

Village of Wellington
Council Meeting Minutes
Hans Schneider, Mayor
Council: Gene Hartman-Council President, Steve Boham, Mark Bughman, Helen Dronsfield,
Gary Feron, Keith Rowland

Council Chambers

July 1, 2024

7:27 PM

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

2. ROLL CALL

Councilman Steve Boham – Present

Councilman Mark Bughman – Present

Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield – Present

Others Present – Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Chief McPike, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Zoning Inspector Clark, MSW Director Arntz, Terry Mazzone

Councilman Gary Feron – Present

Council President Gene Hartman – Present

Councilman Keith Rowland – Present

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Rowland to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

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

101	General Fund	\$	38,851.23
201	Street CM&R Fund	\$	2,509.09
207	Police "CPT" Training	\$	875.00
215	American Rescue Plan Act '21	\$	87,502.50
401	Capital Improvement	\$	72,023.52
501	Water Fund	\$	8,807.99
502	Sewer Fund	\$	5,004.97
503	Electric Fund	\$	33,978.67
	Power Bills	\$	474,208.05
504	Garbage Fund	\$	100.00
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	6,368.32
518	Unclaimed Monies 2022	\$	90.00
	Pay 13	\$	146,788.55
	Total	\$	877,107.89

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond - Absent
- Chief McPike – Nothing to report
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Mrs. Pfeiffer had nothing to report.
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever recognized Brian Burke for his assistance in making the live stream cameras a reality and mentioned that this is the first live stream since the State of Wellington address. He further mentioned that with Brian's help the cost for the setup with three cameras was \$1,000. Thank you Brian for volunteering!!
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz reported that the rain location for the Patriot Symphonic Band July 3 is the Patricia Lindley Center, and the rain date for fireworks will be July 5. She mentioned that the rain location for the ice cream social has not been ironed out. She thanked the Wellington Eagles and the Village of Wellington for the fireworks this year, and mentioned that the parade is expected to be over an hour long. She reported that there will be a Kiwanis 100th anniversary celebration on September 26 with live music at the Wellington Eagles from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. She reminded residents about the Garden Tour and Expo on July 27th.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to council and reviewed RITA collections that are up 17.3% ahead of last year. He further reported that they received a letter from Dr. Robert Stauffer President of LINC requesting that the Village allocate \$3,294.03 received from the Opioid settlement, be donated to LINC. Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Feron to allocate the initial installment of \$3,294.03 to the LINC organization this year, with future year's settlement allocations to be used as council sees fit. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".
- Police – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council and briefly discussed Police overtime, and the rebranding of the police vehicles.

- **Public Works** – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed the sidewalk program, with four sidewalks being repaired soon. She reminded residents that the program will be available again next year, and the Village matches the homeowner cost 50/50. She mentioned that homeowners should contact the Public Works Dept. with reports of broken sidewalk due to tree lawn trees. She reported that the week of August 19th the Reservoir driveway will be repaved and will be closed to traffic. Ms. Dronsfield mentioned that the splash pad hours will be added to the Village website, and will have signs made and posted at the Rec. Park. She reported that Columbia Gas will be out to repair tree lawns that were unsatisfactorily repaired previously on West St.
- **Utility** – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met prior to council, and hung 50 – 75 banners in the CBD. He mentioned that the Electric Dept. installed the transformer at the Family Dollar location. Mr. Bughman reported that the all four operators at the Water Plant passed their recertification's for the OEPA for four more years. He reported that meetings have begun with the insurance company for the Water Treatment Plant rebuild, and the lift station location on Parkside has been finalized.
- **Ordinance** – Mr. Feron reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed the revision of the fowl ordinance, for setbacks of certain coops. He mentioned that they are prepared to suspend the rules and vote on the ordinance tonight. Mr. Feron reported that they had a DORA discussion where times have been limited to 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM, and one police officer will be required per event, and mentioned that they are still working on the ordinance. Mr. Feron reported that they received a letter from a Wenner St. resident concerning RV's parked in driveways, and they also discussed on street parking on Wenner St.; they will continue these discussions at the next meeting.
- **Personnel** – Mr. Boham mentioned that the next meeting is to be determined.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

(5 Minutes Per Person For Questions & Comments)

Terry Mazzone – Mr. Mazzone, the community coordinator for the LINC program, thanked Village council for the donation. He reported that in 2019 or 2020 a documentary about the formation of LINC was done in Wellington, and is just coming out. He further reported that the documentary will be premiered at the Lindley Center on July 29 at 7:00 PM.

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-27

AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 505.08 PERTAINING TO DOMESTIC FOWL REGULATIONS AND PERMITTING

1st Reading

Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman 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".

9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

Veterans Banners – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the veteran's banners are great, and thanked the Electric Dept. for hanging her twin brothers banners together! She mentioned that she has heard that people really like the banners. Mayor Schneider agreed, and said that it is a great project. Mr. Feron asked how to purchase a banner; Mayor Schneider reported that you need to see Marla for the application, and the banners were approximately \$200.00.

Village Comments – Mr. Hartman reported that the Mayor of Ashland visited council and stated that we have a beautiful Village. Mr. Hartman agreed, and thanked the Village employees, thanked John Sedlick and his crew for the fantastic job they did on the Town Hall painting. He thanked the Electric Dept. for doing a great job hanging the veteran's banners, and thanked Public works for mowing and trimming and keeping the Village grounds neat. He thanked the residents who painted "Dukes" on the underpass hill. He thanked the Safety Services, and stated that that Wellington is blessed to have them. Mayor Schneider agreed, and thanked Kiwanis for their flag project as well; Terry Mazzone reported that Kiwanis has over 200 flags in their program. Ms. Dronsfield thanked Village residents for keeping their properties up, and their flowers and gardens look great! Mayor Schneider added that the new mural on the side of La Troje Mexican restaurant is a great addition as well.

Fireworks and July 3 & 4 Events – Mr. Bughman mentioned the fireworks on July 3, and the Patriotic Symphonic Band, and the festivities are a lot of work, and should be a great time!

11. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 7:58 PM

