

MINUTES of the regular **City Council** meeting of Wellsville City held **May 15, 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 E. 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 May 10, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas G. Bailey.

Others Present:	John Alexander	Tracy Bodrero	Margaret Bosworth
	Shanna Burningham	David Cook	Scott Danley
	Matt Felt	Robert Franckowiak	Tawnya Franckowiak
	Karma Leatham	Megan Petersen	John Powell
	Darren Roundy	Diane Roundy	Randy Wall
	Linda Wursten		

Opening Ceremony: Councilman Bob Lindley

The Council reviewed the amended agenda. Item 5 '*Approval of the previous minutes*' will be reviewed at the next City Council meeting. **Councilman Austin Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to approve the amended agenda with the correction.**

<u>YEA 5</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN 0</u>	<u>ABSENT 0</u>
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. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells noted 'Braden G. Reeder Construction' was paid to build a box culvert in the city's right-of-way along Daniel and Jodie Coleman parcel (Tax Id. #10-028-0039). 'BT Crane & Pumping Service, LLC' was paid to remove the buckling bleachers at the Wellsville Rodeo Arena. 'Andersen Asphalt' was paid to seal cracks along the Wellsville Dam trail system. After review and discussion, **Councilman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carl Leatham, to approve the city's accounts payable bills for payment, represented by check number 29535 through 29569.**

<u>YEA 5</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN 0</u>	<u>ABSENT 0</u>
Kaylene Ames			
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At 6:06 p.m., Mayor Thomas G. Bailey opened the meeting for citizen input.

Linda Wursten shared that the Memorial Day Veteran's Recognition Program is on May 18, 2024. The program begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Wellsville City Stake Center (30 South Center). The Historical Committee will honor 32 of our deceased hometown veterans with a brief history and patriotic banners to be displayed on Main Street during the summer months. All were invited to attend to support our Veterans. Ms. Wursten thanked the mayor, city council, city manager, and the public works employees for their support.

Tracy Bodrero Notice addressed the public hearing scheduled on June 5, 2024 regarding an amendment to **Title 8, Public Utilities, Chapter 1, Water Use and Services**; which proposes increasing the minimum monthly water rate. He asked how much the monthly water rate will increase. City Manager/Recorder

Scott Wells explained that on April 30, 2024 Wellsville City met with the State of Utah to apply for a 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. The loan amount is for \$3.2 million, at a 2.4% interest rate, for a 20-year period. Wellsville City will pay for the remainder of the project from savings. City Manager/Recorder Wells explained that to obtain funding Wellsville City's water rates must cover a certain percentage of the loan and an additional 25 percent for savings. Wellsville City's water rates have not been raised since 2015. The proposed amendment would increase the monthly water rate by 30 percent over a five-year period. The first year the rate would rise by \$10.00, the next four years the rate would increase \$4.00 annually.

Mayor Bailey announced that May 20, 2024 will be opening day for the city's new pickleball courts. The courts are located at 100 East 100 South. City Manager/Recorder Wells presented pictures of the signage posted on Hyrum, Nibley, and Millville City's courts. Signage posted indicated a one-hour time limit when others are waiting; no smoking; and no vaping. City Manager/Recorder Wells brought up how difficult it would be to enforce a court time limit. The Council determined to open the courts on a first come, first served basis. If there is an overwhelming demand for the courts, the Council will revisit time limits and court reservations. The Recreation Department does not want to impose game time limits for groups using the courts if they can avoid and encourage those using the courts to be mindful of others who may be waiting for a turn.

At 6:13 p.m., citizen input was closed.

Beginning at 6:14 p.m., the Council shall receive public input then consider **Resolution 2024-03**, a resolution adopting an adjustment to the fee associated with the Bulk Green Waste Services provided by Waste Management of Utah, Inc. and Wellsville City. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells began by recounting the history of bulk green waste collection in Wellsville City. Prior to 2023, Logan City offered bulk green waste collection. Residents were billed \$1.00 each month for a Green Waste Service Fee, approximately an annual total of \$13,000.00, which covered Logan City's bulk green waste expense. Logan City then discontinued green waste collection services for all other municipalities. In 2023, City Manager/Recorder Wells hired a private entity, D's Tree Service, LLC, who collected Wellsville City's green waste that summer for \$18,000.00. At that time, the Council determined Wellsville City would subsidize the remaining \$5,000.00 to D's Tree Service (after the resident's monthly \$1.00 fee which amounted to approximately \$13,000.00). In response to Logan City's abrupt termination of waste collection services to cities in Cache Valley, Wellsville City in concert with several other municipalities and Cache County formed an interlocal entity called the Cache Waste Consortium (CWC) to procure waste collection services for Cache County and the participating municipalities. The Consortium entered into the Solid Waste Services Agreement with Waste Management (WM) for waste collection services for all cities in the Consortium. WM began Wellsville City's garbage collection on October 3, 2023. City Manager/Recorder Wells explained that Wellsville City is contractually obligated to services provided by WM which now also includes *bulk* green waste. For bulk green waste service from May 01, 2024 to October 01, 2024, picking up two bins three times a week for \$275.00 per bin, WM would charge an annual fee of approximately \$50,000.00. The best method for ensuring that the total cost and expense of providing the green waste dumpster service equitably upon those who are similarly situated and in just portion to the benefits conferred would be to impose a service fee through the city utility bill. The Green Waste Service Fee upon each city utility bill would then increase \$3.00 to a total of \$4.00 a month per resident for 12 months of the year. All revenues generated from the Green Waste Service Fee would be deposited in the applicable enterprise fund and used only as authorized by the City Council to provide green waste dumpster services. In addition to tonight's public hearing, the Bulk Green Waste Survey was mailed to residents to obtain further public feedback. City Manager/Recorder Wells expounded that those residents signed up for the city's text message alert system also received a text reminding them to return their survey. A total of 269 surveys were returned to the city. Of those, 115 were in favor of increasing the monthly utility bill to \$4.00 per month to allow the city to offer bulk green waste dumping. There were 154 who voted against it. City Manager/Recorder Wells brought up that if prohibited contaminants (pallets, mattresses, lumber, fence posts, dead animals, etc..) were dumped in the green waste dumpsters, it would be rejected by WM and must be dumped as trash with a tonnage charge. He reported that Wellsville's bulk green waste has had

fairly responsible use and been less abused than many neighboring cities' bulk green waste.

At 6:19 p.m., Mayor Thomas G. Bailey opened the public hearing.

Randy Wall stated he is a proponent of increasing the monthly utility bill to \$4.00 per month to allow the city to continue offering bulk green waste collection. Bulk green waste collection is a worthwhile service for residents and helps keep our community tidy. Mr. Wall brought up the numerous downed tree limbs throughout the city after every large storm. He suggested cameras be utilized to police misuse of the dump area. City Manager/Recorder Wells reported the dump area is under camera surveillance. Mr. Wall thanked the Council for taking public input into consideration.

Scott Danley asked for clarification on why the price of bulk green waste collect has risen so sharply. City Manager/Recorder Wells explained that Wellsville City is contractually obligated to services provided by WM which now also includes *bulk* green waste. For bulk green waste service from May 01, 2024 to October 01, 2024, picking up two bins three times a week for \$275.00 per bin, WM will charge an annual fee of approximately \$50,000.00. Mr. Danley stated he is surprised given the frequent use of the bulk green waste service that most of the returned surveys were not in favor of the increase. City Manager/Recorder Wells agreed and said he was disappointed that so few surveys were received back despite the text reminder.

Margaret Bosworth stated the small number of survey responses indicates that there is not a high demand for the service. She added that the substantial price increase is an example of WM exploiting the contract they know Wellsville City is bound by. Ms. Bosworth pointed out residents will most likely incur an increase in their water bill this year as well. She asked if the \$1.00 Green Waste Service Fee upon each city utility bill will be eliminated if the Council denies the proposed resolution. Mayor Bailey answered yes.

