

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 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
Laura Moore-DelRio, Councilwoman
Chris Micheli, Councilman
CR Beth Savedra, Councilwoman

Absent: Jonathan Goolsby, Vice-Mayor

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 October 22, 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 SPECIAL
EVENTS LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BUCKAROO BOUTIQUE AND CRAFTY
CORNER FOR EVENTS ON NOVEMBER 22, 2024, NOVEMBER 30, 2024 AND
DECEMBER 5, 2024**

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Savedra stated this has been approved for previous events for these businesses and there have never been any problems. DelRio made a motion to approve the special events liquor license for Buckaroo Boutique and Crafty Corner for events on November 22, 2024, November 30, 2024 and December 5, 2024. Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 30, 2024, SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Mayor Pollock read the proclamation. Micheli made a motion to approve the proclamation declaring November 30, 2024, Small Business Saturday. Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION TO CANVASS RETURNS AND DECLARE THE RESULTS OF THE WELLS CITY 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Pollock stated that the council must declare the results within ten days after the election. Elko County also has ten days to finalize their results. The official results were received after 5 p.m. from the county. Savedra made a motion to canvass the returns and declare the results of the Wells City 2024 general election. DelRio provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR UPCOMING CDBG CYCLE AND DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT GRANT APPLICATION(S)

Pengelly began that the Shoshone sidewalk completion and a new roof and siding on the old senior center were submitted and were approved as eligible projects from CDBG. The council needs to decide what project would be a priority. Pollock thought if the resource center wanted to move the pre-school in the next 12 months, the old senior center might be the priority. Nance stated in talking with Valerie Boyer, Boyer stated the intent was to move this coming summer. Pengelly stated there is a chance both grants could be awarded. Pengelly added that if the resource center chose to move into the building earlier, it is usable now. The siding and roof don't need to be done for them to be able to move in. Pollock stated there is probably a big difference in the cost for both. Pengelly stated an estimate he received a while ago for the siding and the roof was around \$116,000. The city would have to go out to bid and the price could change.

Completing the Shoshone Project is around \$630,000. Nance stated the Shoshone Project could be the priority with the old senior center the second choice. If the grant wasn't awarded for the old senior center, it would be around budget time and that is something that could be worked into the budget through the capital improvement fund because it is our building. Pengelly added it could be budgeted over a two-year period. Savedra asked if everything done so far on the Shoshone Project had been paid for and was told yes. Pengelly stated this would be to finish up to I 80, around 3 ½ blocks. That estimate could change as well.

Pollock stated that CDBG likes to see projects completed and if the old senior center is suitable now, completing the Shoshone Project probably should be the priority. Micheli would like to see one project completed before starting on another one and feels the people on Shoshone feel the same way. Pengelly stated it would be ideal to receive grants for both projects. DelRio thinks Shoshone should be finished first and the old senior center second. DelRio made a motion to prioritize finishing the Shoshone Project first and the old senior center project second for the CDBG cycle for grant applications. Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE REPORT: ACTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DelRio made a motion to approve the check register dated October 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024 in the amount of \$33,446.87. Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously. DelRio made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated October 24, 2024 through November 12, 2024 in the amount of \$437,225.02. Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS

Savedra attended the NNRDA meeting on October 23, 2024. At that meeting, it was decided not to endorse any political candidate as a board as Burt Gurr had requested. Launch Rural Nevada was brought up which is where young entrepreneurs come in and show their business expertise or ideas. Savedra hopes to find out how that went at the next meeting. Savedra attended the Elko County School District meeting that was held in Wells on November 5, 2024. Savedra went to the clinic for a vaccination and encouraged the public to utilize our local clinic. The capital improvement planning committee meeting will be on the 20th.

DelRio also attended the school board meeting last week. Not a lot of the community attending those meetings and local attendance is needed. Decisions are being made about our children every month that. One of the decisions made was about graduation requirements. A lot of the teachers don't even know what these requirements are. Savedra mentioned that the dates have been changed for the school board meetings, so they don't conflict with the city council meetings now.

STAFF REPORTS

Pengelly began that the move to the new senior center started today so the senior center is closed. Public Works and the honor camp helped move the heavy stuff. The goal is to open back up in the new building on the 18th. It is nice to have that project complete and get moved in. A grand opening will be held when all schedules can be figured out.

The Shoshone Avenue Project needs to be shut down and made safe for the winter. A lot of the raiuses will be under water this year because the valley gutters aren't complete.

There are three more spand rules to pour that will hopefully get done this week. Element Construction will be back in early spring.

Rural cities rely on Nevada Rural Water for water operator and sewer operator training. Nevada Rural Water was disbanded for an unknown reason six or eight months ago. National Rural Water contacted Pengelly and asked if he wanted to be on the steering committee to bring it back into Nevada and get it going again. Pengelly is interested in helping that happen. As long as Pengelly has been with the city, employees have gotten scholarships every year and never had to pay for any of that training. Pengelly was asked if he wanted to serve on the board but will wait and see how things go.

Pengelly wanted to thank the men and women of the volunteer fire department for the time put in helping our community. The city relies on volunteers who aren't paid for the time put in. The surrounding areas always offer support when needed as well as Med X. Anyone interested in being a volunteer in the fire department can contact someone in the fire department.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Richard Peltier stated he is the captain of the Wells Volunteer Fire Department. Peltier mentioned the devastating fire in town Sunday morning and wanted to thank all the volunteers that arrived at that fire. Peltier wanted to thank Pengelly for coming down and providing coffee and food that day as it was a fourteen-hour day. Two volunteers came out of Jackpot, two out of Elko, one from Metropolis and one out of Clover Valley with a good response time. When the fire department arrived, the house was fully engulfed. Peltier has had a few people contact him about joining the fire department. There are seven members of the fire department and five of them showed up for this call. Most of the time there are only two members on the calls which can be very time-consuming. There are a lot of fundraisers going on for the displaced family and they encourage everyone to help in any way.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

GARY POLLOCK, Mayor

ATTEST:

SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk

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