

MINUTES of the regular **City Council** meeting of Wellsville City held **March 20, 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 March 15, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas G. Bailey.

Others Present:	Tracy Bodrero	Jenna Perkes	Maddie Soto
	John Spence	Linda Wursten	

Opening Ceremony: Councilman Carl Leatham

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

<u>YEA</u> 5	<u>NAY</u> 0	<u>ABSTAIN</u> 0	<u>ABSENT</u> 0
Kaylene Ames			
Carl Leatham			
Bob Lindley			
Denise Lindsay			
Austin Wood			

The minutes of the March 06, 2024, regular City Council meeting will be reviewed at the next City Council meeting.

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 29378 through 29398.**

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At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Thomas G. Bailey opened the meeting for citizen input. Jenna Perkes informed the Council that heavy snowfall recently caused a branch to break off a tree which is planted within the City's right-of-way, located at approximately 14 East 100 South (Tax Id. #10-019-0058). The large branch landed on a client's car parked in Ms. Perkes' driveway. The branch caused \$10,500.00 worth of damage to the car. Wellsville City's insurance would not assume liability for the fallen branch because the damage is considered an act of God. Ms. Perkes asked if Wellsville City has a budget for trimming trees. Councilwoman Kaylene Ames, who is also the Beautification Committee Chairperson, confirmed Wellsville City does have a budget for trimming trees. Ms. Perkes asked that the aged tree in front of her home be removed or trimmed. She specified other old trees in the surrounding area which could be trimmed. Ms. Perkes added she would prefer to have the old tree in front of her home removed. Councilwoman Ames pointed out that the majority of the trees in the downtown area are old and are of a historical nature. She stated she will have the tree in front of Ms. Perkes home and several other aged trees in the area evaluated by contracted arborist. Councilwoman Ames asked if Ms. Perkes would be comfortable with having the old tree in front of her home removed and a new tree planted. Ms. Perkes answered yes. The Council determined that a neighboring tree of concern to Ms. Perkes (Tax Id. #10-019-0057) was not within the city right-of-way and cannot be trimmed by Wellsville City. Ms. Perkes thanked the Council for their time.

At 6:14 p.m., citizen input was closed.

Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse (CAPSA) representative Maddie Soto met with the City Council to raise awareness for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She stated rape is the most underreported crime. 63-percent of sexual assaults are not reported to the police. Ms. Soto presented the Council with a CAPSA fiscal year impact report. She shared that hope begins by shifting responses from blame to support when survivors disclose incidents of sexual violence. Ms. Soto stated that more individuals do *not* report incidents of sexual violence (out of fear or other barriers) than report falsely. Start by Believing is a national campaign intended to help create a culture where survivors feel safe to come forward and receive the support they need to heal. Hope is also instilled in survivors by connecting them to resources. CAPSA helps connect people to law enforcement (when individuals are in imminent danger), and to State resources for financial and housing support. Ms. Soto emphasized that CAPSA provides resources but leaves the individual in control of which resources they choose to implement. She expressed gratitude for the community's support and concluded that hope and resources can make a difference in the lives of sexual assault survivors. The Council commended CAPSA's efforts.

City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells discussed the second quarter financial report for December 2023. He reported to the Mayor and Council that Wellsville City is in good financial standing. The Council considered the Founders' Day budget. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey pointed out that donations pay for the majority of the fireworks display. After discussion, **Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Austin Wood, to approve the second quarter financial report for December 2023.**

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Department Reports:

Councilwoman Denise Lindsay-

1) Councilwoman Denise Lindsay reminded the Council that on February 16, 2022, the Council decided to allow an exception due to the large acreage, for Brock and Alyssa Bradshaw's property at approximately 160 West 600 South (Tax Id. #10-038-0002), requiring sidewalk on a single frontage, from property line to property line along 600 South (which is deemed the frontage). Mr. Bradshaw has \$11,628.00 in an escrow agreement to fund sidewalk. Mr. Bradshaw has now approached the city and would like to use that escrow amount as a fee in lieu of sidewalk. With the fee paid in lieu of sidewalk, he would like the city to construct sidewalk on his parcel along 200 West rather than 600 South. Councilman Bob Lindley stated that *if* Mr. Bradshaw is allowed to pay a fee in lieu of sidewalk an updated bid for the project should be obtained. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells, Mayor Thomas G. Bailey, and the Council discussed the advantages of the parcel's sidewalk being constructed along 600 South. Wellsville City would then finance additional sidewalk to connect the 600 South sidewalk to the Wellsville Reservoir trail. An alternative asphalt trail was discussed as were maintenance and durability concerns. The Council also discussed sidewalks required for neighboring properties (Chris Clark, Tax Id. #10-026-0032; Cooper Subdivision, Tax Id. #10-037-0010). City Manager/Recorder Wells also suggested utilizing the sidewalk fund to continue the Cooper Subdivision's 200 West sidewalk to 700 South. The Council agreed Mr. Bradshaw is responsible to construct his frontage's sidewalk along 600 South.

Councilman Carl Leatham-

1) Councilman Carl Leatham reported that the Planning Commission approved a request from Mike Baldwin for a **Design Review Permit** to operate 'Sam Patch Co. Grocer and Sundries' out of the property located at 825 East Main (Tax Id. #11-088-0023 and #11-112-0001); which is contingent upon the **Staff Report**'s conditions of approval. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay mentioned she recently toured the 'Sam Patch Co. Grocer and Sundries' in Island Park, Idaho and was very impressed by the establishment's country charm and cleanliness.

Mayor Thomas G. Bailey-

1) Mayor Thomas G. Bailey reported that the Millville Cemetery recently opened a new section within the cemetery. Wellsville Cemetery plots are four-feet by eight-feet. Plots within Millville City's new section are four-feet by ten-feet which will allow clearance for graves to be dug *without* moving headstones. Mayor Bailey asked the Council to consider that option for Wellsville Cemetery's upcoming section. Councilman Bob Lindley commended the public works employees for how well they preserve headstones and grounds throughout the burial process.

Councilwoman Kaylene Ames-

1) Cache Valley's parade season begins May 11, 2024. The Council considered how many of the valley's twenty community parades Wellsville City could reasonably participate in (especially given that multiple parades are held on concurrent days). The Council agreed Wellsville City's participation should foremost be given to those cities which reciprocate parade attendance.

2) Councilwoman Kaylene Ames has several other aged trees in mind to trim in addition to the tree in front of Ms. Perkes' home. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey recommended increasing the tree trimming budget. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells detailed liability for trees in relation to property lines as well as the growth and condition of the tree.

Councilman Bob Lindley-

1) No business or concerns at this time.

Councilman Austin Wood-

1) No business or concerns at this time.

City Manager/Recorder's Report:

1) The Get Healthy Utah, The Utah Foundation, and partners are planning a first-ever Healthy Communities Roadshow. The roadshow will be held March 25, 2024, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, at the Nibley City Council Chambers. The show will outline strategies to support healthy eating, active living, and mental well-being on a municipal level, and rewards communities for their efforts to improve community health. It will also educate local policymakers and staff on these policy solutions and resources, and provide them with tools to make a lasting difference.

2) The 2024 statewide Utah ShakeOut is on April 18, 2024, when Utahns will participate in earthquake drills at work, school, or home, practicing earthquake safety and other aspects of their emergency plans. The city's ham radios will be tested. Wellsville Fire and EMS Departments will also be invited to participate.

3) Councilmembers were presented with their budgets. Councilmembers should be prepared to discuss adjustments (if needed) within the next week.

4) Wellsville City's annual fee for bulk green waste removal has increased from \$15,000.00 to \$50,000.00 (the city is now contractually obligated to 'Waste Management'). A mailer will be sent to residents to collect public feedback regarding the city providing bulk green waste removal for \$3.50 per month per resident. A public hearing will be held. The fee for curbside green waste has increased from \$5.00 per month to \$10.50 per month and will now be picked up weekly rather than every other week. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay pointed out that Zions Bank will soon be conducting a citywide water rate study. City Manager/Recorder Wells explained that to obtain funding, Wellsville City's water rates must cover a certain percentage of the low-interest loan for the future culinary well (Tax Id. #10-039-0004), which will hopefully service those in the city living above 4,650-feet of elevation. Total cost of the project including well house infrastructure is estimated to be \$3.5 million.

5) Wellsville Scout Troop Pack 21 will soon help remove Christmas wreaths and assist with a general cleanup of the Wellsville Cemetery.

6) Sewer system flows have increased over the last two years. Wellsville City will send out a text to residents reminding them that stormwater should not be sent into the sewer system. A letter will be mailed to those illegally discharging stormwater into the system informing them that they have 30 days to remedy the situation before legal action is taken against them. Cameras will be run through the system to identify violators after that period. Illegal discharge negatively effects all Wellsville residents as it will prematurely necessitate a sewer treatment plant. Another reminder will be sent discouraging flushable wipes. Flushable wipes recently clogged a mainline and are responsible for most of the clogs in the city sewer.

7) Castle Country RV's lot (Tax Id. #11-091-0011) within the Pallets of Utah Subdivision has sold to new ownership.

At 7:26 p.m., **Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carl Leatham, to adjourn the meeting.**

YEA 5

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

NAY 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0



Thomas G. Bailey
Mayor



Scott E. Wells
City Manager/Recorder