

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF MAY 28, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 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
Jonathan 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 May 14, 2024. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were none.

**REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 243, AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 3 OF THE WELLS
CITY CODE ENTITLED NUISANCES, DUTY OF MAINTAINING PROPERTY;**

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OFFENSES; REMEDIES BY ADDING “F” THEREIN TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES TO BE SET BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Pengelly began the first reading had already been done once. It is being done again because Pengelly was researching Wendover and Carlin code enforcement, and it wasn't lining up with the posting of the ordinance. Wendover does not have a fee structure for code enforcement nor does code enforcement get used a lot. Wendover's code reads the same as our code, the fine is under \$1,000. Carlin is totally different; all their nuisances are under one fine and are not broken down. The first offense is \$150, the second offense is \$250, and the third offense is going to court.

After the second reading, the fee schedule will be set by resolution. Savedra asked if it might be more if a vehicle is removed. Pengelly stated the first fee will be charged and if there is no improvement, the second fee is charged. If the city cleans up the property, the ticket will still need to be paid and the resident will pay whatever it costs the city to abate the property. Pollock added hopefully the city will never have to issue a fine. Goolsby stated along with the fine there should be a set amount of time to remedy the problem. DelRio made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 243, an ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 5, Section 3 of the Wells City Code, entitled Nuisances, duty of maintaining property; offenses; remedies by adding “F” therein to provide for civil penalties to be set by council resolution. Savedra provided the second and motion passed with Goolsby abstaining.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Nance stated there have been no changes from the last meeting. What was in the street budget was left the same for the Shoshone Project since we don't know what the bids will be. Goolsby made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. DelRio provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 244, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 6 OF THE WELLS CITY CODE ENTITLED WELLS BROTHEL CODE

Pollock stated he did not receive the ordinance until 4 p.m. and doesn't feel he has had enough time to review this and would like more time. Savedra agreed. Savedra made a motion to table the ordinance for amending Title 3, Chapter 6 of the Wells City Code entitled Wells Brothel Code. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE REPORT: ACTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Micheli made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated May 16, 2024 through May 28, 2024 in the amount of \$ 140,598.48. Goolsby provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCILMEN’S REPORTS

Savedra attended the Elko County School District board meeting on May 21, 2024. There was discussion about ECSD offering 2% of their property tax revenue. Savedra thought if ECSD offered their 2%, it would be easier to go to municipalities or other entities to get them to offer some too. Nothing was approved. Dr. Byers was not going to approve anything until he checked into it a lot more. Savedra brought up the list she sent them but also talked about not having an ADA bathroom at the Elementary School, which they didn’t realize. Savedra stated there is a bathroom that is not being used that is apparently broken. Savedra also mentioned the lunch situation at the high school with the kids not having anywhere to go and being locked out of the school during lunch.

Savedra attended the NNRDA meeting on May 22, 2024 and there was not a quorum. Sheldon Mudd went over the new budget and explained some things. Savedra thanked Mudd for all his hard work. Mudd has good thoughts about the Penny-Wise Project and is hopeful. Savedra stated that Paul Bottari spoke about the way Elko County property is in a checkerboard pattern. There are some entities that own private property that won’t allow hunters or tourists to cross their land to get to certain parts. It also prevents businesses coming to our area. Bottari has contacted the Cattlemen’s Association, the Farm Bureau, County Commissioners, the Nevada Association of Counties and the NNRDA Governor’s office and Assemblyman Gurr. They have written something up and Savedra had copies and more copies can be made. Savedra thanked the city crew for the work done on the tennis court. Savedra asked about the Crisi grant that was discussed at the last meeting. Pengelly stated the deadline was too soon. Pengelly stated that Paul with Rail Pros was going to be asked to help write the grant and he said the timeline was too narrow. Pengelly added that other options were going to be investigated.

DelRio stated the school year is winding down and early voting started on Saturday.

Goolsby added that June 22nd is the Wells Family Resource Center annual golf scramble and encouraged everyone to attend. This is a benefit for the WFRC and a good cause.

Pollock stated that little league wrapped up this weekend and has been a lot of fun. Hopefully there will still be a lot of activity at the park. Pollock thanked the staff for the pickle ball/tennis court work that is moving forward. The park is in great shape. Last weekend the park was reported to have been very busy.

STAFF REPORTS

At the last meeting, the city was asked if there were AED units in all public buildings. Pool Pact was contacted to see if there were grants available for these units. Pool Pact

provided six links for different grants. Nance applied for all six. One reply was received for additional information.

The Shoshone Project was rescope for a smaller base and was put back out to bid on Saturday. It will be out for bid for thirty days.

Last week, Pengelly was notified that the city received the splash pad grant. A meeting will be held tomorrow with Nevada State Park to see what the next step is as far as going out to bid. It is hopeful to start construction this year.

Pengelly is waiting for quotes to get some paving done before July 1st. After July 1st, more can be done after the quotes come in.

Penny-Wise should notify the city in the next couple of weeks of their decision regarding locating in Wells.

Superior came and seal coated the pickle ball court. It is still rough but there are plans to do another seal coat and restripe it. The pickle ball posts and net are here but still waiting on the basketball hoops. Time will be made to get them installed as well as putting up a fence. Pengelly hasn't worked on the lighting yet and will check on that after everything else is done. Work is still being done on the EE grant for new lights in the little league field. There may be a chance to use some of those lights for the pickle ball court. A TAP grant was applied for for more curb, gutter and sidewalk on Lake Avenue. The blinking school zone lights are at the shop and just need the time to install them. They will be installed before the next school year. There will be one on Lake at the top and bottom as well as on Clover and will add a little more every year.

Goalsby mentioned that if we ever need an AED, all troopers have been issued one through a federal grant and if we are in need, give them a call.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

GARY POLLOCK, Mayor

ATTEST:

SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk

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