

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

November 7, 2022

7:25 PM

1. **Public Hearing – 6:45 PM** – Mayor Schneider called the Public Hearing to order at 7:06 Pm and requested roll call.

a) **Roll Call**

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 Manger Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, LT. Poling, Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Arntz, Leslie Simonson, Cynthia Jones, and Becky Loughin

b) **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-44**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1175.11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, RELATIVE TO ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS – Mayor Schneider opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Greever gave a brief overview of the ordinance and the recommendations from the Zoning Board for the legislation. Village residents Leslie Simonson, Cynthia Jones, and Becky Loughin were opposed to electronic signs in the business district. They also opposed the sign that they understood would be placed in front of the Town Hall or in the Union School Park. Mayor Schneider explained that the ordinance was to legislate electronic signage in the Village, and further explained that this was not an issue of a Village owned sign. There was some discussion concerning electronic signage in the business district in general. Mr. Hartman thanked the ladies for attending, and encouraged them to return. Mayor Schneider closed the floor for the public hearing. Motion by Feron, 2nd by Hartman to adjourn the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

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

3. **ROLL CALL**

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 Manger Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, LT. Poling, Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Arntz, Leslie Simonson, Cynthia Jones, and Becky Loughin

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Feron to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2022 council meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

101 General Fund	\$	73,962.04
205 Police Pension Trust Fund	\$	1,508.26
208 Permissive Vehicle Tax	\$	7,971.78
290 Caring Fund	\$	100.00
401 Capital Improvement	\$	296,061.21
501 Water Fund	\$	49,227.68
502 Sewer Fund	\$	18,785.06
503 Electric Fund	\$	22,119.53
Power Bills	\$	561,229.60
504 Garbage Fund	\$	100.00
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	3,447.13
508 Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	814.59
Pay 21	\$	118,206.58
Pay 22	\$	112,853.65
Total	\$	1,266,387.11

6. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

- Mayor Schneider – Mayor Schneider announced that Joe Fox placed 45th out of 185 participants in the State Cross Country meet. Congratulations Joe!
- Law Director Bond
- Chief Barfield Absent – LT. Poling reported that the Police Dept. was participating in No Shave November, \$30 per participant, and they are still deciding on where to donate their proceeds.
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Mrs. Pfeiffer reported that her summary was included in the packet and would be happy to answer any questions.

- Village Manager Greever – Village Manager Greever reported that his memo was included in the packet and contained an abundance of information. He offered to answer any questions.
- Public Participation – None.
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz gave her report which included fall flower pot contest winners, Small Business Saturday, with Christmas in the Village in the Town Hall both on November 26th, and First Friday December 2nd called Wrap it Up. She mentioned that the business owners discussed moving days for First Fridays, as Fridays are difficult with sporting events and work. Ms. Arntz announced Wellington Saturday Socials which would take place on the third Saturday of the month in the coming year. She also announced a designer purse raffle coming in February, to raise funds for Main Street Wellington, more details to come.

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee will meet prior to council on November 21st.
- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to council and will meet again on November 21st at 4 PM. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to hire Justin Schwark as a part time Patrolman at \$22.30 per hour, effective after passing testing. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council where they discussed Denes Concrete beginning street repairs on N. Mill St. tomorrow. Other topics included leaf collection, and a discussion concerning crosswalks on Sheila Dr., Jones St., and Jones St. & N. Main St.
- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed power outages, one limb and one squirrel, Water Treatment Plant fire cleanup still underway, an Efficiency Smart presentation with a contract ordinance on tonight’s agenda.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman mentioned that the committee will meet prior to council on December 5th.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the next meeting is to be determined.

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-44

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1175.11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, RELATIVE TO ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS 3rd Reading

(Tabled on 10/03/22) Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Wells to take the ordinance off the table. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-49

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.12 OF THE VILLAGE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL, RELATIVE TO EMPLOYEE TRAINING LOANS 2nd Reading

Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Hartman to move the second reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-50

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Wells to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Bughman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-51

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE VILLAGE’S SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES COMMENCING IN 2023, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-52

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SUBSECTION 159.05(C) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON RELATIVE TO AUXILIARY POLICE UNIFORMS 1st Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-53

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL INSURANCE RECEIPTS AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES 1st Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Feron to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-54

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SELL AT INTERNET AUCTION AN ULTRAVIOLET WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES

1st Reading

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Bughman to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Bughman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-55

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER FUNDS AND PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Feron to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-56

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF AN EFFICIENCY SMART SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER INC.

1st Reading

Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Bughman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

Mr. Hartman explained that the preceding ordinances were all discussed in committee. When council votes on the ordinances, they have already been discussed.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Leslie Simonson had questions regarding the trees in the business district; Mr. Greever reported that he has called in a favor of a friend who is a horticulturist in St. Louis. She is working with a landscaping person and they are working on compiling samples to present to council. Mr. Hartman added that the discussion will be done in committee and encouraged Mrs. Simonson to attend.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Election Day – Mr. Hartman encouraged everyone to go out and vote tomorrow!

11. ADJOURN – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 7:50 PM