

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 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  
Jonathan Goolsby, Vice-Mayor  
Chris Micheli, Councilman  
Richard Peltier, Councilman  
CR Beth Savedra, Councilwoman

Absent: None

Quorum: Yes

Staff Present: Jason Pengelly, City Manager  
Glen Shamblin, Public Works Director  
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 meeting minutes dated February 24, 2026. Peltier provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

Elko County Commissioner Jon Karr was at the meeting to speak in favor of Governor Lombardo. Karr was speaking as a rural elected official because a few years back, Nevada had a democratic governor that didn't care about anyone's opinion unless it came from Las Vegas. Currently, Nevada has a governor who listens to the people in the rural areas. Karr thinks it is extremely important to have all elected officials support the

current governor in keeping his seat. Karr had presented a letter he was hoping all council members would sign in support of Lombardo

Karr feels the commissioners and all the other cities have done a poor job introducing bill drafts to the legislature and did not realize that Elko County can introduce bill drafts to the legislature. Everyone should be on board in what could benefit Elko County and what type of legislation could be presented. Karr feels Elko County has done a bad job at communicating about what our needs are that could be presented all together. Everyone has done a bad job when it comes to BLM land and expressing the needs of Elko County when it comes to BLM land. When the congressional budgets are set, anyone in Elko County can apply for grants that are made available in these budgets. Pollock stated he would be proud to sign a letter for our governor who has done a great job.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 26-01, SOLID WASTE USER RATE FEES, AMENDING THE PICKUP FEE. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Pengelly stated city hall has had no comments on the business impact statements. Lissa Campos from Elko Sanitation was also in attendance at the meeting. Elko Sanitation has not had any phone calls or comments either. Campos stated she will be and is always available if anything comes up.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR LAKE AVENUE SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER PROJECT WITH THE STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Pengelly began that the agreement was finally received from the State of Nevada legal team. It has been reviewed by the city attorney who sees no problems. This TAP grant will be used to put in curb, gutter and sidewalks on Lake Avenue. The total grant is \$800,526.00 with the city match being \$43,526.00. This will put in sidewalks where there are no sidewalks, repair current gutters and drainage issues. After this agreement is signed, the job will go out for bid. Savedra made a motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement for Lake Avenue sidewalk, curb and gutter project with the State of Nevada Department of Transportation. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

**NATHAN ROBERTSON WITH THE NEVADA LEAGUE OF CITIES TO ADDRESS BOARD OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Nathan Robertson from the City of Ely is also the treasurer for the Nevada League of Cities and has been working with Savedra and Pengelly. There have been changes over the last few years and the League offers many opportunities, both educational and leadership opportunities. There is also an annual conference that all council members are invited to attend. All members can have their say in who is appointed to the state board.

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There is a mentorship program for newly elected officials as well as training. In the State of Nevada, there are only nineteen incorporated cities. There is a lot of work to do for this next legislative session. There are a lot of things to fix like housing bill AB40. Cities need to come together to show the state legislature how this is done. The League has a new website coming out that will have a lot of accessible information. Robertson encouraged everyone to attend the meetings.

## **DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Pengelly stated there are no changes in the budget. We are waiting on quotes for generators as well as discussing the water budget. Currently, the city is \$7,000 in the red in the water budget. This will be back on the next agenda. Peltier asked how the inspection went on the well at the golf course. Pengelly stated they were able to put a camera down the well and there is a little hole in it. We will go twenty feet deeper hoping that we will solve the problem. Savedra asked what the privilege connection fee is. Pengelly explained it is to hook up to our water system.

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL WATER RATE INCREASES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND/OR COMMERCIAL USERS AND BOARD OF COUNCIL TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENTS**

Pollock asked if there is no action on this item, how would the \$7,000 shortfall be covered and what would the projection be for the following year. Pengelly stated if it isn't fixed when it is in the red, the way everything is going, it could triple. There has not been a water rate increase since 2018. It is getting to the point now that rates need to be raised to give public works capital to work with to replace infrastructure before it fails. Savedra asked if the city can get out of the red by just raising rates for commercial customers. Savedra hates to raise rates in this unstable market. Peltier mentioned that part of the safety side with the fire suppression and hydrants broke this last summer and Glen had to take parts from a spare one to get it fixed so now there is no spare. Peltier would like Glen to have a budget to where he could have parts on hand. A lot of the infrastructure is out of date, and it is hard to get parts.

Pollock stated when this increase was first discussed, it was mentioned to only raise the commercial customers which Pollock didn't think was fair. The city wants to promote business growth. It is getting harder to get by. The valve that was replaced last month was from 1946 at a cost of \$5,000. This is not an easy discussion and something the council wants to do. Pengelly reviewed the charts that were available of current rates and proposed rates. If the residential rates were raised by 2%, that would be a .51 increase every month. That would increase the annual fund by \$3,095. Nance and Pengelly feel if the residential rate is raised by 2% and the commercial customers 12%, that would be an increase of \$17,652.00 on the commercial side for a total of \$20,000 that could last for three years before rates would have to be raised again.

