

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 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  
Glen Shamblin, Public Works  
Jessica Solis Morgan, Utility Clerk  
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 October 8, 2024. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

There were none.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY THE  
REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR FOOD TRUCKS**

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Pengelly began that the board had previously approved a resolution for the food truck fees of \$125 a month. This is a contract for a vendor's space in the redevelopment district. This is a vendor parking license agreement just for that area. There are only three spaces available. The only change that was made to this was changing the liability insurance from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000. Micheli made a motion to approve the Revocable License Agreement for the food trucks. Goolsby provided the second with the change in the amount of the liability insurance from two million to one million and the motion passed unanimously.

### **NANCY ABRAMS TO GIVE UPDATES ON INTERMOUNTAIN WELLS CLINIC AND CLASSIC (MED X AIR ONE)**

Tim Lovell and Sarah Isam from Intermountain reported on the last six months of operation at the Wells Clinic. Trisha Sears is the nurse practitioner at the clinic, Nancy Abrams is the clinic manager, Ky Davidson is the lead medical assistant for all the tele-health services and works in the clinic two days a week. There are two other nurse practitioners that back up Sears and come in on occasion. The IHC structure has been reorganized and Isam has joined IHC on the primary care side. Jeremy Holt works on the marketing for the clinic.

Isam stated she works closely with Abrams in managing the clinic. The clinic has seen 134 patients with 171 visits. More females are being seen than males. Most patients are medicare, self-pay, blue cross and Medicaid. The ages of the most patients have been 10-19, then 70-79, 80 and over, with ages 50-59 being the least. There is an 83.33% likelihood to recommend the clinic. Sports physicals were a big success. Adult vaccines are available including flu, covid, pertussis, pneumonia and shingles. Medicare annual wellness visits can also be performed.

The clinic was recently licensed with CLIA in the State of Nevada so labs can be performed now as well as testing for flu and strep. Patients can be seen for CBC's, complete metabolic panels, thyroid function and basic blood work for primary care. Sears has recently been registered with FMCSA so the site will soon be available for DOT physicals. There is also a Facebook group which will post upcoming events in the community. Sears can also offer family planning services. The health fair is going on this week. Children vaccines will be available in the next couple of weeks. Annual health screenings will be offered for Wells Rural Electric staff next week. Progress is slow on getting access to patient medical records from other providers. Work is still being done on getting contracted with other payers. An article was printed in a newsletter that went out to 67,000 IHC employees. The marketing team spotlighted Wells in this issue and what IHC is doing in the community.

Lovell stated some of the challenges are the delays with Nevada Medicaid enrollment which is not complete. There was also a delay in the State of Nevada lab licensing. The lab was opened in July. The clinic is seeing lower volumes than they would like which may be due to the delays. The clinic would like to get their schedules filled on a daily basis. There are a lot of walk ins which may affect the way the scheduling is done in the

clinic. One of the challenges is contracting with United Health Care and the companion companies. Work has been done for several months with UHC and is a slow process. A final challenge is having access to patient records from other health providers in the region. Some of the needs that remain outstanding is a pharmacy which is a big challenge. IHC has a home delivery service. None of the options that have been looked at are cost effective for residents of the Wells community. There has been a request for home health for home visits. IHC is not a home health agency and not in a position to offer that now. IHC is working with some of the home health services to coordinate care with those groups that make that trip. The final need is the community adoption of the hybrid model. A lot of patients still want to have that in person visit. Lovell asked for any feedback on comments from the community. Pollock stated the one thing he has heard is regarding not having a pharmacy. Hopefully something will be figured out.

Pollock did a hybrid appointment at the clinic and was happy with the visit. Pengelly has been there twice and thought it was a quick and easy process. Pengelly asked if antibiotics were currently available in the clinic. Lovell stated because there is not a provider full-time at the clinic, antibiotics cannot be stored on site. Pollock stated he has heard a good response on sports physicals being provided at the clinic. Pollock has not heard any negative feedback. Pengelly asked if once the lab services were available, was there more traffic and Lovell stated yes, there was an increase in traffic. Savedra thinks it will take time for people to get used to the hybrid tele-health way of being seen at the clinic. Lovell stated there is a lot of interest in seeing the clinic succeed and may lead this process to working in other communities. Pengelly asked if Lovell had heard anything from the grant applied for through the senator's office. Lovell stated they would not hear anything until at the earliest, February of 2025. Lovell stated that all the projects submitted for funding, the senators staff select the ones that they want to earmark with bills that get proposed for 2025 spending.

Nancy Abrams, EMS Manager for Med X started in 2020 as an EMT and is the EMS Manager since February. Abrams was previously the manager of operations for a little over three years. Med X started in Wells in May of 2019. During the five years Med X has been in Wells, there have been some name changes and acquisitions that have taken place. Med X was purchased by Classic Aviation a couple of years ago and shortly thereafter, Classic was purchased by Intermountain. There are two new ambulances that will be here in November that will have the new brand and owned and operated by Intermountain Health. The leadership team has been restructured so Paul Ward is now with senior leadership for medical transport and over safety.

