

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025
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
Richard Peltier, Councilman
CR Beth Savedra, Councilwoman

Absent: None

Quorum: Yes

Staff Present: Samantha Nance, City 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 January 14, 2025. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Aitor Narvaiza was at the meeting to report on incidents in the community and county. Three new people have been hired in the last week and four will be starting next month. A new drone program has been started with six pilots who are all certified. Each town will have a drone available for nighttime use. The ECSO investigated 178 coroner calls for the last year. In 2024, there were 23,700 calls for service responded to by ECSO. All these calls generated more reports. There continues to be a lot of scam calls. The ECSO continues to be very busy with various calls with Wells being very busy the last couple of

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weeks. In the last week, there have been nine overdoses in Elko with six in one day. There have been more in the last month than there was last year.

Mayor Pollock has received lots of questions regarding the call in Clover Valley with the death of a young girl. Questions were asked as to how calls come in to dispatch and are sent out to the emergency personnel. Narvaiza explained the process. The Wells ambulance was in Montello when this call came in. There was confusion with the address. The address that was given did not match the address that came in through dispatch. Narvaiza encouraged people to give the name of the ranch and the mileage to the ranch until the system is fixed. Pollock asked if a call comes in from a cell phone, if the location is pinged. Narvaiza stated the new system is supposed to ping the location. Narvaiza added that this was a very tragic event and a community tragedy for a good family. Narvaiza stated this was discussed at the county commissioners' meeting and the dispatch supervisor was at the meeting. Work will be done to try to fix the address problem between dispatch, the post office and the addresses that appear on the 911 call.

Goolsby added that when a call is placed to dispatch, they have a system called Spillman. The address is validated through Spillman but none of the addresses in Clover Valley, Ten Mile or Twelve Mile validate. The address is an HC address. Narvaiza stated the post office is getting away from physical addresses and want box numbers, so they are also not matching up with the street numbers. Pollock stated that the rural residents need to be aware of what their exact coordinates are where they live. Goolsby stated the Clover Valley Road is State Route 232 and there are mile markers through the valley that NHP uses. If a helicopter is dispatched, it will not know where to go unless they have a GPS coordinate.

Peltier stated when he previously lived in Clover Valley, NDF went around to the ranches and gave each ranch the latitude and longitude for the helicopter but that was some time ago and hasn't been updated. Peltier spoke to Matt Peterson about having Jim, the captain with the county, go around and talk to the residents, give them an updated GPS coordinate so they can give that when calling dispatch. Narvaiza thinks the deputies are more familiar with the ranch names than the physical address which might not exist in the dispatch system. Peltier knows there are a lot of new deputies and thinks when they drive through the valleys and see someone, they should stop and get familiar with the person, the ranch name and location. Pollock thanked Narvaiza for the update and everything he does.

**DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF 2024 CDBG GRANT APPLICATIONS
ELIGIBLE FOR THE UPCOMING CDBG CYCLE AND AUTHORIZE THE
MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE OF
NEVADA CDBG**

Pollock spoke with Nance before the meeting regarding the executive orders that came from the White House involving grants and what may still be available. The city will keep moving forward as normal. The two grants that were chosen to move forward with are the Shoshone sidewalk project, phase two and the improvements at the old senior

center for a new roof and siding. Peltier made a motion to approve the applications for the 2024 CDBG grant and authorize the mayor to sign and submit the application to the State of Nevada. Goolsby provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PASS THROUGH SYSTEM SPLASH PAD

Pollock began that this goes through the State of Nevada but the city is not sure if it is tied to the federal system. The city will move forward with this one as well and get the proposals. This is for matching funds for the splash pad. It is our hope that if the proposals come in and get the project out for bid, it will be done by the end of summer. Savedra made a motion to advertise the request for proposals (RFP) for the pass-through system splash pad. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BUCKAROOS HITCHING POST AND COFFEEHOUSE FOR GRAND OPENING FEBRUARY 1, 2025

Kathryn Basso, owner of the coffee shop, stated they are very excited to have the grand opening on February 1, 2025. A soft opening was done on January 6, 2025 and the last couple of weeks have been spent figuring out the menu, hours and what days to be open as well as meeting everyone. The grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be live music from the Sagebrush Sweethearts. There will be a brand board to allow all the local ranches to come and put their mark on the board that will be hung up so it will become a local hangout for people. Basso stated for this one day, Buckaroos is asking for a special liquor license to make adult coffees. ID's will be checked for this event. Savedra thinks they have done a wonderful job. Basso stated she and her husband want to make this space a central location for anything. Hours can be adjusted for an event, if needed. Pollock added that this is a very welcome addition to the community. Goolsby stated it has already become an institution. Peltier added it is really warming and not a chain. Pollock thinks some of the best salsa is served at Buckaroos. Savedra made a motion to grant the special liquor license for Buckaroos Hitching Post and Coffeehouse for a grand opening February 1, 2025. 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 January 16, 2025 through January 28, 2025 in the amount of \$95,104.41. Goolsby provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS

Savedra attended the NNRDA meeting on January 22nd at which there was no quorum. A presentation was made by Tiffany Kress and Bridgette Cole from the Northern Nevada

Children's Cancer Foundation. NNCCF helps anyone from the ages of zero to 25 with resources to help with hospital care, travel, motels and food. February 6, 2025 will be a luncheon for NNRDA. Savedra feels that things have slowed down for everybody as far as new businesses coming in, except Wells. We have a couple that we hope will go through. Sheldon has been doing a lot of talking, Koppers is still in the mix and one other one Savedra said she wouldn't name. January 23, 2025 was the grand opening for the new senior center. There was a great turnout. Savedra attended the capital improvement oversight committee meeting today. The superintendent put out proposals but until federal money is received, not much will happen as far as Wells getting the gym roof fixed at an estimated cost of \$550,000. Savedra expressed her condolences to Pyper Dalton's family. There will be a celebration of life for Pyper at the Boy's and Girls Club on February 7th at 10 a.m.

Micheli, as well, gave his heartfelt condolences to the Dalton family for the loss of Pyper. Micheli added Pyper was a firecracker. Micheli encouraged everyone to attend the celebration of life as it would mean a lot to the family.

Peltier grew up with Pyper's father, is good friends of the family and has known them since they were babies. The loss of any child is devastating. Peltier also asked that everyone attend and share the memories of Pyper. Peltier also mentioned that there are different fundraisers for Pyper and her brother Jackson.

Goolsby added this has been tough with him having a daughter the same age. Goolsby has known Emily since moving to town and was his child's first teacher. Goolsby works with Pyper's dad through NHP and NDOT. The family is so close to this community and like family. Goolsby asked for a moment of silence for Pyper and her family. Goolsby stated his heart goes out to the Dalton family.

Pollock expressed the same for the Dalton family as everyone else has expressed. Pollock hopes there will be a way to fix the issue with addresses for emergencies. Pollock added the turnout for the grand opening at the senior center was great with representatives from Nevada Gold Mine as well as CDBG in attendance. Both organizations helped this project come to fruition.

STAFF REPORTS

There were none.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

GARY POLLOCK, Mayor

ATTEST:

SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk