

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF MAY 26, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 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
Richard Peltier, Councilman
CR Beth Savedra, Councilwoman

Absent: Jonathan Goolsby, Vice-Mayor
Chris Micheli, Councilman

Quorum: Yes

Staff Present: Samantha Nance, City Clerk
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 the meeting minutes dated May 12, 2026. Peltier provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Cathy Quinn stated there are a lot of people at the senior center that have complained the \$54.00 price for the concert is way too much for them and they think they should get in for free. Quinn doesn't think that is right but there are seniors that have limited income.

Rudy Herndon representing the Humboldt Hideaway Music Festival stated they are three days away from the festival this Friday and Saturday. Herndon will be meeting with

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Shamblin tomorrow to finalize last-minute details. Regarding the ticket prices, Herndon stated prices are extremely favorable compared to average festival prices and feels they are offering a good deal. The attendance is not where they hoped it would be and are selling tickets at a financial loss. Ticket sales for the local area of Elko County and Wells are forty percent of the ticket sales which is higher than they were in White Pine. Expenses are in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and revenue from ticket sales is in the thousands of dollars. Herndon understands the situation many people are in right now with fuel costs. Herndon is paying the three headliners to fly out to Salt Lake City or Elko. Those costs alone are thousands of dollars over budget from where they were a few months ago. If people can't buy tickets, they are offering free admission to anyone who wants to volunteer for a couple of hours the day before the festival or the day after the festival. There are seventeen bands performing this year. There will be eight or nine bands performing each day. They come from Scotland, the UK as well as some bands from Utah.

DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FINAL BUDGET

Nance stated there have been no changes since the last time the budget was on the agenda other than it being in the format the state requires and is due June 1st. Peltier made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2026-2027 final budget. Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CANCEL FIRST COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 9, 2026

Pengelly stated city hall will be the location for the primary elections which is the reason for cancelling the meeting. Savedra made a motion to cancel the first council meeting on June 9, 2026. Peltier provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT OR DENY APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW 32-FOOT TRAVEL TRAILER IN MOBILE HOME PARK LOT LOCATED AT 151 2ND STREET, APN #002-591-003 FOR APPLICANT TRAIL 40 CORP.

Tommy Thomson has an individual that wants to put a travel trailer in a space that had previously been set up for a travel trailer. It will be skirted just like the other mobile homes, and he will water the grass at that spot. A picture of the lot that faces Second Street was shown as well as pictures of the travel trailer. Pollock stated the city doesn't normally approve setting up Rv's on a permanent basis, but it is a nice trailer. Affordable housing is getting harder to find. Thomson added Xavier wants to get into a more permanent place with a yard and a storage shed for his stuff, more permanent than a rv park. Xavier works for Wells Propane. Pollock added that Thomson has been a landlord and a pillar of the community for a long time. Thomson stated anytime he gets a new home on his lots, he tried to clean it up to look nice. Pengelly added that any time a special use permit is requested, letters are sent to all residents that live within 300 feet of

that area and there have been no responses either way. Peltier made a motion to approve the application for special use to allow a 32-foot travel trailer in the mobile home park located at 151 2nd street, APN #002-591-003 for applicant Trail 40 Corp. Savedra provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL CO-ED CLASSIC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ON JUNE 12TH AND 13TH, 2026 FOR MICHELLE PETERSON

Peterson applied for the liquor license last year and Pollock sees no issue because Peterson is well known and a trusted member of the community. This tournament has been held for several years with no issues. Savedra made a motion to approve the special liquor license for the 7th annual co-ed classic softball tournament on June 12th and 13th, 2026 for Michelle Peterson. Peltier provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE REPORT: ACTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Savedra made a motion to approve the Warrant Register dated May 14, 2026 through May 26, 2026 in the amount of \$114,259.81. Peltier provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS

Savedra attended the capital improvement planning advisory meeting on May 13, 2026. It was cut short and there will be another meeting tomorrow. There will also be an NNRDA meeting tomorrow in Elko. Savedra was thankful for the response from all over the area who helped with the fire. Savedra urged everyone to be careful because of the dry year. Savedra also encouraged everyone to get out and vote in the primary elections.

Peltier reported that the Elko County REC meeting has been postponed until Thursday. Tomorrow the fire department will be out for the field day at school with different stations set up and relays for competition pulling and rolling hoses.

Pollock encouraged everyone to come out to the music festival this weekend. This is a cool opportunity for our town. Little League has wrapped up and thanked the city staff for the amazing facilities. There are some kids that will be in the All-Star teams with Elko and Spring Creek in Elko June 21st through the 30th with games starting the 22nd.

STAFF REPORTS

Pengelly began that he and Nance have been looking at grants to replace the scoreboards at the softball field and the little league field. Quotes were received today for \$11,500 and need to be submitted to the Next Dollar Foundation by June 1st. A presentation will be made on June 1st to that board. The city will have some cost for installation.

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Pengelly contacted the BLM District Manager about the mess on Radar Hill. Pollock had a suggestion that the city work with the BLM and Elko Sanitation to clean the area up. Pengelly sent an email with the suggestion, thinking it can be done in two days but has not received a reply from the BLM. Peltier stated that once a year, Elko has the same issue on Bullion and Last Chance, and the BLM takes volunteers and their equipment to clean up that mess. Peltier thinks with it being a combined effort, the city should get support from them to help. Pengelly stated before and after pictures would be taken. Pengelly continued that this is in the county and not a City of Wells problem but the city would like to help remedy the problem as this is our community that is doing this. BLM could possibly put up some signs and patrol the area.

Pollock stated that if people continue to dump after it is cleaned up, the evidence will be fresh and law enforcement has been informed. Pollock would like to see berms put on the road in and out, so it isn't as easy to go and dump there, have the area posted and the community aware this is not okay. People don't want to pay \$5 to go to the dump but that would be cheaper than a fine. Pengelly added that this cleanup would be taxpayer's dollars and fuel costs which could cost in the thousands to clean this up. Paying the \$5 would be cheaper. There are a few people that have that habit and don't want to spend \$5.

Paving is being done at the splash pad and the park. Castle Street and a block of Third Street will also be paved. The grand opening of the splash pad will be June 12th. There will be hot dogs, chips with free swimming and splash pad for the afternoon.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Denny Stanhope stated Radar Hill is not the only problem area. There are other areas where garbage is being dumped. Stanhope cleans it up when he is out and about.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

GARY POLLOCK, Mayor

ATTEST:

SAMANTHA NANCE, City Clerk

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