

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 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**

Councilman Micheli made a motion to approve meeting minutes dated January 9, 2024. Councilman Goolsby provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

Sheriff Aitor Narvaiza was at the meeting to give an update on the numbers for the end of 2023. There were just under two thousand bookings in 2023, one hundred thirty-five coroner calls, three hundred fifty-nine domestic violence calls which was down sixty-four from the previous year. There were one thousand one hundred and ninety-three animal control calls which was up one hundred from 2022. There were twenty-four thousand ninety-three calls of service countywide compared to twenty-four thousand one hundred

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sixty-six for 2022. There were twenty-three fentanyl deaths in 2023. There are 2 deputies out on medical leave, 1 is in Carson City for post. Deputy Huddleston just retired after twenty-eight years of service and Sgt Silva will retire from the jail in February with close to twenty-five years of service.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB COUNTRY ROMANCE DINNER ON FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

This is an annual fundraiser event for the Wells Boys & Girls Club. Savedra made a motion to approve the special liquor license for the Boys & Girls Club Country Romance dinner on February 7, 2024. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT PROCLAMATION OF THE 2024 WELLS CITY GENERAL ELECTION. NOTICE OF TIME FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE, DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR THREE (3) COUNCILPERSONS FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM UNTIL THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY OF JANUARY 2029**

**WHEREAS** the attention of the Council was called to the fact that under the provisions of Article V, Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Wells, a general election shall be held on November 5, 2024, for the election of the following City officials:

Three (3) Councilpersons who shall hold office for a period of four (4) years, until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2028, election and until his or her respective successor has qualified and entered upon the discharge of his or her respective duties upon the first Monday of January, 2029.

Thereupon, after a full discussion of the matter and a reference to the Charter provisions and provision of NRS Chapters 293 and 293C, the following resolutions were, on motion duly made by Councilman Goolsby and seconded by Councilwoman DelRio, unanimously passed and adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1:**

**RESOLVED:** That a general election is hereby called and ordered for November 5, 2024, for the City of Wells for the election of the following officers:

Three (3) Councilpersons who shall hold office for a period of four (4) years, until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2028,

election and until his or her respective successor has qualified and entered upon the discharge of his or her respective duties upon the first Monday of January, 2029.

That proclamation of said election be made substantially as follows:

### **PROCLAMATION OF WELLS CITY ELECTION**

1. A general City election shall be held in the City of Wells, Nevada, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the election at large by the qualified voters of the City of Wells of the following City Officials:

Three (3) Councilpersons who shall hold office for a period of four (4) years, until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2028, election and until his or her respective successor has qualified and entered upon the discharge of his or her respective duties upon the first Monday of January, 2029.

2. The voting or polling place for said election will be at the Wells Band Gym, 2012 Doza Street, Wells, Nevada.

3. The polling place shall be open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and close at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on November 5, 2024, unless polling times are changed by Nevada law, in which event the polls shall open and close in accordance with such Nevada law.

4. Voter Registration Options:

a. In-Person and Mail Registration for this election shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on October 8, 2024.

b. Online registration through the Nevada Secretary of State at [www.registertovotenv.gov](http://www.registertovotenv.gov) closes October 22, 2024.

Online same day registration is available October 23, 2024 to November 5, 2024 through the Nevada Secretary of State at [www.registertovotenv.gov](http://www.registertovotenv.gov). You may only vote in person on a voting machine at any early voting site or Election Day Vote Center of your choice.

c. Same day registration is available on November 5, 2024 at the polling place, 2012 Doza Street, Wells, Nevada.

Qualified persons residing within the exterior boundaries of the City of Wells, Nevada, may register for this election at either the Wells City Clerk's Office, Wells City Hall, Wells, Nevada, or the Elko County Clerk's Office, Elko County Courthouse, Elko, Nevada, according to the law, prior to such close of registration.

5. Each of the officers elected by the popular vote shall qualify as required by the Charter of the City of Wells and the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the first Monday in January next following the election, and failing to do so within said time, such office shall be and become vacant. To qualify, each Candidate must:

- a. Be a bona fide resident of the City of Wells for at least two (2) years prior to the election;
- b. Be a qualified elector within the city; and,
- c. The candidate must actually, as opposed to constructively, reside in the City at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of the closing of filing of declarations of candidacy for the office.

6. All persons interested in becoming a candidate for office in this election must file their Declaration of Candidacy and pay their \$25.00 filing fee at the Wells City Clerks' Office not earlier than 8:00 o'clock a.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024, and no later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024. No Declaration of Candidacy shall contain the name of more than one Candidate. The signer of each such Declaration shall swear or affirm that the statements therein made are true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. Forms are available at:  
<https://www.nvsos.gov/SOSCandidateServices/AnonymousAccess/CF/CandidateFiling.aspx>

7. Any registered voter who by reason of physical disability or inability to read or write English or who is unable to read election materials or mark a ballot or use any voting device may be assisted by a person of the voter's choice, with exceptions as set forth in NRS 293C.282.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Mayor of the City of Wells has made this Proclamation pursuant to the Wells City Charter and the Order of the Board of Councilmen of the City of Wells, on January 23, 2024.

/s/ **GARY POLLOCK**, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ **JASON PENGELLY**, Wells City Manager

Said proclamation be published in the Elko Daily Free Press on January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2:**

**RESOLVED:** In-Person and Mail Registration for this election shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on October 8, 2024.

Online same day registration is available October 23, 2024 to November 5, 2024 through the Nevada Secretary of State at [www.registertovotenv.gov](http://www.registertovotenv.gov). You may only vote in person on a voting machine at any early voting site or Election Day Vote Center of your choice.

Same day registration is available on November 5, 2024 at the polling place, 2012 Doza Street, Wells, Nevada, and that notice of registration and of close of registration for such election be given by publication thereof at least once a week for a period of four consecutive weeks prior to said date of closing of registration, in a newspaper published in said County of Elko, namely, the Elko Daily Free Press.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3**

**RESOLVED:** That Notice of Close of Voter Registration for said election on November 5, 2024, be given by the City Manager substantially in the manner following:

**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF VOTER REGISTRATION  
FOR WELLS CITY GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VOTER REGISTRATION for the Wells City Election to be held in and for the City of Wells, Nevada, November 5, 2024, will close as follows:

In-Person and Mail Registration for this election shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on October 8, 2024.

Online same day registration is available October 23, 2024 to November 5, 2024 through the Nevada Secretary of State at [www.registertovotenv.gov](http://www.registertovotenv.gov). You may only vote in person on a voting machine at any early voting site or Election Day Vote Center of your choice.

Same day registration is available on November 5, 2024 at the polling place, 2012 Doza Street, Wells, Nevada, and that notice of registration and of close of registration for such election be given by publication thereof at least once a week for a period of four consecutive weeks prior to said date of closing of registration, in a newspaper published in said County of Elko, namely, the Elko Daily Free Press.

All eligible persons residing within the City of Wells, Nevada, may register to vote in such election prior to such closing date and time by appearing before either the Wells City Clerk, Wells City Hall, Wells, Nevada, or the Elko County Clerk, Elko County Courthouse, Elko, Nevada, and registering in the manner provided by law.

DATED January 23, 2024

/s/ JASON PENGELLY, Wells City Manager

Published: October 8, 15, 22, and October 29, 2024

Posted: October 7, 2024

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 4**

**RESOLVED:** That Notice of Time for Candidates to File Declaration of Candidacy for Wells City General Election on November 5, 2024, be given by the City Clerk substantially in the manner following:

#### **NOTICE OF TIME FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR WELLS CITY GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons wishing to be a CANDIDATE FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES in the Wells City Election to be held in and for the City of Wells, Nevada, November 5, 2024, must file a

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Declaration of Candidacy and pay a \$25.00 filing fee at the City Clerk's Office, Wells City Hall, 525 Sixth Street, Wells, Nevada or online at [www.nvsos.gov/soscandidateservices/loginuu.aspx](http://www.nvsos.gov/soscandidateservices/loginuu.aspx).

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Any interested Candidates must file the Declaration of Candidacy no earlier than 8:00 a.m., Monday, March 4, 2024, and not later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 15, 2024. No person shall be a candidate or have his name printed on the Official Ballot for such election unless such person has timely filed such Affidavit of Candidacy and paid the \$25.00 filing fee.

DATED January 23, 2024

/s/ JASON PENGELLY, Wells City Manager

Publish: on January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2024.

Post: January 25, 2024

### **RESOLUTION NO. 5:**

**RESOLVED:** That the City Clerk is authorized and instructed to cooperate with the County Clerk of the County of Elko in all matters pertaining to said registration and election, and to have all necessary printing done, publications made, ballots prepared, etc., as shall be proper and lawful under the circumstances.

**RESOLVED:** That as to any and all acts performed by the County Clerk of Elko County in connection with said registration or election, as may be required by law, the City of Wells shall reimburse said County Clerk for all proper expenses for which said City of Wells may be chargeable.

**RESOLVED:** That the following persons are hereby appointed as Clerks and Judges of Election, namely:

Clerks of Election: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Judges of Election: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 6:**

**RESOLVED:** Any registered voter who by reason of physical disability or inability to read or write English or who is unable to read election materials or mark a ballot or use any voting device may be assisted by a person of the voter’s choice, with exception as set forth in NRS 293C.282.

**DATED** at Wells, Nevada, on January 23, 2024.

/s/ **JASON PENGELLY**, Wells City Manager

**APPROVED:**

/s/ **GARY POLLOCK**, Mayor

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

Goolsby made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated January 11, 2024 through January 23, 2024 in the amount of \$183,882.12. DelRio provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

**COUNCILMEN’S REPORTS**

Savedra attended the Elko County School District Capital Improvement Plan Committee meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Updates were given on all schools. More cameras were installed in the Wells schools. Locks are being changed to key cards for all school personnel. The Legislature passed AB519 effective July 1, 2023 establishing provisions governing capital projects for school districts. This bill required the county commissioners of certain counties to levy a property tax for capital projects of school districts and would create a fund to assist rural school districts in financing capital improvements. The county commissioners had the option to vote for a one cent to twenty-five cent increase for property taxes to go towards the school. The county commissioners voted for a twenty-two-cent increase on property taxes. On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Savedra, Nance and Pengelly met with Dr. Stein who is the gentleman Savedra met at the NNRDA On Target event. Savedra also had a second meeting that day for the Jr./Sr.

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PTO. The Jr./Sr. PTO needs participants. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, Pengelly and Savedra will meet with Greg Zegus from the Nevada Clean Energy Fund and CEF on the geothermal and solar grants that are available through federal funding.

Micheli announced the car show this year will be July 26-28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and is already making plans.

DelRio stated the Elko Boys & Girls Club has partnered with the Wells Boys & Girls Club to pilot a basketball program for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders. All practices and games will be in Wells. The school is trying to develop a parent/teacher organization for the junior high and high school. There is a good group of people with some good ideas and hope for more community involvement. The PTO hopes to bring back the Race to the Angel.

Pollock announced the Lt. Governor will be in Wells on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. for a meet and greet. Everyone is welcome. DelRio asked if the school kids would be able to attend the meet and greet. Pengelly stated he would contact the liaison and ask. The City Manager from Carlin has been invited as well as the Elko County Manager, county commissioners and Wells Rural Electric employees. Savedra thought maybe the student council from the school would be a good group to invite.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Pengelly stated when there was a report of an active shooter at the school months ago when school was not in session, Elko County deputies had problems getting access to the school. Pengelly contacted the school principal about getting a Knox box put at the school for the sheriff department. Pengelly asked Narvaiza if he knew about that and if it had been done. Narvaiza stated that has been done.

The pump at the pool went out a couple of weeks ago. The motor and the pump have been replaced as well as other parts in the pump and still cannot get the pump working. One more part is on the way and hopefully it will be up and running soon.

The medical center construction is complete. Pengelly met with Nancy from Med X today and Intermountain started moving furniture into the building. March 7<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for the open house.

The new senior center is sheet rocked; texturing has started then will be painting. Pengelly hopes the other \$150,000 from NGM can be provided to continue moving forward. Nance is working on the CDBG Grant for \$300,000. If the city gets that grant, it will hopefully be enough to finish the senior center. It could be open by late summer or early fall.

## **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

Narvaiza stated that the legislature passed a new bill that took effect in July of 2023 allowing all incarcerated inmates the right to vote. Inmates must provide a letter of intent

stating their desire to vote. That letter is given to the clerk's office who verifies that person is a registered voter. The ballot is sent to the sheriff's office then is given to the inmate in the jail. It is filled out; the sheriff's department takes possession of the ballot and drops it in the box then it is taken to the clerk's office. If an inmate wants to vote in person, the clerk's office can take a voting machine to the law library and the inmates can go in and physically vote. Every county that has a jail must allow inmates to vote.

Narvaiza stated calls had been received regarding voting being done at the Wells Indian Colony, on tribal land that is a sovereign nation. Ames and Narvaiza met with the BIA Chief regarding these concerns. There will be a BIA officer as well as a deputy on site on election day. Once all votes are cast, BIA will take possession of the ballots, give the sheriff deputy custody of the ballots who will transport them to the clerk's office to be counted. Narvaiza does not see having any issues for the people of Wells voting on the colony.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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**GARY POLLOCK, Mayor**

ATTEST:

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**SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk**