

MINUTES of the regular **City Council** meeting of Wellsville City held **January 03, 2024**, at the Wellsville City Offices at 75 East Main. City officials present were Mayor Thomas G. Bailey, Councilwomen Kaylene Ames and Denise Lindsay; Councilmen Bob Lindley and Austin Wood; and incoming Councilman Carl Leatham. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells was also present. A copy of the Notice and Agenda were mailed to the Mayor and Councilmembers and emailed and faxed to the Herald Journal on December 29, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas G. Bailey.

Others Present:	Ron Case	Christine Lindley	Ashley McBride
	Mason McBride	Travis McBride	Denise Mouritsen
	Marcene Parker	Megan Petersen	Diane Roundy
	Curtis Thompson	Dayna Thompson	Sharen Thompson
	RaAnn Tripp	Linda Wursten	

Opening Ceremony: Councilman Austin Wood

The Council reviewed the agenda. **Councilman Austin Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to approve the agenda as presented.**

<u>YEA 4</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>
Kaylene Ames	
Bob Lindley	
Denise Lindsay	
Austin Wood	

The Council reviewed the minutes of the December 20, 2023, regular City Council meeting. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Austin Wood, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023, regular City Council meeting.**

<u>YEA 4</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>
Kaylene Ames	
Bob Lindley	
Denise Lindsay	
Austin Wood	

Payroll is approved through the budget, therefore, the checks approved in the City Council minutes are not in numerical order from City Council meeting to City Council meeting as the city uses the same checking account for payroll and accounts payable. After review and discussion, **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to approve the city's accounts payable bills for payment, represented by check number 29077 through 29105.**

<u>YEA 4</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>
Kaylene Ames	
Bob Lindley	
Denise Lindsay	
Austin Wood	

At 6:06 p.m., Mayor Thomas G. Bailey opened the meeting for citizen input. There was no citizen input. At 6:07 p.m., citizen input was closed.

Carl Leatham accepted the Oath of Office and was sworn in as a Wellsville City Councilman to serve a four-year term commencing January 2024. Councilman Leatham took his council seat on the stand. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey congratulated and welcomed Councilman Leatham.

Bob Lindley accepted the Oath of Office and was sworn in as a Wellsville City Councilman to serve a four-year term commencing January 2024. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey congratulated Councilman Lindley.

Denise Lindsay accepted the Oath of Office and was sworn in as a Wellsville City Councilwoman to serve a four-year term commencing January 2024. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey congratulated Councilwoman Lindsay.

Mayor Thomas G. Bailey introduced Mason McBride as the duly elected Wellsville City Fire Chief. The mayor and councilmembers congratulated Mr. McBride, thanked him for his time and willingness to serve, and wished him the best. Mr. McBride thanked the council. He and City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells will meet to discuss the fire department's budget. **Mayor Bailey called for those in favor of Mason McBride's election as Wellsville City Fire Chief to indicate.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

The City Council discussed assignments for the Mayor and City Council for 2024. The following are the proposed 2024 assignments:

Mayor Thomas G. Bailey: Fire Department, Irrigation, Sewer, Sunday Night Meeting, Parade.

Kaylene Ames: Founders' Day Chairperson, Wellsville Scholarship Pageant, Beautification Committee, City Float.

Carl Leatham: Planning & Zoning, Law Enforcement, Animal Control, Trails/Walking Paths.

Bob Lindley: Parks & Recreation, Cemetery, Memorial Day Program, Environmental, Storm Water.

Denise Lindsay: Sidewalks, Webpage, Youth Council.

Austin Wood: Emergency Plan & CERT Training, Culinary Water, First Responders, Roads.

The following are the proposed 2024 Founders' Day assignments:

Mayor Thomas G. Bailey: Parade, Rodeo, Patriotic Program, Rodeo Flag Ceremony, Mt. Sterling Stampede.

Kaylene Ames: Founders' Day Chairperson, Community Breakfast, Amusement Rides, Music in the Park.

Carl Leatham: Sham Battle, Watermelon Bust, Fun Run.

Bob Lindley: Tennis Tournament, Golf Tournament, Softball Games.

Denise Lindsay: Quilt Drawing, Dutch Oven Meal, Family Activity, Fireworks.

Austin Wood: Flag Ceremony, Sham Battle, Vendor Booths, The Cannon.

History Committee: Cemetery Tour, Historical Speaker.

Mayor Bailey noted that Councilman Carl Leatham has previously served on the Planning Commission and will now be the councilmember who oversees the Commission. Mayor Bailey thanked Councilwoman Kaylene Ames for her willingness to continue to serve as the Founders' Day Chairperson. **Councilman Austin Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to accept the City Council and Founders' Day assignments for 2024.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

The City Council discussed who should serve as Mayor Pro Tempore 2024 for Wellsville City. **Councilwoman Kaylene Ames made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Denise Lindsay, nominating Councilman Austin Wood serve as the Mayor Pro Tempore 2024 for Wellsville City.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells announced that the meeting schedules for Wellsville City for calendar year 2024 will remain the same. The governing body (City Council) shall conduct two regular meetings each month, which shall be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The Planning Commission shall conduct two regular meetings each month, which shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Said meetings shall begin at 6:00 p.m. The Board of Adjustments will meet on an "as needed basis." **Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Denise Lindsay, to approve the meeting schedule for Wellsville City for calendar year 2024.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

The Council discussed for approval the list of Wellsville City dealings with related parties. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells stated that any relatives of the city council, mayor, or city employees that have financial dealings with Wellsville City must be included on the presented list for the city's audit. The Council reviewed the names on the list, removed a few, and added several others. **Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Austin Wood, to approve the revised list of Wellsville City dealings with related parties.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells discussed the first quarter financial report for August 2023. He reported to the Mayor and Council that Wellsville City is in good financial standing. After discussion, **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Kaylene Ames, to approve the first quarter financial report for August 2023.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

Department Reports:

Councilwoman Denise Lindsay-

1) RAPZ Tax Program applications are due electronically on March 1, 2023.

Councilman Carl Leatham-

1) No business or concerns at this time.

Councilwoman Kaylene Ames-

- 1) Congratulated the new and reelected city councilmembers and expressed appreciation for their service.

Councilman Bob Lindley-

- 1) No business or concerns at this time.

Councilman Austin Wood-

- 1) Congratulated the new and reelected city councilmembers. Councilman Wood stated he is looking forward to working with his fellow councilmembers in 2024.
- 2) Councilman Wood asked the status of the upcoming culinary well (Tax Id. #10-039-0004), which will hopefully service those in the city living above 4,650-feet of elevation. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells stated the test well is scheduled to be drilled this spring as soon as the snow melts. The test well, estimated to cost \$300,000, will be financed with the city's capital funds. The city must conduct water and sewer studies to obtain financing for the actual well which is estimated to cost \$2.2 million. The water study will indicate if Wellsville City needs to have a water rate adjustment.

City Manager/Recorder's Report:

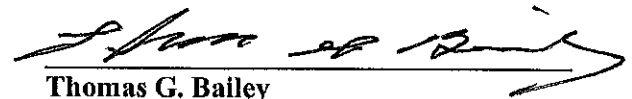
- 1) Lights are being added to the city's pickleball courts.
- 2) City winter parking restriction are in place. No parking is allowed within ten feet of the edge of the road on city streets between the hours of midnight and 8:00 a.m. All vehicles, boats, campers, trailers, construction equipment, etc. must be removed from city rights-of-ways. Citations will be issued for those not in compliance. The winter parking regulation is in effect from November 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.

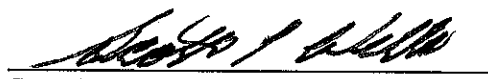
At 6:41 p.m., Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Austin Wood, to adjourn the meeting.

YEA 5

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

NAY 0


Thomas G. Bailey
Mayor


Scott E. Wells
City Manager/Recorder