

**Village of Wellington
Council Meeting Minutes
Hans Schneider, Mayor**

Council: Gene Hartman-Council President, Mark Bughman, Helen Dronsfield, Gary Feron, Keith Rowland

Council Chambers

February 5, 2024

7:00 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 Gen Hartman – Present

Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield – Present

Councilman Keith Rowland – Present

Councilman Gary Feron – Present

Others Present – Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Sgt. Athanus, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Zoning Inspector Clark, Marla Lent, Scott Markel, Richard Hardy, Ayers Ratliff, Supt. Ed. Weber, Joseph Saunders, Kathy Kurtz and Wellington K-Kids, MSW Director Arntz, Carol Burke, Sheila Holmes, and many friends and well-wishers honoring Mrs. Lent

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Feron to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 special session council meeting minutes and the January 16, 2024 council meeting minutes. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

4. 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	\$	60,773.49
201	Street CM&R Fund	\$	50.37
208	Permissive Vehicle Tax	\$	14.53
401	Capital Improvement	\$	20,506.76
501	Water Fund	\$	35,621.91
502	Sewer Fund	\$	48,080.24
503	Electric Fund	\$	61,775.16
504	Garbage Fund	\$	30,558.04
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	35.42
508	Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	332.06
	Pay 2	\$	127,363.62
	Total	\$	385,101.60

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider – Mayor Schneider announced that he would be swearing in a new Police Officer, and the new Auxiliary Captain tomorrow.
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
- Chief McPike – absent – Sgt. Athanus had nothing to report
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Mrs. Pfeiffer mentioned that her report was included in the packet and offered to answer any questions.
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever had nothing additional to discuss, and offered to answer any questions.
- Public Participation – Ayers Ratliff, Ed Weber, Cathy Kurtz and the K-Kids, Sheila Holmes, and Carol Burke and many other well-wishers were in attendance to celebrate Marla Lent. Mrs. Lent has dedicated 35 years of service to the Village and was awarded the Employee of the Year award for 2023. Ayers Ratliff, Ed Weber, Kathy Kurtz and the K-Kids thanked her for her involvement with the Kiwanis nut sale, where all proceeds go to scholarships for Wellington students. Her admirers let her know how special she is to all of them, and that everyone appreciates her hard work and public service dedication! Congratulations Marla!
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz reminded the audience about Kiwanis Pancake Day is Friday Feb. 9th. She reminded residents of the Designer Purse Raffle on Saturday Feb. 10th, and mentioned the upcoming Easter Egg Scramble on March 15th.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that he committee would meet on February 20th prior to council. He further reported that the Fire Board minutes were included in the packet.
- Police – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee will meet on February 20th prior to council.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council and reviewed Mr. Brasee's report which was business as usual. Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Hartman to accept the retirement resignation of Scott Markel effective January 31, 2024, with regret. Roll call vote was taken with all

- members voting "yes". Scott Markel was met with applause.
- Utility – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met prior to council and heard of the scheduled April generator repair, lights not working in the underpass, pumping water to the reservoir (14.3 million gallons in January), and lift station repairs.
 - Ordinance – Mr. Feron reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed the domestic fowl ordinance, where it was decided: no roosters, 6 hen limit, a \$35.00 permit fee with a \$10.00 annual inspection fee. He further reported that the committee will meet on March 4th at 5:00 PM to discuss junk cars, leashed dogs, and the parking ordinance.
 - Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council in executive session, where no decisions were made.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES FOR ACTIVE AND INTERIM FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS AND DEPOSIT VILLAGE FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 2nd Reading Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to approve the second reading. Roll call vote was taken with all member voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE NEW AMI SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

(Requesting Suspension of the Rules)

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

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS

State of the Village – Mayor Schneider announced the date of the State of Wellington is scheduled for March 28, 2024 at the Wellington Eagles, tickets will be going on sale very soon.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Hartman thanked the audience for attending the meeting and mentioned that the Pledge of Allegiance sounded very special this evening, with the entire room together in unison. He thanked everyone for his or her participation.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 7:34 PM