

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 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
Chris Micheli, Councilman
CR Beth Savedra, Councilwoman

Absent: Laura Moore-DelRio, Councilwoman

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 August 27, 2024. Goolsby provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were none.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-09, A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COMPENSATION RATE FOR THE CITY
ATTORNEY SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Pengelly began that our legal team has requested an increase in their fees. The fee for civil work is \$133.27 an hour and \$117.95 an hour for municipal court. Legal Counsel goes by the Pool n Pact going rate which is \$225 an hour but is only asking to increase the hourly rate to \$200 an hour. This was expected so was included in the budget. By the end of the year, the fee will rise to \$225 an hour. It has been nine or ten years since there was an increase. The municipal and civil will be charged at the same rate going forward. Savedra commented that everything is going up. Goolsby made a motion to approve Resolution 24-09 amending the compensation rate for the city attorney services to \$200 an hour to include civil and municipal issues. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, JASON PENGELLY, ON FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Pengelly presented a slide show presentation on all the projects for the last year. The new senior center is in its final phase with outside work being completed. Pengelly would like to be in the new facility by October 1st but it probably won't be until November 1st.

The trap range is another project that has brought a lot of activity to the facility. The park lighting for the ball fields was upgraded to new LED lights. The basketball and pickle ball court has been resurfaced but still need to put in the hoops and nets. The school zone safety lights have also been completed and hope to continue to add more.

New golf carts were purchased for the golf course that are continually rented out. Well #7 pump house was built for all the equipment and will now be able to get water up to the property on Angel Lake Road. The sewer headworks is another project that was completed so that the flushable wipes that are used will now be sorted out from the sewer pond. A building will have to be budgeted for in the future to protect the electronic equipment.

Paving was completed on four streets this year. There is enough money left to do two streets in the spring. The vac trailer that was just purchased will be very helpful. It is basically a vacuum cleaner and a power washer and will help prevent breaking water lines and sewer lines. The Shoshone sidewalk, curb and gutter project is moving forward with concrete being poured today. All these projects were mainly paid for by grants.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE REPORT: ACTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Goolsby made a motion to approve the check register dated August 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024 in the amount of \$13,404.36. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously. Goolsby made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated August 29, 2024 through September 10, 2024 in the amount of \$157,622.87. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

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COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS

Savedra listened to the NNRDA meeting but was late due to her computer needing to be updated. Pengelly also listened to that meeting. Savedra is glad to be back at school

Goolsby stated the Shoshone project is looking great, and everyone is doing a good job. Goolsby will try to have someone patrolling that area due to receiving a complaint of people driving too fast through this area.

Pollock and Pengelly met with Koppers, who were just passing through town and wanted to stop and look at property in the industrial park. Coppers is very interested in coming to Wells. Intermountain Health wants to have a health fair the first part of October. There will be flyers posted for this event. Pollock commented that someone started a fire in the men's restroom at the park that caused significant damage. Hopefully law enforcement will be able to apprehend those responsible. The bathrooms are closed indefinitely.

STAFF REPORTS

Pengelly wanted to follow up on the fire in the bathroom. Because of the actions of individuals who have ruined it for everyone, there is football practice taking place in the park and now there is no restroom for the kids to use. The city will bring in more sanit-huts at a cost. The individuals responsible, when caught, will be paying that cost as well.

Fall clean up week will be held at the transfer station September 18th through September 22nd. The transfer station will be closed on September 28th for the day only.

There was discussion a few meetings ago about having the car show drag races at the airport again. Pengelly has started those discussions with the FAA. In the past, it was always said that it couldn't be done. It can happen if done the right way with contracts, insurance and proper closures. It all comes down to safety and the economic impact it has on Wells. Pengelly referred to Coppers stopping by and how interested they are in coming to Wells. Pengelly has met with other potential businesses that might be interested in coming to town.

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There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

GARY POLLOCK, Mayor

ATTEST:

SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk