

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF June 24, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Date: Tuesday, June 24, 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
Chris Micheli, Councilman
Richard Peltier, Councilman
CR Beth Savedra, Councilwoman

Absent: Jonathan Goolsby, Vice-Mayor

Quorum: Yes

Staff Present: Samantha Nance, City Clerk
Jason Pengelly, City Manager
Glen Shamblin, Public Works Supervisor
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 June 10, 2025. Peltier provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were none.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-09,
RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET OF
THE CITY OF WELLS**

Minutes of Wells City Council
Meeting of June 24, 2025

Pengelly began that there were a few departments that went over budget. The tank repair at the airport was \$5,500; the FAA/BLM project was \$10,000 which the city is still waiting to be reimbursed for; and \$45,000 for the senior center due to trying to keep two facilities running at the same time. Interest from the invested cash account is being used to cover these over budget items in the amount of \$60,500. Savedra made a motion to approve Resolution 25-09, a resolution to augment the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget of the City of Wells in the amount of \$60,500. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE WELLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES AND 2025 WELLS FUN RUN JULY 26TH AND 27TH

Peltier declared that as a volunteer firefighter, he has a conflict of interest and will be abstaining from voting on this item. Pengelly added this is one of the biggest fundraisers for the fire department that has been done for years. Savedra made a motion to approve the Special Liquor License for the Wells Volunteer Fire Department for the 4th of July festivities and the 2025 Wells Fun Run, July 26th and 27th, 2025. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed with Peltier abstaining.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE REPORT: ACTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Micheli made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated June 12, 2025 through June 24, 2025 in the amount of \$576,895.22. Peltier provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS

Savedra reported that the NNRDA meeting for the month was cancelled. Savedra and Pengelly met with Kelly McNeil, Executive Director of the Nevada League of Cities. There was discussion on the bills that were passed by the legislature. One was a bill that would have states reimburse cities for people that want to build houses. Savedra is happy to see a lot of cleanup being done in the city.

Micheli is continuing to work on getting ready for the car show.

Peltier stated the All-Star baseball tournament wrapped up on Tuesday. Spring Creek selected Peltier's son to play on the team then asked Peltier to coach. Division District Three was played in Winnemucca with nine teams and Peltier's team came in third. Peltier also announced that the Wells Family Resource Center will be holding their golf scramble on Saturday with dinner and an auction. Peltier wished everyone a happy 4th of July and invited everyone to attend the parade, activities at the park and fireworks at the golf course.

Pollock thanked Peltier for coaching and giving up a lot of his time for the kids. Pollock thanked Shamblin and his crew for everything that was done around town, the paving and weeding. Pollock also wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

STAFF REPORTS

Pengelly referred to the League of Cities meeting with McNeil and asked her about trying to get the prevailing wage changed at the next legislation. Right now, the prevailing wage is \$100,000. Pengelly would like it to get raised to \$200,000 which helps the little cities. The prevailing wage at \$100,000 adds that \$100,000 to each job. With the splash pad costing \$130,000, adding the prevailing wage to the cost makes it \$230,000 which is hard on the rural communities. Pengelly has talked to the commissioner in Austin about this. Pengelly also talked to McNeil about an owner/vacancy tax for the old buildings, houses and properties. A lot of the owners either live out of town or live in town and don't maintain them. Pengelly would like to get it passed in legislation to put a tax on these properties. Pengelly invited McNeil to come and talk to the board in the future.

The cyber security representative from Pool n Pact is here for two days. The city will have to update a lot of software.

Shamblin will be picking up the new track hoe on Thursday for use at the transfer station.

Jorge from Eide Bailly will be here doing pre-audit work for the next couple of days.

Shamblin stated there was a water break at the Industrial Park. It was good training for the guys. There were a few sewer complaints with the issues all being on the customer's side. Streets have been paved; trees have been trimmed in the alleys to accommodate Elko Sanitation's truck and minor building repairs have been done. Weed control will be at the forefront for the next couple of weeks. Well #7 stopped flowing and the well was pulled discovering a hole in the pipe. The squirrels and mice have been chewing the wires on the irrigation system golf course clocks which is taking extra manpower to keep the golf course watered.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Cathy Quinn stated she thinks it would be great to have two days of music in Wells but would like the city to check out why this music festival is being moved from McGill to Wells. Quinn thinks there is another reason it is being moved out of McGill and wondered if the city could contact someone in McGill to see what the real reason is for moving the music festival. Quinn feels there is something that is not right, in her opinion. Quinn has a good friend that lives close to the park where this event was held in McGill. Quinn called and asked him what his thoughts were on this event, and he said "what a mess." Quinn would like this checked out before the city makes any commitment. Quinn added that people come to town to look at Wells and there are many homes that have so many junk cars on their property. Pengelly stated he can drive around town and do some checking. Pengelly said he will also check on trailers parked on the

streets. Quinn also asked what she could do about a Chinese elm growing in a neighbor's yard that is knocking in her fence. Pengelly thought it was a civil issue, and Quinn can cut it down, up to her property line. Quinn added she has paid to have her property staked and knows where her property lines are.

Stanhope stated he also had the same problem with critters eating wiring. Stanhope went online for suggestions, and it said pepper spray is something that can be sprayed on the wiring. He tried it and has not had any problems, and it lasts a long time.

Pengelly thanked Zander for printing, folding and stuffing almost five hundred Consumer Confidence Reports, that need to go out every year at the end of June.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

GARY POLLOCK, Mayor

ATTEST:

SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk