

**TOWN OF WELLSTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12TH, 2026
6:00PM**

- 1. ROLL CALL: BRANDON HUNT, PAUL WHITNAH, BUTCH MELROSE, LEVI BOUSKA, LYNLEE BOUSKA**
- 2. CONSENT AGENDA:** *All matters listed will be enacted by one motion unless a request is made for discussion by any council member or member of the audience, in which case, the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately following this portion of the agenda.*
 - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8TH, 2026 BOARD MEETING & JANUARY 23RD, 2026 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING.**
 - B. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS FOR JANUARY 2026**

**BUTCH M. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA;
BRANDON H. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL
MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B.
YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0**

- 3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**
- 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:**

A: DISCUSSION ONLY: - Sam Jordan

- a. January Sales Tax- \$62,580.97**
- b. January Use Tax- \$17,301.75**
- c. Judds/Library**
- d. Survival Flight**

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: On Commercial/Residential building permit at 210 Hayes. – **Carl Phillips**

**LEVI B. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 210 HAYES PERMIT WITH
VARIANCES; BRANDON H. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED
WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W.
YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0**

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: On discussion and possible action of Chris Ingram-Terran Co. to discuss Microsoft changes and go over current network status and proposed improvements. – **Chris Ingram**

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO TABLE; BUTCH M. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

- D. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** On Leslie Wilbourn, Five Tool Management, to begin researching, preparing, and completing the request for application for the TSET HIG Grant. If the Town of Wellston is awarded this funding opportunity, the Wellston Board of Trustees will accept the award to help with the Wellston Rt 66 Splashpad budget- **Leslie Wilbourn**

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE TSET HIG GRANT PROCESS; BUTCH M. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

- E. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** The Wellston Board of Trustees accepting and adopting the Tobacco-Free City Owned Property Ordinance replacing all existing ordinances - **Leslie Wilbourn**

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026.02.01 CITY OWNED TOBACCO-FREE; BUTCH M. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

- F. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** The Wellston Board of Trustees accepting and adopting the Tobacco, Smoke, and Vapor Free Ordinance replacing all existing ordinances - **Leslie Wilbourn**

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026.02.02 TOBACCO FREE; LEVI B. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

- G. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** The Wellston Board of Trustees accepting and adopting the Town of Wellston's Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco Ordinance replacing all existing polices - **Leslie Wilbourn**

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026.02.03 YOUTH ACCESS; PAUL W. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

- H. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** The Wellston Board of Trustees accepting and adopting the Resolution to Support and Promote Farmers' Markets, Community Gardens and/or Food Pantries - **Leslie Wilbourn**

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026.02.01 TSET HEALTHY COMMUNITIES; BUTCH M. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION

CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

- I. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** The Wellston Board of Trustees accepting and adopting the Resolution to Support and Promote Farmers' Markets, Community Gardens and/or Food Pantries Resolution to Support Active Living in the Town of Wellston - **Leslie Wilbourn**

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026.02.02 ACTIVE LIVING; BUTCH M. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

- J. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof the proposed resolutions shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval - **Leslie Wilbourn**

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026.02.03; BUTCH M. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

- K. Discussion/Action RE:** Municipal Road Drilling activity fund notification. -**Leslie Wilbourn**

NO ACTION

- L. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** Rt. 66 Revitalization Wellston Majestic Buffalo and Splashpad project. -**Leslie Wilbourn**

NO ACTION

- M. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** On approval of special permit for 2026 Wellston Alumni Festivities. - **Samantha Jordan**

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL PERMIT FOR 2026 ALUMNI FESTIVITIES; PAUL W. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

- N. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** On approval to research and get a competitive bid from LifeNet for ambulance service. (sponsored by Butch Melrose) -**Samantha Jrodan**

BUTCH M. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESEARCHING AND GETTING A BID FROM LIFENET; BRANDON H. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION

CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

- O. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** On purchasing additional AED for Fire Department EMRA jump bag. – **Todd Beesley**

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASING AN ADDITIONAL AED FOR WFD EMRA JUMP BAG; BUTCH M. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

- P. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** Discussion and possible action of Board authority over expenditure of Fire Department funds from Town Accounts and Sales Tax Revenues – **Samantha Jordan**

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO TABLE; LEVI B. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

- Q. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** Discussion and possible action of Board's authority over Police Department expenditures from the Town Account, including review of budget allocations, salaries, overtime, hiring, and related operating expenses. – **Samantha Jordan**

BUTCH M. MADE A MOTION THAT IF THE \$36,000.00 WPD MONTHLY BUDGET IS EXCEEDED ANY GIVEN MONTH, THE CHIEF MUST PRESENT A REPORT EXPLAINING THE REASON FOR OVERAGE; BUTCH M. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

R. OFFICER REPORTS:

- A. Police**
- B. Fire**
- C. Emergency Management**

- S. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:** CONSIDER APPROVAL TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF TITLE 25, O.S. 2001, AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 307 (B) (1) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION THE EMPLOYMENT, HIRING, APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINING, OR RESIGNATION OF ANY INDIVIDUAL SALARIED PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE:

- 1. Police Chief called by Town Board**

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION; LEVI B. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, PAUL W. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 5-0

T. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: RETURNING TO REGULAR SESSION

BUTCH M. MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION; BRANDON H. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 4-0 (PAUL W. LEFT DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION)

U. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: DISCUSSION THE EMPLOYMENT, HIRING, APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINING, OR RESIGNATION OF ANY INDIVIDUAL SALARIED PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE:

1. Police Chief called by Town Board

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE POLICE CHIEF RESIGNATION; BUTCH M. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 4-0

LEVI B. MADE A MOTION TO PLACE SHAWN STEWART AS INTERIM POLICE CHIEF; BUTCH M. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 4-0

V. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS: NONE

W. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: ADJOURNMENT OF TOWN MEETING.

BRANDON H. MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN; BUTCH M. SECONDED THE MOTION; MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING. BRANDON H. YES, BUTCH M. YES, LEVI B. YES, LYNLEE B. YES. 4-0

TOWN CLERK

JESSICA COUCH

PURSUANT TO 25 O.S. SECTION 311 (A) (9) THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED IN PROMINENT PUBLIC VIEW AT THE WELLSTON TOWN HALL, 211 CEDAR ST WELLSTON, OK 74881, PRIOR TO 6:00PM on FEBRUARY 11TH, 2026.