

**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**

Kelly St. Fire Station Meeting Room

November 20, 2023

7:30 PM

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

2. 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 Manager Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Chief McPike, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Zoning Inspector Clark, Fire Chief Wetherbee, Richard Hardy, Steve Maurer, Terry Mazzone, Olivia Ramirez, Hugo Sarmiento, Spencer Brasee, Eva Robinette	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Wells to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2023 Council Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

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

101	General Fund	\$	69,212.17
201	Street CM&R Fund	\$	14,666.52
208	Permissive Vehicle Tax	\$	4,088.73
215	American Rescue Plan Act '21	\$	3,741.00
290	Caring Fund	\$	100.00
301	SPC Assess Bond Retire	\$	8,304.34
401	Capital Improvement	\$	105,463.77
501	Water Fund	\$	21,669.64
502	Sewer Fund	\$	21,122.65
503	Electric Fund	\$	30,113.80
504	Garbage Fund	\$	30,230.40
505	Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	32.45
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	2,298.68
508	Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	234.73
	Pay 23	\$	126,304.10
	Total	\$	437,582.98

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
- Chief McPike – Nothing to report
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Nothing to report
- Village Manager Greever – Nothing to report
- Public Participation
 - LINC – Terry Mazzone was in attendance to update Council on the status of the LINC program, and to give a general overview of the drug education, awareness, and treatment services it provides.
 - Resident Richard Hardy – Mr. Hardy had questions for Council regarding the AMI meters, and the electric rate increase; Mr. Greever, Mr. Wells, and Mr. Hartman answered his questions. He also raised questions concerning a handicap parking space in front of the old Wellington Enterprise office; Mr. Greever will review.
- Main Street Wellington – Mayor Schneider gave an update from MSW Director Antz, which included a craft show December 2nd from 10 AM – 4:00 PM at the Town Hall, and the Christmas Tree lighting event at Union School Park at 5:30 PM. He also mentioned a new antique store opening, Things Unique in the old Verizon store.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to Council where they discussed the first review of the 2024 budget. He mentioned that RITA collections are up 9.3% from this time last year, and health insurance is up \$66,000, still \$70,000 less than 2 years ago with the County insurance plan.
- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to Council where they heard great reviews from

Chief McPike concerning the Open House, and congratulated the department for pulling it all together and hosting the community. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to hire Elizabeth Smitley as a part-time dispatcher at \$18.18 per hour, with a six-month probationary period, effective after passing drug testing. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee will meet on December 4, prior to Council.
- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee will meet prior to Council on December 4.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met prior to Council and had discussions on roosters, chickens, and waterfowl within the Village. He mentioned that they also discussed unleashed dogs.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the next meeting is to be determined and mentioned the second reading for the rate increase was on tonight’s agenda.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-35

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 927.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE TO FOSTER MAINTENANCE OF APPROPRIATE ELECTRIC FUND BALANCES THROUGH NECESSARY RATE INCREASES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

2nd Reading

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-36

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND OTHER VILLAGE LEGAL COUNSEL, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

2nd Reading

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-37

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE VILLAGE’S SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES, COMMENCING IN 2024, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

2nd Reading

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-38

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

(Requesting Suspension of the Rules)

Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Hartman 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”.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-39

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A WAIVER, AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE TEMPORARY REEMPLOYMENT, OF CERTAIN RETIRING EMPLOYEES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

(Requesting Suspension of the Rules)

Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Feron 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”.

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Village Offices Closed – Mayor Schneider reminded residents that the Village Offices would be closed on Nov. 23 and 24, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Government Students – Ms. Dronsfield gave a short summary of tonight’s meeting, and thanked the Government students for attending the meeting.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 7:54 PM