The overage charge currently is \$1.30 per thousand gallons and there has been discussion about raising that to \$1.50 per thousand. Savedra asked about other cities rates. Pengelly mentioned that Carlin is doing a rate increase every year for the next five years. Peltier mentioned when he lived in Elko, it was \$72.00 a month just for water. Savedra asked what the bill would be with the garbage and 2% water rate increase and was told it is \$86.48 now and would go up to \$87.61. Micheli asked if the gallons could be increased to 12,000. Peltier stated he has never gone over 10,000 gallons. Micheli has gone over several times. Pengelly said there aren't many that go over and want nice yards so don't care. Pengelly added that for eight years that he was in public works, there was never any money to be able to buy parts to fix things. Pengelly would like that to change. Pollock would like other city rates to be brought back to the next meeting. Peltier made a motion regarding potential water rate increases for residential to increase 2%, commercial users increase 12% and Board of Council to direct staff to proceed with business impact statements. Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 26-03, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, CITY OF WELLS**

Pengelly stated currently, the mayor receives \$191 a month, and council members receive \$141 a month. This has nothing to do with per diem, it is just increasing the salary. Pollock asked if there was any information on when the last increase happened. It is believed it has been at least thirteen years or longer. Pollock thinks everyone on the board works hard. These increases will not take effect until next term. Pollock feels that this may entice recruiting people to run for council if the compensation was addressed. Savedra would like the council members to receive what the mayor is currently receiving. Pengelly has looked at other cities' code to see what they receive. In Wendover, the mayor receives \$3,600 a year and council members receive \$2,400 a year. In Carlin, the mayor receives \$385 a month, and council members are \$175 a month. It was suggested that a flat \$50 increase be applied to both amounts. Peltier made a motion to approve Resolution 26-03, a resolution establishing the salary of the mayor and Board of Council for the City of Wells to increase \$50 a month for the council and the mayor. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE HUMBOLDT HIDEAWAY MUSIC FESTIVAL MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

Rudy Herndon stated his operations manager, Sarah Jaeger who is based in Ely will be managing the bar if the liquor license is approved. She will also be the head bartender and is working on getting volunteers to help. Pollock asked how many other bartenders would be assisting. Herndon stated that it is up in the air as ticket sales are pretty low, lower than they were in 2024. Herndon hopes ticket sales will pick up and if they do, more bartenders will be made available. Pollock would like to make sure this is in responsible hands. Peltier suggested wrist bands be used for people once they are identified when purchasing an alcoholic drink. Herndon added there are plans to use

wristbands that will make it easier and people won't have to be identified each time they want to purchase a drink. Savedra made a motion to approve the special liquor license for the Humboldt Hideaway Music Festival May 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

**JAMES MACPHERSON TO INTRODUCE THE LIONS' INTERNATIONAL LIONS CLUB IN WELLS TO THE BOARD OF COUNCIL AND DISCUSS BENEFITS OF THE LIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY**

James MacPherson has been a lion's member for ten years. The Lion's Club was founded in 1917 and is the largest service organization in the world with 1.3 million volunteers. The club in Elko has 89 members who do a lot of volunteering around the community. The Lions have a 53-acre camp in Lamoille that was handed down by the boy scouts. Work has been done to rebuild the camp after the fire seven years ago. The Elko club has an eye exam machine and provides eye exams for children. After the exam, a referral can be made and information provided for doctors that enable kids to get glasses, surgery or provide housing if there is a need to go out of the area. The Lions also sponsor community food programs, environmental cleanup, diabetes awareness and information regarding childhood cancer. Battle Mountain had a club with three members. Last week, a bingo night was held with 130 attending and five people signing up. That inspired the club to come to Wells. The goal is to see if there is an opportunity for the lion's club to serve in our community. The club used to be for men only but that has changed over the years. There are only two clubs in Nevada that are still only men. MacPherson would like contacts to see if this can be re-established in Wells. The Lions would be able to volunteer to help at the car show. Peltier thinks it is a good idea and just needs to get the word out to get together to explain what the purpose of the lion's club is. All clubs in the area can help all the other clubs. The dues are \$50 a year with an initial \$25 for the first year. Pollock would be happy to help facilitate getting the word out and work towards getting something set up and a place to hold a gathering.

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

Savedra made a motion to approve the check register dated February 1, 2026 through February 28, 2026 in the amount of \$5,934.00. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously. Savedra made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated February 26, 2026 through March 10, 2026 in the amount of \$223,944.98. Micheli provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

**COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS**

Savedra attended the capital improvement planning advisory board meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. A lot of the things that need to be done were discussed. It looks like Wells will get a new roof for the gym. Savedra discussed that Wells school needs a new lawn mower as the other mowers are over thirty years old. Savedra was asked to get quotes together and a lawnmower was approved. Savedra attended the NNRDA meeting in the afternoon, there

was a quorum and the budget was reviewed and approved. The On Target event is scheduled for April 2, 2026. This event will have a lot of site selectors there wanting to know what is available in the community. Sheldon Mudd's evaluation was reviewed and approved his raise which was well deserved as Mudd works very hard. Savedra thanked all the volunteer firefighters in town and how well they did with the house fire.

Peltier will be attending an Elko County Recreation board meeting on Thursday.

Pollock will be attending the event on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pollock stated that he had to give Jason kudos as he went above and beyond the call of duty. Pengelly noticed smoke and was at the fire before the firemen. Pengelly moved a propane tank that could have exploded and made the situation worse. Pengelly added that he was going to the post office and noticed the smoke so went to check it out.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Pengelly stated the Bullseye Bash is off for now and will be done later. Nevada Rural Water has received national approval as a member with \$100,000 loan to get up and running again. Pengelly was voted in as vice-chair of the Nevada board. In October, the Nevada Rural Water trainings can start again. Pengelly and Solis-Morgan will be working in the office on Friday for anyone who wants to file for council which is also the last day to file.

### **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

There were none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**GARY POLLOCK, Mayor**

ATTEST:

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**SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk**

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