

MINUTES of the regular **City Council** meeting of Wellsville City held **January 17, 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 Carl Leatham, Bob Lindley and Austin Wood. 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 January 12, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas G. Bailey.

Others Present: Tracy Bodrero Megan Petersen Diane Roundy

Opening Ceremony: Councilman Bob Lindley

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

YEA 5 NAY 0

Kaylene Ames  
Carl Leatham  
Bob Lindley  
Denise Lindsay  
Austin Wood

The Council reviewed the minutes of the January 03, 2024, regular City Council meeting. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to approve the minutes of the January 03, 2024, regular City Council meeting.**

YEA 5 NAY 0

Kaylene Ames  
Carl Leatham  
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 29181 through 29218.**

YEA 5 NAY 0

Kaylene Ames  
Carl Leatham  
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.

The Council then began Open Meetings Training for 2024. On the overhead screens, City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells presented the Utah League of Cities and Towns video titled '*Open and Public Meetings with David Church.*' Mr. Church read the **Open and Public Meetings Act's** policy statement- "*It is the intent of the legislature that the State and its political subdivisions exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business and that they are to take their actions openly and their deliberations are to be conducted openly.*" Mr. Church defined a public body as any body that has been officially created by some official action like an ordinance, the Constitution, or the legislature that consists of two or more persons, that is supported by public funds, which has the power to make a public decision or give advice on

a public decision. He noted that a public body does *not* include a political caucus. Mr. Church then defined a meeting as the convening of the public body for the purposes in which the public body has been created and in which a quorum is present. A quorum is defined in the State statute as a majority of the governing body unless there is a statute that defines it otherwise. Mr. Church concluded that once the definitions of public body, meeting, and quorum are understood; the **Open and Public Meetings Act** has a low standard of compliance, all public bodies have to do is give proper notice of the meeting and open the doors of the meeting room to the public. He defined the notice requirements as an agenda (created to outline the topics to be discussed) posted on the state public meeting website, the place of meeting, and news media outlets 24 hours prior to the meeting. The mayor, councilmembers, city manager/recorder, and minute taker each signed to document their open and public meeting training.

Department Reports:

Councilwoman Denise Lindsay-

1) Councilwoman Lindsay encouraged the Council to watch '*All the Queen's Horses*' a documentary film that tells the story of Rita Crundwell, the perpetrator of the largest case of municipal fraud in American history. Rita Crundwell, comptroller and treasurer, embezzled \$53 million over a 22-year period from Dixon, Illinois. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay stated the film was informative and thought provoking. She encouraged the council to not be afraid to ask questions, and to trust with verification.

Councilman Carl Leatham-

1) No business or concerns at this time.

Councilwoman Kaylene Ames-

1) No business or concerns at this time.

Councilman Bob Lindley-

1) No business or concerns at this time.

Councilman Austin Wood-

1) Expressed appreciation for the snow removal efforts of the city's public works employees.

City Manager/Recorder's Report:

1) City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells detailed snow removal efforts throughout the city. Mayor Bailey stated he has received complaints that east to west roads are not plowed as well as north to south roads. City Manager/Recorder Wells explained that the public works employees focus first on plowing the school bus routes. He added long drags from north to south are done prior to the short drags east to west. Councilman Leatham suggested the city newsletter include a recommendation for citizens to notch snowbanks out for garbage cans in order to improve roadway access. City Manager/Recorder Wells agreed and will also encourage citizens to place garbage cans within plowed driveways.

2) As required by the Auditor Alert 2023-01 Public Notice Compliance for Local Governments, audio recording of city council meetings will be posted on the Public Notice Website. Yea, nay, abstain or absent must be recorded for each councilmember for every motion. The email and phone number of each councilmember must also be included on meeting agendas.

At 6:51 p.m., Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Denise Lindsay, to adjourn the meeting.

YEA 5  
Kaylene Ames  
Carl Leatham  
Bob Lindley  
Denise Lindsay  
Austin Wood

NAY 0

Thomas G. Bailey  
Thomas G. Bailey  
Mayor

Scott E. Wells  
Scott E. Wells  
City Manager/Recorder