

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF MAY 24, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Place: Council Chambers, Wells City Hall  
525 Sixth Street Wells, Nevada  
Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting of City of Wells Board of Councilmen  
Presiding Officer: Layla M. Walz, Mayor

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Layla M. Walz, Mayor  
Robert Woolsey, Vice-Mayor  
Chris Micheli, Councilman  
  
Absent: Laura Moore-DelRio, Councilwoman  
Jonathan Goolsby, Councilman  
  
Quorum: Yes  
  
Staff Present: Samantha Nance, City Clerk  
Jason Pengelly, Public Works Director  
Jordan Tilley, City Manager  
Patti Zander, Deputy Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Walz led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Woolsey made a motion to approve meeting minutes dated May 10, 2022. Micheli provided the second and motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

Mike Spier wanted to encourage the council to hire help for Cameron at the golf course.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 FINAL BUDGET. PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE FINAL BUDGET. ACTION TO APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023**

Nance began that not many changes have been made since the tentative budget was approved. All funds are in the positive. Keven Hall will need more equipment for the new fire truck and has asked for additional funds. Nance has increased the fire department from \$70,000 to \$100,000 to make sure there was enough to cover what is needed. There is usually \$70,000 budgeted annually for the fire department. The last page of the budget shows all the transfers out of the general fund into the different funds. Nance left the \$155,000 transfer to the REC fund from the general fund and increased the capital outlay to \$100,000 in the parks department to cover any big park improvements that may come up. There has been discussion about more bathrooms at the park and a splash pad. Walz added lighting at the soccer field had previously been discussed and wondered where that project stood. Nance thought there had been discussion about using ARPA funds for the lighting but it didn't qualify.

The senior center budget has been augmented the last two years due to the increase in prices of food and gas. The grants cannot be increased because the only way to increase the grants is to get more people to sign up. Money will be available for the senior center augmentation if needed.

Walz asked if there were any projects or equipment that were going to be needed in the next fiscal year that were included in the budget. Pengelly stated his two big projects were the sewer headworks which will be covered by a CDBG grant and well #7 will need a booster bypass and is hoping to be able to use ARPA funds for that. Nance added that \$380,000 was budgeted for paving, curb and gutter. Woolsey added that after hosting divisionals for softball and the car show, sani-huts need to be brought in because the bathrooms at the park are not equipped for the volume. Walz feels the soccer field has a lot of use and lights are really needed. Nance thought maybe the additional bathrooms and lights at the soccer field could be funded in the next couple of years. Woolsey made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. Micheli provided the second and motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVIEW NUMBERS FROM SUMMER HELP AT THE GOLF COURSE AND DISCUSSION OF FEASIBILITY TO HIRE SUMMER HELP FOR THE GOLF COURSE FOR THIS SEASON.**

Nance began that numbers for the last four years were provided due to COVID for the last two years with 2018 and 2019 being normal years. This is just café income and does not include anything from the bar. Woolsey thinks food sales at the golf course will continue to grow as more people learn about the availability. Woolsey also feels that hiring summer help at the golf course is creating jobs and providing a service. Walz added that the golf course is better off financially than it has been in a long time. Woolsey stated having help at the golf course allows Huff to focus more on the golf aspect and the bar and not having to worry about the restaurant. Nance added that if this is something that the city will do annually, the job should be posted in April every year so Huff will have help when the golf season starts. Woolsey suggested it be put on the agenda earlier in the year. This job will not include any benefits and will be nineteen

hours a week. Woolsey added that there are three high school students that are interested in the job. Woolsey made a motion to hire summer help at the golf course for this season. Micheli provided the second and motion passed unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION TO DISPOSE OF CONTAMINATED DIRT UNDER THE FORMER STINKER GAS STATION**

Woolsey began that the only thing this will cost the city is labor from public works. Pengelly added that to get rid of the contaminated dirt will be \$16,000 in-kind labor and will get this property ready for a future business. Micheli made a motion to approve the grant application to dispose of contaminated dirt under the former Stinker Station gas station. Woolsey provided the second and motion passed unanimously.

### **CLAIMS COMMITTEE REPORT: ACTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Micheli made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated May 12, 2022 through May 24, 2022 in the amount of \$94,192.26. Woolsey provided the second and motion passed unanimously.

### **COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS**

Woolsey announced the girls' softball team are state champions and divisional champions. The track team is divisional champions and state runner-up. It was a very good spring for athletics at the school and all are being celebrated at the school board meeting in Elko tonight. There was also an art student that was picked to represent Mark Amodei's district from Nevada at the nationals.

Micheli mentioned that the last time Wells won for softball was in 2004 and most of the girls that were on the softball team were born in 2004.

Mike Spier mentioned that the FBLA group and FFA also did very well. Woolsey added that the school has had a strong FFA program for many years but FBLA had died out. The new teacher, Mrs. Runion, has revived the FBLA program and is doing very good things. It is nice to see the program active again.

Walz will have a Recreation Board meeting on Thursday at 10 a.m. Walz will not be attending the next meeting. Walz will be in Washington, D.C. June 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> with a group of kids representing WREC's service territory with one from Wells and one from West Wendover.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Tilley reported he just returned from the Main Street Conference and learned a lot that was more than just about Main Street. Tilley contacted the welding teacher at the high

school to see if the class would be interested in doing a project involving Christmas decorations. Tilley has another idea for the art teacher and getting people involved so they have more pride in the community. These are just some of the ideas from the conference.

Tilley met this morning with the county manager, sheriff and a deputy about getting started on renewing the interlocal agreement. The city legal counsel will also be included in this.

In early June, Tilley will find out about the CCCHP grant that was applied for the El Rancho.

Nance announced that the remote read process was completed for this next billing cycle. It took thirty minutes to get the reads uploaded and downloaded. This was for about half of the residential accounts.

Pengelly added that just under half of the meters have been changed to the remote reads. More radios are needed but we can't get a delivery date. Pengelly added the rest of the meters were read in 2 ½ days.

#### **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

There were none.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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**LAYLA M. WALZ, Mayor**

ATTEST:

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**SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk**