

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
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  
Patti Zander, Deputy Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pollock led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Councilman Micheli made a motion to approve meeting minutes dated December 9, 2025. Councilwoman Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

There were none.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT PROCLAMATION OF THE 2026  
WELLS CITY GENERAL ELECTION. NOTICE OF TIME FOR CANDIDATES  
TO FILE, DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR ONE (1) COUNCILPERSON  
AND ONE (1) MAYOR FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM UNTIL THE 1<sup>ST</sup>  
MONDAY OF JANUARY, 2031**

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**WHEREAS**, the attention of the Council was called to the fact that under the provisions of Article V, Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Wells, a general election shall be held on November 3, 2026, for the election of the following City officials:

Mayor who shall hold office for a period of four (4) years, until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2030, election and until his or her respective successor has qualified and entered upon the discharge of his or her respective duties upon the 1st Monday of January, 2031.

One (1) Councilperson who shall hold office for a period of four (4) years, until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2030, election and until his or her respective successor has qualified and entered upon the discharge of his or her respective duties upon the 1st Monday of January, 2031.

Thereupon, after a full discussion of the matter and a reference to the Charter provisions and provision of NRS Chapters 293 and 293C, the following resolutions were, on motion, duly made by Councilman Micheli and seconded by Councilman Peltier, unanimously passed and adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1:**

**RESOLVED:** That a general election is hereby called and ordered for November 3, 2026, for the City of Wells for the election of the following officers:

Mayor who shall hold office for a period of four (4) years, until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2030, election and until his or her respective successor has qualified and entered upon the discharge of his or her respective duties upon the 1st Monday of January, 2031.

One (1) Councilperson who shall hold office for a period of four (4) years, until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2030, election and until his or her respective successor has qualified and entered upon the discharge of his or her respective duties upon the 1st Monday of January, 2031.

That proclamation of said election be made substantially as follows:

**PROCLAMATION OF WELLS CITY ELECTION**

1. A general City election shall be held in the City of Wells, Nevada, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the election at large by the qualified voters of the City of Wells of the following City Officials:

Mayor who shall hold office for a period of four (4) years, until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2030, election and until his or her respective successor has qualified and entered upon the discharge of his or her respective duties upon the 1st Monday of January, 2031.

One (1) Councilperson who shall hold office for a period of four (4) years, until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2030, election and until his or her respective successor has qualified and entered upon the discharge of his or her respective duties upon the 1st Monday of January, 2031.

2. The voting or polling place for said election will be at Wells City Hall 525 Sixth Street, Wells, Nevada.

3. The polling place shall be open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and close at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on November 3, 2026, unless polling times are changed by Nevada law, in which event the polls shall open and close in accordance with such Nevada law.

4. Voter Registration Options:

a. In-Person and Mail Registration for this election shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on October 6, 2026.

b. Online registration through the Nevada Secretary of State at [www.registertovotenv.gov](http://www.registertovotenv.gov) closes October 20, 2026. Online same day registration is available from October 21, 2026 to November 3, 2026 through the Nevada Secretary of State at [www.registertovotenv.gov](http://www.registertovotenv.gov). You may only vote in person on a voting machine at any early voting site or Election Day Vote Center of your choice.

c. Same day registration is available on November 3, 2026 at the polling place, Wells City Hall, 525 Sixth Street, Wells, Nevada.

Qualified persons residing within the exterior boundaries of the City of Wells, Nevada, may register for this election at either the Wells City Clerk's Office,

Wells City Hall, Wells, Nevada, or the Elko County Clerk's Office, Elko County Courthouse, Elko, Nevada, according to the law, prior to such close of registration.

5. Each of the officers elected by the popular vote shall qualify as required by the Charter of the City of Wells and the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the first Monday in January next following the election, and failing to do so within said time, such office shall be and become vacant. To qualify, each Candidate must:

- a. Be a bona fide resident of the City of Wells for at least two (2) years prior to the election;
- b. Be a qualified elector within the City;
- c. Be registered to vote in the City; and,
- d. The candidate must actually, as opposed to constructively, reside in the City at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of the closing of filing of declarations of candidacy for the office.

6. All persons interested in becoming a candidate for office in this election must file their Declaration of Candidacy and pay their \$25.00 filing fee at the Wells City Clerks' Office not earlier than 8:00 o'clock a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026, and no later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2026. No Declaration of Candidacy shall contain the name of more than one Candidate. The signer of each such Declaration shall swear or affirm that the statements therein made are true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. Forms are available online at:

<https://www.nvsos.gov/SOSCandidateServices/AnonymousAccess/CF/CandidateFiling.aspx>.

7. Any registered voter who by reason of physical disability or inability to read or write English or who is unable to read election materials or mark a ballot or use any voting device may be assisted by a person of the voter's choice, with exceptions as set forth in NRS 293C.282.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Mayor of the City of Wells has made this Proclamation pursuant to the Wells City Charter and the Order of the Board of Councilmen of the City of Wells, on January 13, 2026.

/s/ **GARY POLLOCK**, Mayor

ATTEST:

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/s/ **JASON PENGELLY**, Wells City Manager

Said proclamation be published in the Elko Daily Free Press on January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2:**

**RESOLVED:** In-Person and Mail Registration for this election shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on October 6, 2026. Online registration through the Nevada Secretary of State at [www.registertovotenv.gov](http://www.registertovotenv.gov) closes October 20, 2026. Online same day registration is available October 21, 2026 to November 3, 2026 through the Nevada Secretary of State at [www.registertovotenv.gov](http://www.registertovotenv.gov). You may only vote in person on a voting machine at any early voting site or Election Day Vote Center of your choice. Same day registration is available on November 3, 2026 at the polling place, 525 Sixth Street, Wells, Nevada.

Qualified persons residing within the exterior boundaries of the City of Wells, Nevada, may register for this election at either the Wells City Clerk's Office, Wells City Hall, Wells, Nevada, or the Elko County Clerk's Office, Elko County Courthouse, Elko, Nevada, according to the law, prior to such close of registration.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3**

**RESOLVED:** That Notice of Close of Voter Registration for said election on November 3, 2026, be given by the City Manager substantially in the manner following:

**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF VOTER REGISTRATION  
FOR WELLS CITY GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VOTER REGISTRATION for the Wells City Election to be held in and for the City of Wells, Nevada, November 3, 2026, will close as follows:

In-Person and Mail Registration for this election shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on October 6, 2026. Online same day registration is available October 21, 2026 to November 3, 2026 through the Nevada Secretary of State at [www.registertovotenv.gov](http://www.registertovotenv.gov). You may only vote in person on a voting machine at any early voting site or Election Day Vote Center of your choice. Same day registration is available on November 3, 2026 at the polling place, Wells City Hall, 525 Sixth Street, Wells, Nevada.

Qualified persons residing within the exterior boundaries of the City of Wells, Nevada, may register for this election at either the Wells City Clerk's Office, Wells City Hall, Wells, Nevada, or the Elko County Clerk's Office, Elko County Courthouse, Elko, Nevada, according to the law, prior to such close of registration.

DATED January 13, 2026

/s/ JASON PENGELLY, Wells City Manager

Published: October 6, 13, 20, and October 27, 2026

Posted: October 5, 2026

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 4**

**RESOLVED:** That Notice of Time for Candidates to File Declaration of Candidacy for Wells City General Election on November 3, 2026, be given by the City Clerk substantially in the manner following:

#### **NOTICE OF TIME FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR WELLS CITY GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons wishing to be a CANDIDATE FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES in the Wells City Election to be held in and for the City of Wells, Nevada, November 3, 2026, must file a Declaration of Candidacy and pay a \$25.00 filing fee at the City Clerk's Office, Wells City Hall, 525 Sixth Street, Wells, Nevada.

Mayor who shall hold office for a period of four (4) years, until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2030, election and until his or her respective successor has qualified and entered upon the discharge of his or her respective duties upon the 1st Monday of January, 2031.

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Any interested Candidates must file the Declaration of Candidacy no earlier than 8:00 a.m., Monday, March 2, 2026, and not later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 13, 2026. No person shall be a candidate or have his name printed on the Official Ballot for such election unless such person has timely filed such Affidavit of Candidacy and paid the \$25.00 filing fee.

DATED January 13, 2026

/s/ JASON PENGELLY, Wells City Manager

Publish: January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 2026.

Post: January 14, 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. 5:**

**RESOLVED:** That the City Clerk is authorized and instructed to cooperate with the County Clerk of the County of Elko in all matters pertaining to said registration and election, and to have all necessary printing done, publications made, ballots prepared, etc., as shall be proper and lawful under the circumstances.

**RESOLVED:** That as to any and all acts performed by the County Clerk of Elko County in connection with said registration or election, as may be required by law, the City of Wells shall reimburse said County Clerk for all proper expenses for which said City of Wells may be chargeable.

**RESOLVED:** That the following persons are hereby appointed as Clerks and Judges of Election, namely:

Clerks of Election:

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Judges of Election:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 6:**

**RESOLVED:** Any registered voter who by reason of physical disability or inability to read or write English or who is unable to read election materials or mark a ballot or use any voting device may be assisted by a person of the voter's choice, with exception as set forth in NRS 293C.282.