Over the last five years, Med X has grown and hired a training officer, David Ellis. Quarterly education is done by Ellis who is a paramedic and started the paramedic program at GBC. Every quarter Ellis does 480 hours of education with each member of the ambulance staff. Ellis verifies and makes sure all competencies are passed every quarter, and their skills are up to date. Med X has gone a step above the state standard and all are required to carry the same credentials. All ambulances are 2019 or newer. Wells currently has a 2022 F550. Abrams stated she staffs thirty full time EMS clinicians.

Med X participates in a lot of community events such as covering football games and the rodeo. Different activities have been done with the pre-school as well as different church activities, the parade of lights and festival of trees. In 2019, there were a total of 214 calls; 2020 had 423 calls; 2021 was 575 calls, 2022, had 501 calls; 2023 was 431 calls and 2024 has had 380 calls thus far. There have been a couple of accidents south of town with multiple patients and Med X was able to provide enough ground units and air units to transport the multiple patients. The county helps when needed. Pollock stated that Med X has provided excellent service and is happy to have them and their participation in the community events. Pollock added that it has been a real blessing to have them in our community. Abrams is from Carlin and feels that the smaller communities are left out and will continually work on making things better for the small communities. Goolsby stated he has called them on multiple occasions to help with different events.

### **STAFF TO PRESENT LIVESTREAMING OPTIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO**

Jessica Solis-Morgan, Nance and Pengelly sat in on some meetings for programs for live streaming. The first one was Go To which is more like a program that does not provide web cams unless you get the largest plan. The rest of them help you organize your website and save the videos to be streamed out to different platforms like youtube and Facebook. The city would have to provide the camera for the Go To platform and would cost \$200 a month to livestream, it saves the video with the city doing the recording. Box Cast is used a lot for church services and is like Go To. Savedra liked the Box Cast because a link is put on our home page for people to go to. Box Cast also streams to youtube or Facebook with the basic plan being \$39 a month. Box Cast only has 30-day storage of the videos.

Granicus is used by the county with three different plans. With the largest plan, Granicus provides 3 cameras and runs the meeting on their end with a one-time fee of \$56,000 and an annual charge of \$21,000. The second plan provides two cameras for a one-time fee of \$9,425 and an annual fee of \$15,200. It is pretty much the same as the previous plan. The one Mesquite uses is basic with two cameras that the city would have to purchase. It is called Live Cast which the staff would run. It would cost \$8,000 for a one-time fee then \$4,800 annually. The city would record the meetings, and Live Cast would manage everything else. Morgan looked at taking out the middleman using youtube livestream. An account would have to be created, fifty subscribers would be needed to go live and could use an I phone to record. Storage would be needed and could be done with a google account at a cost of \$21.60 a month. Savedra would like to start at the lower level, maybe with youtube and see how it goes. DelRio stated you can embed a youtube video on a webpage in about 30 seconds. If the city had the youtube link, it would be easy to have the videos embedded twice a month.

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

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Goolsby made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated October 10, 2024 through October 22, 2024 in the amount of \$124,796.06. Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

## **COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS**

Savedra attended the candidate's forum on October 16, 2024 for county commissioners. Some of the questions were difficult to answer without having more time. On Elko Daily Free Press today, there are different videos to watch of these candidates. Savedra attended a zoom meeting today for the Elko County School District Capital Projects oversight panel. Updates were given on different projects. A couple of months ago, Savedra mentioned at the county commissioners meeting that the high school needed the roof repaired and that it was leaking. They are going to fix the roof and are getting estimates now. Jon Karr is the chairman of this panel and he hadn't heard of any of the cities pushing for the five cents of every \$100 for the capital improvement projects. Savedra stated she has been pushing for it, but things are up in the air right now not knowing where some of the money went. Savedra thanked staff for the time spent looking into the live streaming. Savedra is looking forward to going to the health fair tomorrow. The sidewalk project is looking good and will be happy to see that finished. The drama club is still selling their wreaths for a fundraiser project. Goolsby thanked Savedra for all that she does.

Pollock stated that after the meeting with the H.E.A.R.T. group, the debt was paid off in full shortly after that meeting. Pollock thanked the staff from IHC and is looking forward to attending the health fair.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Pengelly asked if the turnout was good for the health fair tonight and was told it was good. Pengelly will be attending tomorrow.

The new Senior center was paved today. It still needs to be stripped, a little bit of electrical work inside and hook up new appliances. The plan is to start moving in on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The old senior center will be closed to complete the move. The city worked hard to get the money from different donors. There will be a grand opening scheduled once everything is completed.

Shoshone Avenue will probably not be completed this year due to the weather. Pengelly hopes all the radiuses will get poured with sixteen more to pour, get the patch back into the curb and gutter and probably close it down for the year. The valley gutters will be completed in the spring.

## **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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**GARY POLLOCK, Mayor**

ATTEST:

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**SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk**