

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in a Special Meeting on August 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Room, City Administration Center, with Mayor Shelley Hansel presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hansel.

Council members Kelly Hawley, Jan Korte, Bill Butts, and Jim Valentine were present at roll call. Council members Kip Etter and Vince Wetta were absent at roll call.

Members of the Staff present were City Manager Shane Shields, Finance Director/City Clerk Carol Mericle, Public Utility Director Jason Newberry.

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**League of Kansas Municipalities Voting Delegates-Memo from City Clerk-Mericle.** Director/Clerk Mericle reminded Council they need to elect voting delegates for the September 16-18<sup>th</sup> meeting in Wichita. Council member Korte moved to elect Manager Shields and Mayor Hansel as voting delegates for the LKM meeting. Council member Hawley seconded. The motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

***Notice of Budget Hearing 2018-Includes Budget Hearing Affidavit, State Budget Forms, Final Budget Notes, and 2018 Capital Expenditures list.*** Manager Shields gave opening comments on the Budget, and the increase of the levy by 2.479 mills. He explained the final valuation of property will come in November and may slightly affect the levy. The Budget was presented to Council on July 25, 2017 and no directions were given to change it.

Mayor opened the Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget and invited anyone who wanted to speak concerning the Budget to come forward. Lena Sistruck, manager of the Wellington Senior Center, came forward. She said the Senior Center had requested a contribution of \$5,000 but had only been notified of an award of \$3,750. She added they needed the full \$5,000 requested to pay their utilities since rates have increased.

Conita Cody, 323 S, Blaine, came forward to speak about the Senior Center contribution also. She told that 41 people were served lunch today, then played bingo this afternoon. She added that the current month's Utility bill was \$800.

Mrs. Sistrunk again spoke and wanted to know why the notice of the amount to be awarded was dated August 14<sup>th</sup>, and not in time for them to question the amount. Manager Shields explained the budget was proposed to Council at the July 25<sup>th</sup> Work Session and the public is always welcome to attend.

Marvin Rains, 1121 N. B, spoke and said he is the vice-president of the Senior Center and if there is any way to restore funding it would help them. He told of recent expenses they had incurred.

Council member Valentine said these people are important to the community and he would like the budget restored for them. He moved to take half of the needed amount from the Golf Subsidy and half from the funding for the Humane Society. The motion died for lack of a second. There was more discussion on restoring the funding. Cindy Antonich, 310 E. 13<sup>TH</sup>, addressed the Council, saying it would be bleak to be home bound and only see one face each day for meals and this should not go away.

Melva Schalk, 208 E. South, spoke about the Senior Center needs.

Kevin Dodds, 310 S. Jefferson, asked if the Traffic Light for the Cowley College/Walmart intersection was still in the Budget. Manager Shields answered it has been moved to the Bond Issue and replace by other things in the Budget.

There was more discussion on where these funds could come from. Mayor Hansel volunteered to give up her Mayor salary for 2018 to give the funds needed for this, and Council member Valentine said he would do the same. Manager Shields said it would be easier if he was directed to pay this amount out

of contingency. He added the Council could approve the Budget as it is and still do this after the Ordinance is passed.

Mayor Hansel closed the Public Hearing on the 2018 Budget.

**ORDINANCES**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING, AND APPROPRIATING BY FUNR THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND APPROVING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2018 was introduced and considered. Council Korte moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Council Butts seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting “AYE” were Council members Butts, Valentine, and Korte. Those voting “NAY” were Council member Hawley. An Ordinance requires a majority of all the members-elect, which is 4, to pass. Mayor was asked for her vote and she voted “AYE”. Number 4212 was assigned to this Ordinance.

**OTHER**

Council member Butts moved to have the City Manager pay an additional \$1,250 to the Wellington Senior Center in 2018, with the amount coming from the General Fund Contingency. Council member Valentine seconded. The motion carried.

City Manager Shields updated the Council on the Lincoln Place building. The inspection scheduled for Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup>, on the adjacent building was completed. This will tell the contractor if it is advisable to work off the roof of the adjacent building on the demolition.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried.

Approved and filed this day, September 5, 2017.

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Mayor

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City Clerk