

Wellington City Council Meeting – April 15, 2025

By Ally Wysocki

The City Council meeting opened with the call to order and pledge of allegiance. Reverend Darick Jones of the Wellington Baptist Temple led the invocation. All City Council members were present for the meeting.

Audience Participation began with an update from Zach Cooper, Director of the Cowley College - Sumner Campus. Cooper stated that April and May are very busy for the college. Enrollment is currently open for the fall and summer semesters.

On Saturday, April 19th, the Sumner County Farm Bureau provided a legislative talk to farmers, ranchers, and the public. Monday is a big enrollment day for Sumner Campus, they will be having staff from Ark City to assist with this. The campus will also host an Open House of the campus, showcasing the new EMS program and providing tours of the campus.

Also on Monday, in room 208, the Cowley Board of Trustees will be conducting their monthly meeting. The Sumner County Historical Society will be hosting a presentation in the Community Room that same evening.

On Wednesday April 23rd and Thursday April 24th, the annual Cowley College Robotics Competition will take place. Cooper mentioned that more judges were needed, lunch will be provided.

The greenhouse has been moved to the back side of the tech building. Its permanent location will be between the two buildings once they can get electricity and water ran to it. Councilwoman Cindy Antonich asked if they have a horticulture program. Cooper stated they currently have a crop and plant science class that can be transferred as credit. The college is still currently working on the apiary sites and once they are moved to the Sumner Campus, they will be placing a fence around the beehives.

The last audience participation item was a

proclamation for Fair Housing. April is Fair Housing month.

During Reports of Mayor and Council, Councilwoman Cindy Antonich started by thanking the street department, as she has seen a lot of street repairs. She also thanked Valerie Earl and the Chamber of Commerce for a successful and fun ladies night out.

Councilman Kevin Dodds discussed that he was sent a video of a transient defecating on somebody else's property. Dodds would like to speak with Wellington Police Chief Tracy Heath about what can be done. There is a concern that several properties are being taken over by transients. Dodds asked Wellington Building and Code Official Jamie Cornejo if something could be done on the code enforcement side. Cornejo explained that the only time something can be done would be during the night time if utilities are not hooked up in the homes.

Councilwoman Jan Grace asked City Manager Jeff Porter when the Sumner County Economic Development Office would be providing an update. He stated that there would be an update at the City Council meeting in May.

During reports of City Officials, Heidi Theurer completed several votes for open spots on several City Boards. For the Airport Advisory Board, Katie Church was chosen to continue in her role. The Board of Zoning Appeals nominated Jane Cole to remain in her position.

The Combined Trade Board has eight open positions available and Charlie Jeffries was chosen for one of those positions. For the Healthcare Authority Board, there were two open positions. Cecilia Newman and David Engel were nominated for these positions.

For the Housing Authority Board, Susan Nance was nominated. For the Library Board, Marlene Hanson and Jerry Elmore were nominated for those positions. For the Memorial Auditorium Board, Mark Green and Lorraine Waldorf were nominated.



Lorraine Waldorf was also voted in for the open Park Board position.

For the Planning Commission, Ty Sober was nominated. Finally, Danny Crittenden was nominated for the Land Bank Board. All nominations were voted in with a 6-0 vote.

An annual street closing request for Wellington Public Library for their Summer Reading Kick-off on Thursday May 22, 2025, 7th Street from Jefferson Avenue to Washington Avenue, 3 - 8pm was made. This was approved by a 6-0 vote.

No Public Hearings took place during the meeting.

There were no Ordinances during the meeting.

A Resolution fixing the time and place and providing notice of a hearing before the governing body of the City of Wellington, Kansas, at which the owners, their agents, lienholders of record and any occupants of the buildings located below may appear and show cause why such building should not be condemned and ordered Demolished was discussed for 1105 S. Jefferson. The building's roof is caving in and the owner, as an heir to his father's estate, does not want anything to do with the property. The Resolution was passed by a unanimous 6-0 vote.

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A third Resolution approving and accepting bids and authorizing the City Manager to execute a three-year agreement with the Arnold Group of Wichita, KS in the amount of \$50,287.00 for classification and compensation consulting services was discussed. The Resolution was passed by a unanimous 6-0 vote.

A fourth Resolution adopting a civil rights/fair housing policy relating to the Community Development Block Grant program for the city of Wellington, KS was discussed. Porter stated in order to keep the grant for the library, they must have a policy on how to deal with fair housing related complaints. The Resolution was passed by a unanimous 6-0 vote.

A fifth Resolution naming officers or employees that are authorized to transfer funds in the State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool was discussed. The city invests idle funds in the municipal investment pool and the new City Treasurer needs authorization to the account. The Resolution was passed by a unanimous 6-0 vote.

A sixth Resolution approving and accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order with Stell-Jones of Tacoma, WA for forty-five (45) electric power poles in the amount of \$18,767.63 for electric distribution was discussed. This is an annual restock to be prepared for the upcoming storm season. The Resolution was passed by a unanimous 6-0 vote.

The final Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Matt Metcalf and Brady Short of Wellington, KS for the prosecutorial services for the City of Wellington was discussed. Metcalf and Short introduced themselves to the Council and City Staff and thanked everyone for the opportunity to assist the City.

The City Council meeting was adjourned.

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RESOLUTION NO. 6373
RESOLUTION FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, AT WHICH THE OWNERS, THEIR AGENTS, ANY LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD AND ANY OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDINGS LOCATED BELOW MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH BUILDINGS SHOULD NOT BE

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215 S. F St. | Cathy King
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City Clerk's Office: 620-326-2811
Building & Codes Department: 620-326-3871

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CONDEMNED AND ORDERED DEMOLISHED.

Lot 13 and the West Half of Lot 14, Block 4, Highland Park Addition, City of Wellington, Sumner County, KS otherwise known as 1101 East Lincoln Ave.
WHEREAS, the Code Official of the City of Wellington, Kansas, did on the 15th day of April 2025, file with the Governing Body of the City of Wellington, Kansas, a statement in writing that certain structures, premises, herein described, are unsafe and dangerous. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, that a hearing be held on the 3rd day of June 2025 before the Governing Body of the City of Wellington, Kansas at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 317 South Washington, in said City at which time and place the owners, their agents, any lien holders of record and any occupant of the structures, buildings or premises mentioned herein may appear and show cause why such structures, buildings or premises should not be condemned and ordered demolished. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to

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be published and given notice of the aforesaid hearing in the manner provided by K.S.A. 12-1752 and City of Wellington 2015 IPMC (amended). ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY of the City of Wellington, Kansas, this 15th day of April 2025.
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