

WALES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 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: Shawn Robison-Fire Chief (left at 7:05 on fire call), Mikyn Galpen, Ron Garff, Wendle Roberts-Water Master

Others in attendance: Cade Penny-R6 Assoc. of Governments

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE--lead by Mayor Davis

PRAYER/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: by Mayor Davis

MINUTES: After a quick review of the minutes, council member Roberts made a motion to accept the minutes of the Town Council meeting held September 3, 2024, as written; Council member Larsen seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: Council member Rees

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

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

Opposed: None

Absent: Council member Rees

BUSINESS & PETITIONS:

1. Mayor Davis proposed to appoint Austin Shepherd to fill the position on the planning & zoning committee vacated by the resignation of Jeff Lamb. Council member Nicholes made the motion which was seconded by Mayor Davis.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts
Opposed: None
Absent: Council member Rees

2. Town Library: Mikyn Galpen presented information about establishing a town library from her meeting with the Utah State library board people on September 23, 2024. The meeting included Fairview, Fountain Green, Spring City and Wales. The North Sanpete area library also includes Chester and Freedom and the North Sanpete County area. It was suggested by the Utah State library board that Wales join in helping to fund the Integrated Library System. It was also suggested that the town may want to become a certified library, which process takes up to 3 years. This would help when the town applies for state grant funds. The town may also be asked to help fund the Fairview Library as it will be the central library for the North Sanpete area.

The room in the old fire station which is going to be the home of the library was discussed. Council member Roberts and Galpen will work with planning & zoning to get the proper building permits.

3. The purchase of gasoline powered water/trash pump was discussed. Council member Nicholes noted that the fire department has a 1 ½" 98gpm pump. He enumerated the costs of pumps: 2"-\$289 plus hoses=abt. \$400; 3"-\$399 plus hoses=abt \$550. Motion was made by Council member Roberts to buy a 3" pump, seconded by Council member Larsen.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts
Opposed: None
Absent: Council member Rees

4. The idea of putting the toolboxes from the old fire truck bed onto the existing snowplow truck bed was discussed. Clerk Washburn had suggested this be done to give the water department a place to store and pack the tools and parts needed for the work done by the water master Wendle Roberts. Mayor Davis also noted that the town sander should be put on the snowplow truck also. He thinks the sander is at Eliason Mechanic Shop in Freedom because it needed some repairs.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts
Opposed: None
Absent: Council member Rees

5. The final CIB grant award meeting is this Thursday October 3, 2024. Mayor Davis and Engineer Lynn Wall will be attending.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

▪ Mayor Davis:

Mayor mentioned that Peckham Asphalt will smooth out the newly laid crushed asphalt along 200E when the company is back in the area in a couple weeks.

He reported that the office of Congressman Owens wants to visit with Wales citizens on November 1, 2024, at the town hall.

Mayor expressed concern that the borrow pit and side of the road North of the new Hoddy/Tripp home has been filled with dirt higher than the existing road borrow pit area. Council member Roberts will check it out and work with the planning & zoning committee to correct any problems.

- Council member Rees: absent. Water master Wendle Roberts talked about the two main line water leaks that occurred in the last two weeks.

The leak on 200W near Mike Ybarra's residence was a split in the main line and a broken service line to the Ybarra's home. Tree roots have grown around and damaged the pipes.

The other leak was at about 200N State in front of Connie Lamb's residence. Centracom damaged the main line when they bored under the street to lay fiber line to Lamb's home. Their drill bit probably snagged the main line pipe and damaged it. The water was shut off at the tanks because the correct valves to isolate the area could not be located. The damage was repaired by Roberts, Mountain Valley Sprinklers, Clawson Excavating and the Centracom crew. The water was off for 8-9 hours.

Wendle Roberts expressed his frustration of not being able to find the right valves to isolate the water leak at 200N State. He and Clerk Washburn will work together to find water line drawings and locate the valves on the ground. Any damaged or missing valves need to be repaired and installed.

- Council member Larsen: Larsen also mentioned that Peckham Asphalt would be working in town in a couple weeks as Mayor explained earlier.

Larsen reported that the town is working with the Utah State Road dept and Rocky Mtn Power to put in two driver feedback signs-one near the town hall and one on the south edge of the town boundary along state street.

- Cemetery: Council member Nicholes reported that he will shut off and winterize the cemetery and city park water systems, so they don't freeze.
- Fire Department: The council discussed the need to clean up trash/weeds around fire station and possibly zero-scape some of the area. It was also pointed out that the hole around the septic tank needs to be filled in. Wendle Roberts suggested putting in a standpipe and lid up to ground level to provide easy access to the septic tank for cleaning.
- Emergency Preparedness: Nicholes noted that he has asked the town's emergency prep leader, Denice Seda to contact the emergency preparedness person of the local ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of latter-Day-Saints so the town and ward can work together as needed.

- Administration: Town Clerk Washburn read the newsletter he will send to all town citizens along with the next water billing.

Mayor Davis made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Larsen.

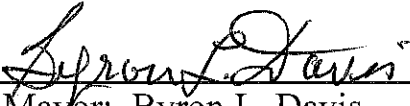
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts

Opposed: None

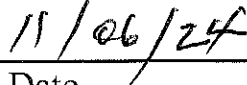
Absent: Council member Rees

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM

MINUTES APPROVED:



Mayor: Byron L. Davis

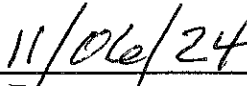


Date

ATTEST:



Town Clerk: Kevin E. Washburn



Date