

City of Wellsville
411 Main
Wellsville, KS 66092

The regular meeting of the Wellsville City Council was held on Wednesday, May 13th 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room located at 411 Main. Councilmen present were Scott Hutchinson, Nichole Pruitt, Chuck Rutledge, Luke Henry and Cory Cunningham. Department heads present were City Superintendent Darien Kerr, Police Chief Danny Hackler and Building and Codes Official Pat Burton.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation were given.

Councilman Hutchinson moved to approve the consent agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting. Councilman Henry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Lytle opened the meeting up for public comments.

Kati Hopkins spoke to council about trucks pulling trailers going thru the easement and collapsing the culvert. The police have been called twice and the people were talked too, but they are continuing to do so. She is asking for some fill dirt to fill in ruts. She would like signs of no parking in that area.

The manager of Las Catrinas was present to talk about putting tables in front of Las Catrinas. Pat Burton said he measured that area and said in the cut outs he may fit a few tables. Pat said encroaching into the sidewalk or street isn't a good idea with the amount of room that is in that area.

Councilman Henry suggested that they need to give a 3ft space at least for walk ability. Councilman Cunningham suggested trying the nook area's first to see how it goes.

Pat Burton suggested allowing staff to work with the owner and the 3ft space.

Consensus was to allow Las Catrinas to put tables up front on a trial period.

Pat also said that the dumpster out back needs to be enclosed.

City Superintendent Darien Kerr gave the Public works activity report. Darien reported they found the leak at the baby pool. Darien also said the list for the pool has been finished. Darien brought up the Wellsville clean up, Ottawa Sanitation charged us over \$6,000 this year when it normally runs approximately \$1200.00. We need to budget the clean up or do something different next year.

Darien said there is an Elm tree at the cemetery that needs taken down from a lightening strike. Darien said he could get pricing from a tree company for removal. Darien said there is at least 2 more that need taken out, but he and his crew can take those out.

Chief Hackler gave the Police Department report. Saturday the 17th is the night train biker run. The Police will escort them to 56 Hwy this year.

The week of May 19th Sgt. Garcia and Chief Hackler will be in training in Hutchinson.

Chief said we need to adopt a Hazardous Mitigation Plan and the County will be here to answer any questions.

This will also be a good time to look at an Emergency Management plan.

Building and Codes official Pat Burton gave the building and codes report. Pat said Icon is about 50% done with sanitary. Pat also said that the drainage ditch behind Pendleton is a problem. The new house has clogged up that ditch which is damming up water. Pat will meet with the builder to discuss the issue.

Pat said we need to re-visit our engineering firm we have had lots of items that have not been done correctly.

Pat met with the State and Evergy the new light poles will be galvanized break- a -way poles for the round- about. Pat will write a letter to Evergy agreeing to put the poles on the leasing system there will be approximately 11 of them. Pat said they will have to close Stafford and 10th at times. They will provide a traffic routing to council.

Councilman Hutchinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Henry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Clerk
Tammy Jones