

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: Chris Micheli, Councilman

Quorum: Yes

Staff Present: Jason Pengelly, City Manager
Samantha Nance, City Clerk
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

Peltier made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated April 14, 2026. Goolsby provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Resident Cathy Quinn stated it is springtime and the dump is open. On the days the dump isn't open, Quinn is out working in her yard, and notices truck after truck going up Radar Hill dumping their garbage. Quinn added that there are a lot of trucks going up full and coming back empty. Quinn took a drive up there to see if she could see the bags that were in the back of one truck. Coming down from Radar, she found several white bags just thrown from the road. Quinn doesn't know what the answer is. Quinn stated at

Radar, it is not just branches and leaves, it is old microwaves, washing machines, and refrigerators. Pollock stated we will bring this to the attention of the Sheriff's Department because illegal dumping is illegal.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR POUR DECISIONS DURING THE HUMBOLDT HIDEAWAY FESTIVAL MAY 29TH – 30TH

Bridgett Green, owner of Pour Decisions, was at the meeting to answer any questions the board may have regarding issuing her a special liquor license. Pollock began that her application was denied at the last meeting because she was not there to answer questions. Pollock stated not knowing her and she was not at the meeting to be able to answer any questions, the decision was made to deny the application to give Green a chance to come to a meeting.

Pollock wanted to know what Greens plans were to make sure she wouldn't over serve. Green stated this is her second season being in business based out of Elko but working all over the area as far as Reno. Green also offers non-alcoholic beverages and wants to be able to cater to kids. Green has a three-step method to help to be able to not serve to underage and make sure the strict guidelines are followed. Green will not risk her business or the people who work with her. Green makes sure she checks physical identifications and won't accept digital. Green will only serve directly to a person. Green also provides people, after they have been identified, with a bracelet. Green has special containers that have tamper proof seals, so the customer must break the seal off. Green has pouches that also have a tamper proof seal and will provide a lanyard so it can hang like a necklace.

Pollock likes that Green takes this seriously to think of all these safety precautions. Pollock appreciated Green coming to the meeting. Goolsby also appreciates her safety especially regarding minors, who are crafty. Savedra made a motion to approve the special liquor license for Pour Decisions during the Humboldt Hideaway Festival for May 29th-30th 2026. Peltier provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 26-02, RESOLUTION SETTING WATER USER RATE FEES AND STATEMENT FEES

Pengelly began that we previously had the first reading as well as the public comment period and this will be the final. Pengelly continued that this would go into effect on May 1st but won't show on the bill until June 1st. There have been no comments received regarding the rate increase. Peltier made a motion to approve Resolution 26-02, a resolution setting water user rate fees and statement fees. Goolsby provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FINAL BUDGET

Nance began that the tentative budget was approved at the last meeting and state approval has been received. One thing that was missing was the contracted amount for the fire department with the county. This fee goes up 5% every year so \$5,000 will have to be added in for that contracted amount for the final budget. The final approval of the budget will be at the May 26th meeting. Nance stated she can have it on the next agenda if the council wants or can just have it on the May 26th meeting for final approval. Of course, if there are any changes in the meantime, Nance will let them know at the next meeting. Peltier didn't see a need to have it reviewed at the next meeting unless there is something major that changes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO GRANT OR DENY APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE TO GEOFFREY ARNOLD FOR DONNA'S RANCH

Pengelly began that this should have been included on the agenda with the brothel's approval and was just an oversight. Peltier added that Arnold had a liquor license in the past and there were no issues that he knew of. Savedra asked if the manager goes through a background check? Savedra was told that when someone comes and gets their work card for the brothels, all their information is sent to the sheriff's office, and they do all of that there. Peltier made a motion to approve the liquor license for Geoffrey Arnold for Donna's Ranch. Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE REPORT: ACTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Peltier made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated April 16, 2026 through April 28, 2026 in the amount of \$605,928.78. Goolsby provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS

Savedra attended a Nevada League of Cities meeting via zoom and the housing situation was discussed as there are housing problems all over Nevada. Savedra stated that Nevada is number one in creating new jobs and new businesses which poses the housing problem. Senator Cortez Masto had her staff put this meeting together with the Nevada League of Cities to discuss ways to help with our housing needs. There are plans to have another meeting in the future. Tomorrow, Savedra has another zoom meeting with the League of Cities, also with Senator Cortez Mastos' team and the mayor from Wendover. Health care will be discussed and possible things that will be better for the citizens, including having our clinic open more. It is hard only having the clinic open two days a week. If you have an emergency, you will probably still have to go to Elko, Twin Falls or Salt Lake City. If there is a way to supplement the clinic, bring more people in and have it open more, people might be more apt to use it as a primary care facility. Savedra loves the people that run the clinic.

Peltier told Shamblin that the baseball fields are amazing. The guys really set us up for success this year. Peltier appreciates it. Goolsby agreed, thanked Shamblin and asked him to thank his guys for them.

Pollock and Pengelly got to ride in the engine in the Big Boy when it was here, which was tight. Wells was dedicated as a railroad USA town. Something will be set up later in the year to have some of the key people from Union Pacific in attendance including Peggy who facilitates this and want to have her here when the dedication is done.

Pengelly and Pollock met with Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony and his staff. It was a productive meeting, and they seem to have more rural areas on their priority list than other people. Acquisition of BLM land was discussed, as well as working with the railroad on a spur and health care. Anthony asked about our health care which is a number one issue for rural communities. Anthony and staff were informed about the Intermountain Health Care partnership as well as the limitations. Anthony and staff were amazed that Wells has access to that type of care. There was a bill that was passed by Cortez Mastos jointly with Rosen. Intermountain had applied for funding from that bill and was granted funding in the amount of \$220,000 for our clinic. Funds were provided for a vehicle to do home care for those who can't go to the clinic, a pharmacy vendor machine and other things. This may not be the end of funding for the clinic. Anthony asked for Pollock's endorsement and Pollock was more than happy to endorse him. The baseball and softball fields are amazing, and Public Works is appreciated for all they do as well as the work at the cemetery.

STAFF REPORTS

Pengelly met with Senator Rosen's staff the day after the meeting with Anthony. Pengelly gave them an earful about what rurals need, where we are lacking, and where all the money goes, which is the big cities. The infrastructure money that is supposed to trickle down to the rural areas never arrives. Thad Ballard, CEO of WREC joined the meeting and discussed infrastructure for WREC, different projects they would like to be a part of like another substation for the high voltage transmission line that is going through the town.

Michael Boney previously from Nevada Rural Water is in Wells doing training on wastewater. People from Wendover have been coming over for training and there will be some coming from Ely. After Nevada Rural Water lost their membership with National, National Rural Water Association came in and Boney got hired by them. These associations give free training to operators, and council if needed. There is no cost because it is funded by tax dollars. The new organization, Rural Water and Wastewater Association of Nevada of which Pengelly is a board member of, is going to start up in a few weeks and will offer the same services. This new group can also do rate studies, capital assessment plans help with many other things regarding the system. This training is needed for certification to renew licensing which is needed every two years. This is funded through the state revolving funds. Glen took Boney on a tour which was very educational for Boney.

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Shamblin thanked everyone for their kind words. Shamblin stated some paving will be beginning soon.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

GARY POLLOCK, Mayor

ATTEST:

SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk