

**WALES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 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 (came part way through meeting), Hayden Nicholes, James Roberts, Clerk Kevin Washburn

Council members absent: Brandon Rees

Residents in attendance: Ron Garff, Wendle Roberts-Water Master

Others in attendance: Cade Penny-R6 Regional Governments; zoom call with Utah State Floodplain Management

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE--lead by Mayor Davis

PRAYER/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: by Kevin Washburn: talk to citizens and give them correct information about town government.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held August 6, 2024, were reviewed. Council member Roberts made a motion to accept the minutes of the Town Council meeting held August 6, 2024, as written; Council member Nicholes seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: Council members Larsen, Rees

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

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

Opposed: None

Absent: Council members Larsen, Rees

BUSINESS & PETITIONS:

1. Zoom call with Utah State Floodplain Management: Tracie Harrison, Mckinzey Goodenough, Jeff Gallacher. They discussed the various resources communities can use to mitigate flood problems. The county floodplain representative is Jayson Albee

of the sheriff's department. Harrison said they can help with prevention/planning grants, response and recovery efforts. They do not work directly with individuals but with the community in general.

Harrison also suggested that Wales should put a flood ordinance in place for the community. Washburn noted that Wales does have a flood ordinance. Harrison also explained the National Flood Insurance program. Wales is a member of the program which helps individuals get and afford flood insurance. She encourages citizens to get flood insurance.

Harrison made note of the website floodhazards.utah.gov to find flood maps, information for property owners, flood mitigation and grant funding.

2. Complaints about recent water rate increase: Clerk Washburn reported that at least two town citizens have complained about the recent water rate increase. He invited them to come to the town council and express their feelings but neither one wanted to be on the agenda.
3. It was reported by a neighbor that Marie Christensen may have had a water leak. Wendle Roberts investigated and found an outside hydrant leaking. He shut off the water at the meter. Washburn called Christensen's daughter, Leslie Mangelson about the leak. They compared the past water bills and determined that the past bills were very similar to the present bills. Mangelson said they would pay the bills and would not come to the council to ask for any relief due to the leak.
4. Clerk Washburn reported that the county has asked for any volunteers who will help with the upcoming election. He explained the days and hours that help is needed and asked the council members to let him know if they can help. He will report that information to the county.
5. Clerk Washburn suggested that the town should create more committees like the existing town committees. He suggested a library committee, a cemetery committee, a streets committee among others. The members of the council will need to work on what committees they would like.
6. Clerk Washburn said he would like to rename and renumber some of the older ordinances, resolutions and policies to conform the numbering system that has been used for the past 5-6 years. This would make things more consistent. He asked for a proposal and a vote by the council. Council member Larsen made the motion to renumber the older ordinances, resolutions and policies to conform to the present numbering system, seconded by Council member Nicholes.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: Council member Rees

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

- Mayor: Mayor Davis said he needs to contact other communities to see if Wales can buy some police coverage time.
He also expressed a desire that town citizens keep their dogs under control. There are a lot of stray dogs running around town. Unlicensed dogs need to be licensed and have Rabies shots. *Kevin send flyer abt ordinance*
Mayor asked Wendle Roberts why the south well electric bill was so high. Roberts explained that he had pumped the well most of the month of August to clean and stabilize it.
Davis talked about the dragon plaque made by Brad Taggart-the material will hold up well except the paint could fade in the sunlight. A decision of where to hang it has not been made yet. Mayor also said he would like to replace the "Wales" signs on the highways coming into town with something new.
Mayor Davis has asked Dean Peckham Construction to dress up the recently laid asphalt along 200 East.
- Roads: Council member Larsen said that Wendle Roberts will install the two new stop signs on the intersection of 200W and 100S to make it a 4-way stop
- Parks: Council member Roberts mentioned that the trees along the east fence of the park have been trimmed.
Roberts would like to have a light mounted on the town hall that will shine on the flagpole just south of the building. He recommends a connection to the building's electrical system instead of a solar powered light. Council member Nicholes tried a solar light on the cemetery flagpole but said it would not work well on the park flagpole.
- Water: Council member Rees
- Cemetery/fire Dept./Emergency Prep: Council member Nicholes said he informed Denice Seda that the Emergency Prep budget was \$2000.00
He also informed the council that Fire chief Shawn Robison wants to get the fire department trained on rope rescue and put together a vehicle with all the equipment needed for rope rescue work.

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

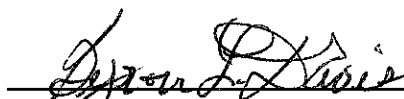
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts

Opposed: None

Absent: Council member Rees

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM

MINUTES APPROVED:



Mayor: Byron L. Davis

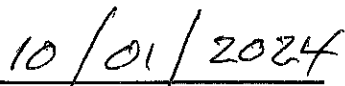
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Date

ATTEST:



Town Clerk: Kevin E. Washburn



Date