

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
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: Gary Pollock, Mayor

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Pollock, Mayor  
John Goolsby, Vice-Mayor  
Laura Moore-DelRio, Councilwoman  
Chris Micheli, Councilman  
CR Beth Savedra, Councilwoman

Absent: None

Quorum: Yes

Staff Present: Samantha Nance, City Clerk  
Jason Pengelly, City Manager  
Patti Zander, Deputy Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pollock led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Savedra made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated March 26, 2024. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Quinn asked what happened to the big sign at the old Pioneer Park? Pengelly stated it rotted and fell over. It has been taken to the shop and the guys will have to build a new sign. Quinn mentioned that she saw that the truck and horse trailer had been moved on Ninth Street and asked if anything else had been done about the unlicensed vehicles on Ninth Street. Pengelly stated he still needed to contact the other two owners.

Kim Ciniello who owns the W wanted to thank the Elko County Sheriff's Department for managing a previous domestic violence issue. Ciniello also wanted to discuss food truck alley that was held at the car show last year. Ciniello did not own the W last year but does this year and is trying to open the bar for food truck alley for the car show. Ciniello has a proposal and is asking that the fire department not sell alcohol during the street dance. Ciniello had a suggestion, which would give the fire department more money. Ciniello would pass the boot which is a fundraiser that fire departments do during the whole time she is open. Ciniello would also have jugs in front of the food truck alley, jugs at the bar, donate a portion of her proceeds and allow the fire department to have a free food vending place in the food truck alley if they do not sell alcohol during the street dance. The city would also prosper because the city sells business licenses and Ciniello would also be making more money. Quinn stated that is a tradition and asked why Ciniello wanted to do away with a tradition. Ciniello replied she was not trying to take tradition away from the city. The fire department would still be doing a fundraiser, not just selling alcohol in front of a place that has a lot more expenses to sell the alcohol.

Ciniello would provide lighting and food that was not there before. Last year, Ciniello stated if she had not done the food trucks and there were no lights, probably less people would have shown up and would have made less money plus Ciniello donated a bunch of money last year. It is also a security issue. Ciniello thinks the bar is probably looked at with more scrutiny than the non-profit fire department. If people are coming in with other alcohol, Ciniello will have to hire bouncers to check everyone's ID coming in and out. The fire department does not do that because they are a non-profit and know everybody, but she is still a business, so she must do that.

Ciniello was asked if she had a liquor license to which she stated no. Ciniello still needed to file. Savedra asked if Ciniello knew how long it takes to get a liquor license and the reply was yes. Ciniello has already talked to the sheriff's department who is waiting for her taxes. Ciniello also stated the sheriff's department allows a special permit, but she would have to go through another procedure with the city. If it is not done by the time of the car show, Ciniello could get a special permit just for the car show unless the city says no. Ciniello added if the city really does not want the W open, ok. Micheli asked Ciniello if she had insurance for her property and the answer was yes. Ciniello stated Jennifer Garrett got extra liability insurance last year just for the dance. Lots of extra stuff was also done last year. Ciniello paid for the handwashing station, redid the parking lot so no one would trip, had it well-lit and provided food. If the fire department wants to sell alcohol, Ciniello will figure out another way but did provide an awful lot last year and feels the fire department would make more money not selling alcohol at the street dance. Ciniello would rather donate to another charity like the Sheriff's Department or the Humane Society instead, but it was up to the council. Pollock stated it was not up to the council at this time and thanked Ciniello.

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

Nance stated the numbers are the same as they were at the last meeting. The only difference is it is in the state format to be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup>. All ending fund balances are positive and the budget is balanced. Micheli made a motion to approve the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT NEW MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF WELLS REVOLVING LOAN COMMITTEE**

Pengelly began by explaining the revolving loan fund that is for small businesses. There is currently \$20,000 available at a low interest. There is no longer an active committee but two of the previous members are still willing to serve on the committee. Three other residents have agreed to serve on the committee as well. Jami Pollock and Buddy Welsh served previously. Craig Morgan, Valerie Boyer and Tammy Belcher are the three new members who are interested in serving on the committee. Pengelly stated that one application had been received for a small business. The committee will meet and review any new applications and make recommendations to the council. Goolsby made a motion to appoint the new members to the City of Wells Revolving Loan Committee. DelRio provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-02, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SANITATION SERVICE FEES AND LANDFILL DISPOSAL CHARGES (TIPPING FEES).**

The increase is a 4.5% increase which amounts to \$.66 cents on a residential tipper cart and would be higher for larger garbage containers. Micheli made a motion to approve Resolution 24-02, a Resolution confirming sanitation service fees and landfill disposal charges (tipping fees). Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Goolsby made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated March 26, 2024 through April 9, 2024 in the amount of \$134,182.03. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously. Goolsby again made a motion to approve the check register dated March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$10,079.17. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

### **COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS**

Savedra reported she attended a NNRDA meeting on March 27, 2024. There were not enough people for a quorum. Savedra wanted to say that Sheldon Mudd works so hard at this job and NNRDA is an amazing thing to belong to as a city. There are a lot of things in the works. April 10<sup>th</sup> will be a PTO meeting at 4 p.m. at the elementary school for any parents who want to attend. End-of-year activities will be planned. April 16<sup>th</sup> will be the comprehensive economic development strategy that NNRDA sponsors.

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DelRio thanked Jason and the city crew for their work at the park because it looks amazing. All the sports are up and running so watch for children in the area.

Pollock began a couple of weeks ago, Pengelly contacted Pollock about an important issue. There was a Dr. Star, who was at the symposium in Odgen speaking to a congressional board about Wells and the hybrid clinic. Dr. Star was telling the congressional committee about the clinic, and they were interested. This group was so interested that Senator Rosen and Senator Cortez-Masteo asked to have a meeting with Dr. Star the following day. During this meeting, Dr. Star was informed there was a program in the works for potential funding for rural clinics and telehealth. This still must go through Congress, but Wells fits that mold perfectly. The deadline was Friday. There was an emergency zoom meeting to discuss where that potential funding could go, what was needed further to make our clinic better. There were great ideas for prescription access, more high-tech equipment like an EKG machine. Pollock was asked to write a letter to our senators and submitted the application for this funding. Hopefully, Wells can get more funding for the clinic.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Pengelly began that there is potential funding for the EE grant that Savedra brought up at the last meeting. Wells can request funding for an eligible project which could be used for the little league lights. Mike Rodriguez is getting quotes to do the lighting for the little league field and if there are any funds left, will move to the softball field. What cannot be completed this year will be budgeted for next year.

Pengelly received a call from the Nevada Division of State Parks regarding the land switch at the golf course years ago that should have never taken place. The Nevada Division of State Parks decided to add it to one of their conversion projects. Nevada State Parks had internal conversations and since they had some excess value banked, decided internally to apply some of the excess value to the Wells conversion, that way the splash pad project could move forward. The property by the pool that was parceled off, was tied to some property purchased in Ely so that it will be encumbered in perpetuity. For any future board member or city manager, that property can never be for anything other than recreation.

The transfer station will open April 24<sup>th</sup>. There will also be free clean-up week May 1<sup>st</sup> through the fifth and maybe again in August. Last week during spring break the \$1 swim at the pool was successful and busy. There were 149 swimmers. Pengelly would like to do this once a month.

The clinic phone number printed on the card was wrong. The correct phone number for the clinic is 385-297-6263. The clinic is open Tuesday and Thursday in April and will probably change to Monday and Thursday starting in May.

## **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

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Quinn wanted to thank everyone here for all the effort put out for sports, the presentation done in Odgen has already paid off, Savedra and all the time she spends. Everything takes a lot of time and Quinn appreciates it. Quinn also suggested that regarding the clinic with the potential funding, it would be nice if someone could be hired to pick up prescriptions for the elderly. Quinn picks up prescriptions for a lot of people and could probably go to Elko every day of the week to pick up prescriptions. Pollock thanked Quinn for doing that and stated that availability of prescriptions was a topic of conversation. A prescription vending machine was discussed but no other details were discussed and was in the request for funding. Pollock said it is a great idea and will be mentioned during the next conversation. Pollock continued that during the grand opening, Tim asked everyone to be patient with them as this is all new and will work through it. Pollock had made a list of suggestions residents had mentioned to him that they wanted to see or could be done better. During the zoom call, there was a woman who was very in tune with what is going on with our clinic. Everything Pollock had written down, she mentioned before he had a chance to.

Ciniello asked how she could apply for the revolving loan as she had not heard about it before. Pengelly told her to come to city hall to get the packet then it will be given to the committee to review.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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**GARY POLLOCK, Mayor**

ATTEST:

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**SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk**