

MINUTES of the regular **City Council** meeting of Wellsville City held **October 16, 2024**, at the Wellsville City Offices at 75 East Main. City officials present were Mayor Thomas G. Bailey; Councilwoman Denise Lindsay; Councilmen Carl Leatham and Bob Lindley. 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 October 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas G. Bailey.

Councilwoman Kaylene Ames and Councilman Austin Wood were excused from this meeting.

Others Present: Tracy Bodrero David Cook Megan Petersen
 Linda Wursten

Opening Ceremony: Councilman Carl Leatham

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

<u>YEA 3</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN 0</u>	<u>ABSENT 2</u>
Carl Leatham			Kaylene Ames
Bob Lindley			Austin Wood
Denise Lindsay			

The Council reviewed the minutes of the September 18, 2024, regular City Council meeting. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024, regular City Council meeting.**

<u>YEA 3</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN 0</u>	<u>ABSENT 2</u>
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The minutes from the October 02, 2024 City Council meeting will be reviewed at the following 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. Cascade Water Resources, the geologist for the new Culinary Well #4, was paid for services. Chronicle Heritage was also paid for field work on the new well site. Hydro Resources- Rocky Mountain, Inc. was paid their first installment for the well drilling. Maughan Concrete was paid for construction of the 100 East sidewalk. The Payment Approval Report is dated 10/16/2024. After review and discussion, **Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carl Leatham, to approve the city's accounts payable bills for payment, represented by check number 30073 through 30116.**

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At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Thomas G. Bailey opened the meeting for citizen input.

Linda Wursten requested an updated on the Wellsville Canal Company's proposed pressurized irrigation system for Wellsville City and Mendon City. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey provided the update. The Wellsville Canal Company received a \$25 million grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) but has since determined the amount insufficient for the project. The company has applied for a second NRCS grant which in addition will allow the canal to be piped and pressurized from Hyrum Reservoir to Petersboro. Pressurizing the entire canal length aims to reduce necessary pump stations.

Franson Engineering is conducting environmental studies, with construction estimated to begin in Summer 2026. Mayor Bailey emphasized that future Wellsville City Council involvement will be crucial for financial bonding for the pressurized system; determining road reconstruction priorities; and fair distribution of secondary water to residents without irrigation rights. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells highlighted the benefits of the pressurized irrigation system which will maximize irrigation water usage and preserve culinary water. Piping of the little canal is expected to begin this fall.

Tracy Bodrero addressed the council regarding a concern about access to Wellsville City Court. Mr. Bodrero reported being allowed to observe court proceedings a few weeks ago but was asked to leave yesterday due to lack of bailiff presence. He cited the Utah Judicial website, which recommends observing court hearings before one's own hearing. Judge Matthew Lorz offered an internet link to view court hearings online, but Mr. Bodrero expressed concerns about requiring internet access and preferring face-to-face interaction. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells explained that Wellsville City would need to pay the Cache County Sheriff's Department for bailiff services. Mayor Bailey clarified that Judge Lorz sets court rules and answers to a higher court. Councilmen expressed support for public access to court proceedings. Councilman Carl Leatham emphasized the importance of bailiff presence for security. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay mentioned previous discussions about offering "open court" once a month with a bailiff present. Mr. Bodrero concluded that the mayor, council, and attendees share the same security level as the court without a bailiff.

At 6:27 p.m., citizen input was closed.

City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells presented the fourth-quarter financial report for April 2024. The council reviewed revenues for the ten months ending April 30, 2024, comparing them to the budget. Seven building permits are budgeted annually. The council then reviewed the expenditures with comparison to budget. *Planning and Zoning- Attorney* fees were paid for subdivision assessments. *Parks and Recreation- Capital Expenses* were elevated due to the sidewalk installation, landscaping, and lighting for the new pickleball courts. *Cemetery- Professional/Technical- Other* were high due to development of the new cemetery section. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to approve the fourth quarter financial report for April 2024.**

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Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay

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Kaylene Ames
Austin Wood

City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells presented the fourth-quarter financial report for May 2024. The council reviewed the revenues for the ten months ending May 30, 2024, comparing them to the budget. He explained revenue surplus is significantly high in the **General Fund**. The council then reviewed the expenditures with comparison to budget. *Cultural Property & Buildings- Supplies* expenses are elevated due to sprinkler repairs. *Parks and Recreation- Engineering* costs are higher than expected due to the design of the new trail system connecting to Wellsville Dam. City Manager/Recorder Wells clarified that year-end adjustments were covered using revenue funds, not capital. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to approve the fourth quarter financial report for May 2024.**

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Department Reports:

Councilwoman Denise Lindsay-

- 1) The Wellsville City Appreciation Dinner will be held on October 28, 2024.
- 2) The Wellsville City Christmas Party will be held on December 09, 2024.

Councilman Carl Leatham-

- 1) Wellsville City has submitted an application to the Council of Government (COG) for a \$399,000 road grant, with awards scheduled to be announced on October 21, 2024.
- 2) Councilman Leatham inquired about additional federal or state grant opportunities for funding the drilling of a new well and well house through revenue bonds. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay replied that Wellsville City *residents'* average income is too high to qualify for these grants.

Councilman Bob Lindley-

- 1) The Wellsville/Nibley flag football league has experienced excellent participation and is nearing the end of the season.

City Treasurer's Report:

- 1) The cemetery expansion roads have been completed, and landscaping for the new section is ongoing.
- 2) The sidewalk along 100 East has been completed.
- 3) The 200 South road project is now complete.
- 4) The 200 East road project, including chipseal application from 400 South to approximately 475 South, is complete.
- 5) The railroad crossing projects at the cemetery and 300 East are finished and are exceptionally smooth.
- 6) A cement pad for bleachers has been poured at the rodeo arena.
- 7) A water leak at 200 West 850 South has been repaired.
- 8) Drilling of Well #4 is underway. At 450 feet, an artesian well was encountered with a flow rate exceeding 250 gallons per minute. The heavy flow was capped, and drilling continued to 800 feet, where optimal soil conditions were found. The test hole will be expanded and designed to pump 2,000 gallons per minute. Following pipe expansion, the flow rate will be tested, with water temporarily diverted to the small canal which then flows into the big canal.
- 9) The restrooms at Murray Trailhead were vandalized.

At 7:01 p.m., Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to adjourn the meeting.

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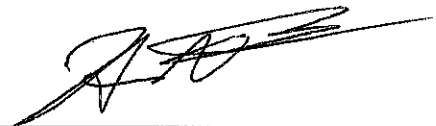
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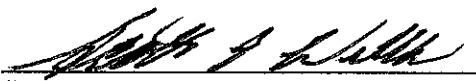
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Kaylene Ames
Austin Wood


~~Thomas G. Bailey~~ Ruston V. Wood
Mayor Pro Tem


Scott E. Wells
City Manager/Recorder