Matt Felt stated he is surprised WM's bulk green waste service would not begin until May 1st and end by October 1st. He said the majority of a community's green waste is likely cleaned up from April to May and then October through the end of November. If the Council chooses to approve the resolution can WM's dates be extended he asked. City Manager/Recorder Wells doubted WM would consider extending the green waste window. Mr. Felt brought up the vast number of leaves collected by the youth from widow's homes in October. He asserted he would spend much more than \$48.00 a year (with an increase of the monthly utility bill to \$4.00 per month) hauling green waste to Logan City. Mr. Felt concluded that he is in favor of continuing the bulk green waste service in Wellsville City.

Tawnya Franckowiak opposed increasing the monthly utility bill to \$4.00 per month to allow the city to continue offering bulk green waste dumping. She stated it should not be her responsibility to subsidize for other people's convenience (having a green waste dump in Wellsville). Ms. Franckowiak said the Council should uphold the resident's survey regardless of the small response. She added that it would be poor timing for a bulk green waste increase since there is likely to be water rate increase as well.

John Powell asked if Cache County would subsidize any of Wellsville City's bulk green waste expenses. City Manager/Recorder Wells shared that the County has already agreed to subsidize for county residents if the City Council approves bulk green waste. Mr. Powell stated that the Cache County's subsidization for county residents increases his favor of the resolution. He mentioned he would also like to see WM extend the green waste collection window if the Council approves the resolution. Mr. Powell asked if the monthly utility bill of \$4.00 would cover tonnage charges in cases of abuse. City Manager/Recorder Wells answered that camera surveillance enables the city to issue \$1,000.00 contamination citations to abusers. Mr. Powell expressed his support to continue a bulk green waste service in Wellsville City.

Tracy Bodrero stated he is opposed to a monthly utility bill increase to \$4.00 per month to allow the city to offer bulk green waste dumping especially given the probable water rate increase. He added that a property owner can choose the amount of vegetation on their property. Snow removal on driveways is not subsidized he concluded.

Karma Leatham asked where the bulk green waste site would be located. City Manager/Recorder Wells answered that the site would be relocated next to the gravel pit at the basin hill. Ms. Leatham said that residents being able to push green waste out of their vehicles into the 'trough' at the current location is much easier for residents. The 'trough' also has less problematic maintenance for city employees than residents refusing to hoist their green waste and dumping it next to the dumpsters at the basin hill. She seconded that WM's May 1st to October 1st collection window is not long enough. Ms. Leatham verified that the surveillance system at the current dump site is operational. Councilwoman Kaylene Ames affirmed. City Manager/Recorder Wells stated that the posted signs at the dump site read that the citation for abuse is \$299.00. The sign needs updated; the citation is closer to \$1,000.00. Ms. Leatham noted that signage is only effective if it is enforced. She asked who reviews the surveillance system. City Manager/Recorder Wells answered himself. He reported that offering bulk green waste disposal for Wellsville City is inconvenient for city staff given the arduous maintenance and necessary surveillance. Nevertheless, City Manager/Recorder Wells sees how frequently the service is utilized and stated it is undoubtedly a benefit for the citizens of Wellsville. Ms. Leatham concluded that bulk green waste is a great service for residents; however, WM's short window of collection is not worth the costly expense.

John Alexander stated that the results of the survey show that more residents were opposed to a monthly utility bill increase to allow the city to offer bulk green waste than were in favor of. He asked if the city could seek additional public feedback. Mayor Bailey explained that WM's deadline for bulk green waste is imminent. Mr. Alexander asked how much Wellsville City's culinary water rate is likely to increase. Mayor Bailey detailed that the public hearing regarding an amendment to **Title 8, Public Utilities, Chapter 1, Water Use and Services** proposing an increase to the minimum monthly water rate is scheduled on June 5, 2024. The proposed amendment will increase the monthly water rate by 30 percent over a five-year period. The first year the rate will rise by \$10.00, the next four years the rate will increase \$4.00 annually. Mayor Bailey added that it is still unclear when the water rate increase would go into effect. He estimated either late 2024 or early 2025. Mr. Alexander shared that in previous dialogue with Councilwoman Denise Lindsay, she pointed out that even if Mr. Alexander did not choose to use bulk green waste; having a clean and tidy community would be beneficial to him. He thanked Councilwoman Lindsay for her response and seconded her input. He concluded that Wellsville City has numerous mature trees which frequently lose limbs.

Margaret Bosworth addressed the Council again. She asked if the Council increases the Green Waste Service Fee upon each city utility bill from \$1.00 to \$4.00 a month, would each of Ms. Bosworth's fourplex units be billed an additional \$3.00 per month? Councilwoman Denise Lindsay confirmed each water unit's Green Waste Service Fee would be increased by \$3.00. Ms. Bosworth said that her fourplex being charged four Green Waste Service Fees is unfair because her tenants do not maintain the yard, she does. Councilman Austin Wood stated he understood that renters pay their own utilities. Some do and some do not she replied.

Scott Danley addressed the Council again. He told the Council after listening to public input he was now opposed to bulk green waste. He asked the duration of the Wellsville City's contract with WM. Councilwoman Lindsay answered five years. Mr. Danley said he wished more residents had responded to the survey and were in attendance tonight. He added that it would be poor timing for a green waste increase given the likely upcoming water rate increase. Mr. Danley asked what Logan City charges for a load of green waste. Mayor Bailey answered there is no charge currently. However, Logan City has brought up requiring a fee for green waste.

Darren Roundy declared he was in favor of the city increasing the monthly utility bill to \$4.00 per month to allow the city to continue offering bulk green waste dumping. He stated that the inconvenience of an hour-long round trip to the Logan Landfill outweighs a Green Waste Service Fee of \$48.00 a year. Mr. Roundy reiterated he is a proponent of bulk green waste collection in Wellsville City.

Shanna Burningham asked the Council to honor the results of the resident's Bulk Green Waste Survey. She asked if the Council approves the resolution would WM's bulk green waste rate stay the same for the five-year duration of the contract? City Manager/Recorder Wells answered that WM's contract has a clause allowing them to renegotiate at any time. He explained that the only CWC municipalities that have shared

an interest in offering a bulk green waste collection are Wellsville, Clarkston, and Paradise cities. Ms. Burningham stated that bulk green waste would be most beneficial *after* October 1st.

David Cook shared that he has many trees on his property. He utilizes a woodchipper to manage his property's green waste. He recommended Wellsville City spend the proposed \$50,000.00 for WM's contract on an industrial woodchipper. The city would then have an endless number of woodchips to use throughout the city. Mr. Cook said the city could also create a mulching station in fall for resident's leaves. The leaves could then mulch over winter and in the spring the city could offer free mulch. Mr. Cook recognized his suggestions may not be practical to implement.

At 6:51 p.m., **Councilman Carl Leatham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to close the public hearing.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

