bond to draft the resolution. He mentioned that there are upcoming instances where this resolution may make it possible to get a quorum together at any time, and felt it should be passed as an emergency. Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dronsfield to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bughman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

## **9. OLD BUSINESS - None**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

**Newsies!** – Mayor Schneider announced that the McCormick Drama Club was performing Newsies on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, tickets are \$5.00 students, and \$10.00 adults, and encouraged residents to attend at the Patricia Lindley PAC. Ms. Dronsfield added that her Granddaughter is a cast member, and reported how excited the kids were to perform. She mentioned that they had to cancel their last scheduled performance, two years ago, due to COVID.

**Coffee with the Mayor** – Mayor Schneider reported that Tim Alcorn attended the last Coffee with the Mayor, and appreciated his attendance. He mentioned that the next Coffee with the Mayor March 26<sup>th</sup>, at Bread-N-Brew from 9AM – 11 AM, where the two candidates for Judge, Melissa Kobasher, and Kim Meyers would be in attendance, and invited residents to attend.

**State of Wellington Breakfast** – Mayor Schneider announced that the State of Wellington breakfast would be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles, tickets are \$15.00. He thanked Kiwanis for sponsoring the breakfast.

**HOA** – Mr. Neff had questions regarding the HOA in Parkside Reserve; Mayor Schneider answered his questions. There was some discussion concerning the HOA's.

## **11. ADJOURN – Motion by Hartman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bughman to adjourn at 7:34 PM**