**DATED** at Wells, Nevada, January 13, 2026.

/s/ **JASON PENGELLY**, Wells City Manager

**APPROVED:**

/s/ **GARY POLLOCK**, Mayor

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR POLLOCK TO SIGN AGREEMENT TO TERMINATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT FOR EDA WOODHILLS DRAINAGE PROJECT**

Pengelly stated the city received this EDA grant approximately five years ago and had five years to spend the money. An extension was applied for and was received. A second extension was applied for and was denied for multiple reasons. After meeting with the EDA, the EDA would like to terminate this agreement, and the city can reapply at another time. The bids for the project came in at seven million dollars, and the city only had 2.3 million dollars. If the city reapplies, they may request more money. Work will continue designing a dirt earth ditch for insurance reasons. The city submitted a request to be reimbursed for the \$270,527 that the city has paid for engineering. Savedra made a motion to authorize Mayor Pollock to sign the Agreement to Terminate Financial Assistance Award by mutual agreement for EDA Woodhills Drainage Project. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPTIONS WITH TEXTMYGOV, GOVGO AND OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

Nance began that the textmygov option is just texting to anyone who signs up to receive these notifications. The cost is \$3,300 a year for 25,000 text messages a year. Nance thinks the 25,000 messages could be used up quickly. Pollock pointed out that this also requires a \$1,500 set up fee for a total of \$4,800. The GoGov is an actual app that everyone can download for free. GoGov will help with the design part of the app. The city chooses a name for the app, designs it and puts what is most important first on the app. Then GoGov will do everything for the city to get it up and running.

GoGov will send out push notifications, like a text, but it comes through the app and is unlimited. The city can send out as many notifications throughout the year as needed. Any notifications that are sent out can be set up to update the app, the city website and Facebook all at the same time. When someone downloads the app, that person can put their home address in. If there is a water line break, a circle can be drawn around the area

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where the break is and a notification will be sent to those people in that area, which would eliminate having to call those people. Cost wise, the app provides more than just texting.

The first thirty to sixty days, GoGov has a marketing person that will be assigned to the city to help get this going. The app is a one-year contract. Nance asked if there would be an increase in cost in the future and Nance was told that there has not been an increase in the last seven years. To keep customers, GoGov is willing to look at our budget to make it work and bases their pricing off population. Savedra asked which Nance preferred and Nance stated the GoGov because they offer more with similar costs. If there are not many people who downloaded the app, it could be looked at the end of the first year to see if it is feasible to continue with it. Savedra would like to choose what is easiest for city staff. All notifications can be scheduled at the first of the month to be sent out on a certain date to all three platforms. Any others that come up during the month will be added as needed. There may be a QR code the city can get and post around town. It was also suggested this information be put on the water bills.

Pollock is against text messages because people can ignore them and may miss something. With an app, it is more encompassing with enabling push notifications. Most everyone has a smart phone these days and it will make it easier to access all things City of Wells in one location. GoGov would also reduce workload by doing it all in one step. Pollock agrees with Nance if at the end of one year, the city does not feel it is getting our money's worth, the app can be discontinued. Pollock feels this will be a good thing. Pengelly stated this does not need to be budgeted for and can start immediately. Pollock stated this is affordable. Savedra made a motion to choose GoGov for the outreach option and implement it for one year. Peltier provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Micheli made a motion to approve the check register dated December 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$6,127.86. Savedra provided the second and motion passed unanimously. Micheli made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated December 11, 2025 through December 23, 2025 in the amount of \$111,119.67. Savedra provided the second and motion passed unanimously. Micheli made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated December 25, 2025 through January 13, 2026 in the amount of \$275,567.25. Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

## **COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS**

Savedra attended the Elko County School District Capital Improvement Oversight Committee meeting with the county commissioners via zoom. The school board has said the school is broke. There is still money left from the pay-as-you-go but that needs to be spent on certain things. Wells was listed second on the list of things that are needed. County Commissioner Jon Karr wanted to know why Wells was second. Karr was told

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that the placement on the list was not the order of how things would be taken care of. The gym roof is what needs to be taken care of in Wells. Savedra will try to attend, in person, the next county commissioner's meeting and the school board meeting to try to get more answers as to why the school board is saying they are broke. Savedra spoke with Pengelly last week about streetlights. Savedra wanted to remind everyone that the football field and Elementary school is not a dog park and to please keep your dogs off these areas, so the kids don't have to worry about rolling around in dog urine and feces.

Peltier hoped everyone had a great holiday, it was a nice break.

Pollock stated that this is the first meeting of the new year. 2025 was a very monumental year for this town. Pollock is proud to be a part of that with everyone and hopes the city can have a fraction of the success of last year, this year. Pollock is looking forward to another year. Pengelly and Pollock will be touring the new facilities in the next day or two in the Industrial Park.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Pengelly reminded everyone that financial disclosures are due on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Pengelly will be doing a check-in with both Amazon and Aultra. Aultra wants to be testing all of their equipment in a few weeks. Amazon wants to be shipping packages the middle of February. Aultra should be able to hire and be operational in four to five weeks. The LaQuinta is in review; the comments were addressed in a meeting the other day. They should be able to continue moving forward and break ground in the spring.

## **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

There were none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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**GARY POLLOCK, Mayor**

ATTEST:

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**SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk**

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