Mayor Bailey asked the Council if they have any additional questions regarding the proposed resolution. Councilwoman Ames asked if the \$1,000.00 citation for illegal dumping could be imposed for illegal dumping anywhere throughout Wellsville City. City Manager/Recorder Wells affirmed. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay said the old trees throughout the city are her main reservation with denying the resolution. She expressed concern that citizens will dump tree limbs illegally after windstorms if there is not a legal, convenient green waste disposal area. Councilwoman Ames agreed. Councilwoman Lindsay reminded attendees of the severe windstorm in 2022. At that time, the city allowed the copious amount of downed tree limbs to be piled east of Wellsville Reservoir and then hired a third party for removal. Councilwoman Lindsay stated that she is willing to pay an additional \$48.00 per year as a single income household to have a beautiful tidy community. If the resolution is denied, could the city offer an alternative green waste disposal method she asked. City Manager/Recorder Wells brought up the city possibly sponsoring a two-day spring and fall cleanup by providing dumpsters for green waste. Councilwoman Ames asked if there was any likelihood WM would extend the May 1st to October 1st green waste collection window. Councilman Wood noted WM's history shows they are non-negotiators. Mayor Bailey agreed. City Manager/Recorder Wells stated green waste collection after October 1st would likely require an independent contractor (if allowed by WM). Councilman Carl Leatham projected that WM's green waste fees will skyrocket to provide bulk pick up for only three cities in the CWC. City Manager/Recorder Wells pointed out that WM only picks up a single dumpster per week for Clarkston and Paradise. Councilwoman Ames said she appreciated David Cook's suggestion regarding the city offering wood chipping and mulching. Councilmen Wood and Lindley estimated that an industrial woodchipper, employee wages, maintenance expenses, and liability insurance would exceed WM's fee annually. Councilman Lindley recounted that when the City Council approved billing residents \$1.00 each month for Logan City's bulk green waste collection (approximately \$13,000.00 annually) the public input from a similar survey was *3:1 in favor* of bulk green waste. Councilman Lindley loves the bulk green waste service and how clean it keeps our community; however, it is difficult to justify when 57 percent of returned surveys are opposed to increasing the Green Waste Service Fee to continue bulk green waste collection by WM.

Councilwoman Lindsay illustrated that of the 21 percent of Wellsville City residents who responded, 57 percent were against the utility increase for bulk green waste and 43 percent were in favor of the utility increase to continue bulk green waste collection. She added that 343 of the 1,282 of the city residents are paying for a *curbside* green waste dumpster. Councilwoman Ames asked that Councilwoman Lindsay share price points on a second black curbside dumpster as compared to a green waste curbside dumpster. Councilwoman Lindsay specified that a second black curbside dumpster is \$27 cheaper annually than a green waste curbside dumpster and would be picked year-round as opposed to a green waste dumpster which is only picked up May through October. A second black dumpster is also not limited to green waste. Councilwoman Lindsay expressed frustration that WM is taking advantage of customer's efforts to be

environmentally conscious. Mayor Bailey underscored that a \$10.50 monthly fee for a curbside green waste can is a *voluntary* expenditure for residents as opposed to the proposed bulk green waste collection. Councilman Carl Leatham stated that it is the Council's responsibility to make the most beneficial decisions for the community as a whole, even if that decision does not align with the public's popular vote. He said he can see valid points on both sides of the proposed resolution. The convenience of a bulk green waste dumping site to help to keep our city tidy... Individuals with fixed incomes facing an increased bulk Green Waste Service Fee as well as an increase the minimum monthly water rate with the cost of living always rising... Councilman Leatham stated that considerable demand for bulk green waste is not evident at this time. He emphasized that bulk green waste can be reappraised when demand for the service returns. Of the thirteen cities with the CWC, Wellsville, Paradise, and Clarkston are the only cities which have expressed an interest in *bulk* green waste collection. If Wellsville City, the largest municipality of the three, chooses *not* to contract with WM for bulk green waste, perhaps WM will no longer offer the service next year. Councilman Leatham pointed out if that were the case, Wellsville City would have the opportunity to contract with an independent company for a more reasonable rate next year. Councilman Leatham stated he intends to vote to deny the proposed resolution.

Mayor Bailey stressed the importance of the public being able to voice their opinions and the Council taking their input under consideration. **Councilwoman Kaylene Ames made a motion, seconded by Austin Wood, to deny Resolution 2024-03, a resolution adopting an adjustment to the fee associated with the Bulk Green Waste Services provided by Waste Management of Utah, Inc. and Wellsville City. Bulk green waste service will be discontinued based on the number of votes received from the citizen's Bulk Green Waste Survey and the limited window of time the service is offered by Waste Management.**

YEA 4

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

NAY 1

Bob Lindley

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Councilwoman Lindsay commended City Manager/Recorder Wells suggestion for the city to sponsor a two-day spring and fall cleanup with green waste dumpsters. Councilwoman Ames offered to chair the new program along with the Beautification Committee. City Manager/Recorder Wells voiced some ideas on how to facilitate such a program. Resident Diane Roundy asked where Wellsville City disposes of downed tree limbs after a windstorm. City Manager/Recorder Wells shared that the public works employees have utilized Wellsville's bulk green waste dump site as well. Like residents, city public works employees will now have to haul downed tree limbs to the Logan City landfill. He recognized city public works employees will likely make three trips a week to the Logan landfill with a flatbed truck and trailer throughout stormy seasons. Councilwoman Ames encouraged residents to be vigilant and brave by documenting and reporting illegal dumping in our community. Resident Randy Wall said he appreciated Councilman Leatham's earlier comment and hopes that Wellsville City can contract an independent company at a reasonable rate if WM chooses to discontinue offering bulk green waste.

The Council then proceeded to discuss Request for Proposal (RFP) money for Cache County Recreation Centers on the north and south ends of the valley. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey shared that Cache County is considering a feasibility study for two indoor Recreation Centers. Mayor Bailey asked if the public present would consider paying to participate in such a center. The total amount required for the proposed RFP has yet to be determined but has been estimated to be \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00. City Manager/Recorder Wells detailed that such a Recreation Center must accommodate residents' indoor recreation interests, maximize the benefits of recreation for the community, and be perpetually financially sustainable. Councilman Bob Lindley pointed out that Nibley City has already invested \$160,000.00 in an RFP to provide a comprehensive feasibility study for an indoor Recreation Center in Nibley. Nibley is also going to give consideration to surrounding communities, which are interested in accomplishing the same goal for members of their communities through their proposed facility. Mayor Bailey noted that Nibley City already owns property for a Rec Center, Cache County does not. City Manager/Recorder Wells said that Smithfield City already has a Rec Center. North Logan is seriously pursuing options for a Rec Center on the north end

of the valley. Mayor Bailey will share updates on the proposed RFP for Cache County Recreation Centers for the north and south ends of the valley as details unfold. The Council and Resident Karma Leatham discussed particulars regarding the RFP submission process. **Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carl Leatham, to continue the discussion regarding Request for Proposal (RFP) money for Cache County Recreation Centers on the north and south ends of the valley once there is additional insight on the financial process.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

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Austin Wood

Next, the Council shall review and discuss for possible approval the 2024-2025 tentative budgets for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Water Fund, and Stormwater Fund for all operating and capital budgets. City Manager Scott Wells opened the discussion regarding the Wellsville City 2024-2025 COLA and Merit Increases. As approved by the Council at the April 17, 2024 meeting; City Manager/Recorder Wells allocated a 3% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) and 3% Merit Increase for fulltime City employees. Part-time employees will receive a 3% raise. The City Council and Mayor will not receive a pay increase. City Manager Scott Wells reviewed the full **Budget Worksheet- Tentative Budget 2024/2025**. Capital projects for the General Fund include a basketball court following the awarded RAPZ Tax allocation. Construction of an additional trail around Wellsville Dam has been bid at \$99,000.00. RAPZ Tax will fund \$39,000.00 of the new trail. The County Council may also allocate more funds for the trail. The sewer line behind the city office will soon be replaced and the parking lot paved (Tax ID: 10-022-0002). 2024 summer road projects include the 200 South roadway from 500 East to the county line; and 200 East from 300 South to 400 South. Two roadways and another section of the cemetery will be developed and landscaped this year. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay asked if the city's sewer utility rates need reexamined. City Manager/Recorder Wells affirmed. He reminded the Council of Diana Cannell's 2022/2023 Audit Report (Jackson Allred, P.C.). The single audit finding was that the wastewater fund was overbudget by \$42,000.00. Ms. Cannell clarified that Wellsville City has plenty to absorb that small loss however the city needs to evaluate the wastewater loss for the future. Is the loss an anomaly where more repairs and maintenance were required than average? Or is the loss a common trend taking place year after year? Losses year after year would indicate that city fees should be increased to support the current services provided by the city. Ms. Cannell recommended examining the wastewater fund while budgeting for the next year to determine if adjustments need to be made or if it the budget will self-correct. The \$71,929.00 Cache County law enforcement contract is the same as the last two years. Five impact fees have been budgeted for new homes. \$15,000.00 is budgeted for general and primary elections. The Wellsville City Court is solvent and paying for itself. City Manager Scott Wells concluded his review of the full budget worksheet. Each fund balanced. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to approve the 2024-2025 tentative budgets for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Water Fund, and Stormwater Fund for all operating and capital budgets.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Kaylene Ames
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Austin Wood

