

WALES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 2, 2024
HELD IN THE WALES TOWN HALL

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: by Mayor Byron Davis

ROLL CALL:

Council members in attendance: Mayor Byron Davis; Council members: David Larsen, Hayden Nicholes, James Roberts, Clerk Kevin Washburn

Council members absent: Brandon Rees

Residents in attendance: Tom Davis, Shawn Robison-Fire Chief, Wendle Roberts-Town Water Master

Others in attendance: Cade Penny-R6 Regional Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE--lead by Mayor Davis

PRAYER/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: by Council member Roberts

MINUTES:

Minutes of the following meeting were reviewed and voted upon:

- May 28, 2024, work meeting
- June 4, 2024, budget hearing
- June 4, 2024, regular council meeting
- June 25, 2024, CIB public hearing

Council member Larsen made a motion to accept the minutes of the Town Council meetings listed above as written; Council member Roberts seconded the motion.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts

Opposed: None

Absent: Council member Rees

Motion passed.

INVOICES: A list of invoices for the month of June 2024 was distributed and reviewed by the town clerk. Mayor Davis made the motion to approve payment of the invoices, and Council member Nicholes seconded the motion.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts

Opposed: None

Absent: Council member Rees

Motion passed.

BUSINESS & PETITIONS:

1. Resolution 2024-03 A resolution setting culinary water rates and associated fees was discussed. This resolution has been discussed for several weeks specifically concerning the monthly fee schedule. Members of the council have expressed the need to charge enough to cover the costs for the water system and to encourage conservation of water. After lengthy debate about what to charge, the following was agreed upon.

Monthly base rate:\$40.00 for up to 5000 gallons

Overage rates: \$2.25 per 1000 gallons from 5001-20,000 gallons
 \$3.50 per 1000 gallons from 20,001-40,000 gallons
 \$4.75 per 1000 gallons from 40,001-60,000 gallons
 \$8.00 per 1000 gallons from 60,001 gallons and up

The new service hookup fee was also discussed. Water master Wendle Roberts and Lynn Wall of Wall Engineering have worked together to set the hookup fee based on current material and labor costs as follows:

¾" meter hookup flat rate--\$2500.00
 plus estimated extra charge for unusual circumstances
1" meter hookup flat rate--\$2800.00
 plus estimated extra charge for unusual circumstances

Council member Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 fee structure as listed above; Council member Larsen seconded the motion.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts

 Opposed: None

 Absent: Council member Rees

Motion passed.

Members of the council also suggested that the council should revisit the fee schedule next January and next July to keep it current with inflation and demand.

2. 4-way stop at the intersection of 100S and 200W was discussed. This was suggested by Clerk Washburn as a way to slow down the traffic traveling 200W.

Council member Roberts voiced the opinion that most people would ignore the stop signs and keep going or just slow down without stopping. He also noted that Wales does not have a police officer to enforce the traffic laws. The other members of the council voiced support for the idea.

Council member Nicholes made a motion to approve installing a 4-way stop at the intersection of 100S and 200W; Council member Larsen seconded the motion.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes

 Opposed: Council member Roberts

 Absent: Council member Rees

Motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

- Mayor: Mayor Davis voiced the desire to have more committees to help with town beautification, traffic control-4 wheelers and motorcycles
- Water: Council member Rees was absent
Water master Roberts reported that he is waiting on some parts to finish the new meter installation project.
- Roads: Council member Larsen reported that he is working with TRB Construction to put reclaimed crushed asphalt on the 200E dirt/gravel roads
- Parks: Council member Roberts reported that the annual Welsh Days celebration was a big success. He also noted that the leftover food will be used to host a potluck community dinner on Tuesday July 9 at 6:30 pm at the park.
- Cemetery: Council member Nicholes reported that he recently mowed the weeds and sage brush in the cemetery. He is also ordering a solar powered light to mount to the flagpole so the flag can be flown around the clock at the cemetery. Nicholes also said that a citizen had suggested that a separate area for cremation burial be established.
- Fire Department: Fire Chief Robison reported that fire engine 161 is broken down getting a new water pump installed. He also said that the Welsh Days committee had discussed trying to have a fireworks display next year. It would cost about \$5000 to do a good show.
Mayor Davis asked Robison if the fire department personnel would cut or kill the grass and weeds growing around fire hydrants in town and around the fire station.

Council member Roberts made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Nicholes.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts

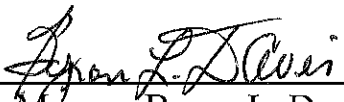
Opposed: None

Absent: Council member Rees

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

MINUTES APPROVED:

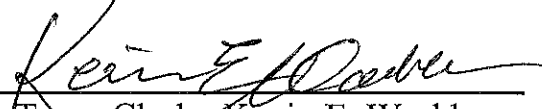


Mayor: Byron L. Davis

8-3-24

Date

ATTEST:



Town Clerk: Kevin E. Washburn

8/06/2024

Date