Department Reports:

Councilwoman Denise Lindsay-

- 1) Food Truck Friday will be held May 17, 2024 from 5-8 p.m.
- 2) Residents will be sent a text reminder for Food Truck Friday; the Memorial Day Veterans' Recognition Program; and opening days for the pickleball courts and splash pad.

Councilman Carl Leatham-

1) **Ordinance 2023-07** established a temporary land use regulation (moratorium) on residential and commercial building permits and subdivision applications in those parts of the city located above 4,650 feet in elevation (the "Upper Pressure Zone"). The city currently has ample water however the present difficulty is pushing the water up to residents above 4,650-feet. Councilman Carl Leatham reported that a residence within the Upper Pressure Zone would like to install an elevator. He stated the footprint of the home will not change and there will be no new water hookups. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells explained that the moratorium will be on the City Council's agenda in June and the Council will be able to revisit this subject at that time.

Councilwoman Kaylene Ames-

1) Councilwoman Kaylene Ames brought up the denial of **Resolution 2024-03** and the Green Waste Service Fee. After discussion, the Council agreed that the \$1.00 Green Waste Service Fee upon each city utility bill will be removed now that the resolution has been denied.

Mayor Thomas G. Bailey-

1) Mayor Thomas G. Bailey reported that the Waste Management (WM) fee schedule presented at the May 01, 2024 City Council meeting has the same figures agreed to in WM's contract with the Cache Waste Consortium (CWC).

Councilman Bob Lindley-

1) Marine helicopter pilot Michael Richardson will be the speaker at the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Councilman Bob Lindley commended how willingly the military service members have participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony throughout his term.

2) Baseball season has begun.

Councilman Austin Wood-

1) The Wellsville Stake Youth have volunteered for the Wellsville City Memorial Day clean up on May 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

2) Councilman Austin Wood asked if illegal discharge of stormwater has been detected given that the sewer system's flows increased dramatically during spring. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells answered that flows are currently being discharged faster than are entering the sewer system.

City Manager/Recorder's Report:

1) Results of the RAPZ Tax Program allocations will be reported in two weeks.

2) On April 30, 2024 Wellsville City met with the State of Utah to apply for a 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. The loan amount is for \$3.2 million, at a 2.4% interest rate, for a 20-year period. City Manager/Recorder Wells explained that to obtain funding, Wellsville City's water rates must cover a certain percentage of the loan and an additional 25 percent for savings. Wellsville City's water rates have not been raised since 2015. A public hearing will be held to address the water rate increase on June 05, 2024.

3) Sewer rate studies also need to be conducted.

4) Flags will be placed on veteran graves in the Wellsville City Cemetery on May 25, 2024.

5) City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells detailed infrastructure projects with which to utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds such as water line replacements; upsizing water lines; and a sewer lift station to the city's business district.

At 8:10 p.m., Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Denise Lindsay, to adjourn the meeting.

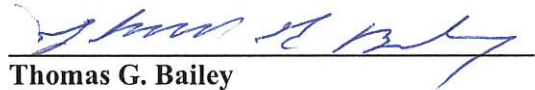
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