WALES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 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: Hayden Nicholes, Brandon Rees, James Roberts, Clerk Kevin Washburn

Council members absent: Council member David Larsen

Residents in attendance: Lee Fox, Ron Garff, Austin Shepherd, Reid Hall, Angel Reyes, Wendle Roberts

Others in attendance: Lynn Wall-Wall Engineering, Cecil Clawson, Cynthia Pack

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE--lead by Mayor Davis

PRAYER/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: by Council member Nicholes

NEW SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE:
The planning and zoning committee has been working with Hansen Planning Group to develop and update the town's subdivision ordinance. The update was mandated by the Utah State legislature and paid for by funding from the state. The final draft of the ordinance was approved by the planning and zoning committee in an open hearing held just prior to this town council meeting. Lee Fox, planning and zoning secretary reviewed the ordinance with the town council. Council member Rees made a motion to approve the ordinance and Council member Nicholes seconded the motion.
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Nicholes, Rees, Roberts
Opposed: None
Absent: Council member Larsen

MINUTES: After reviewing the minutes, Council member Roberts made a motion to accept the minutes of the Town Council meeting held November 6, 2024, as written; Council member Nicholes seconded the motion.
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Nicholes, Rees, Roberts
Opposed: None
Absent: Council member Larsen

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

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

Clerk Washburn reviewed the financial and budget reports of each department's expenditures and percent of budget spent.

BUSINESS & PETITIONS:

1. Kevin Washburn petitioned the town council for some relief of the water overage costs he incurred because of a leak. He calculated that his overage cost was $258.63. After reviewing the information that Washburn presented, the council agreed to give him relief of one-half of the overage cost due to the leak. Council member Rees made a motion to give Washburn a credit of $129.32 toward the overage cost, seconded by council member Roberts.

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

2. Angel Reyes petitioned the town council for some relief of the water overage costs he incurred because of a leak. Town Clerk Washburn calculated that Reyes' overage cost was $145.72. After reviewing the information that Washburn presented, the council agreed to give Reyes relief of one-half of the overage cost due to the leak. Council member Rees made a motion to give Reyes a credit of $72.86 toward the overage cost, seconded by council member Nicholes.

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

3. A discussion was held about how to handle cases when town council members or staff who have private companies want to bid on jobs the town has. The discussion centered around the need to weld brackets on the backhoe to hold a set of forks. Mountain Valley Sprinkler and Irrigation Company, which is owned by Council member Nicholes, would like to bid on the job. It was agreed that if a council member or staff wanted to do work for the town, the town council would hear the proposal and vote on whether to award the job to the council member or staff's company. This is an attempt to be transparent and above board with the town's business. Council member Rees proposed to hire Mountain Valley Sprinkler and Irrigation Company to weld the fork brackets on the backhoe, seconded by council member Roberts.

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

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4. A discussion about removing the toolboxes off the old truck bed north of the water dept building and installing them on the snowplow truck was had. It was decided to put it on hold until a later time.
5. Washburn informed the council that the proposed electronic speed limit signs project is still waiting for Rocky Mtn. Power to give the town a cost to install power at the signs.
6. Last June when the council increased the culinary water rates, it committed to discuss the rate again at the beginning of the year. It was decided to put it on the agenda for the next council meeting which should be held on January 7, 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

- Mayor: Mayor Davis

  Mayor asked about a light to shine on the park flagpole—Council member Roberts will get it installed.

  Davis told the council that Barney Dye had fixed the snowplow truck-it wouldn't start.

  Mayor also mentioned that the sandbags on pallets in the water dept building should be moved to the old shed.

  Council member Rees informed the council that his son Wyatt will be here all winter and would like to be hired to plow the snow off the town streets.
- Water: Council member Rees

  Town Engineer Lynn Wall reviewed the plans for the boost pump building which is part of the grant received from CIB. He suggested upgrading the building to include a cement floor, a higher grade of building and insulation in the walls. Wall feels like there will be enough money to do those upgrades. He also reported that an archaeologist, Elizabeth Nagengast-Stevens, has been awarded the contract to do research on the area where the building and pipelines will be installed. This study is required by the CIB before building can begin.

  The council and water master Wendle Roberts discussed the need to find and inspect all the main line shutoff valves in town. The whole town had to be shut down when the two main line breaks occurred in September.

  Wendle Roberts also informed the council that he is going to have a cyber security expert review the town's computer systems for best practices. This study is being funded by the State.
- Roads: Council member Larsen-absent

  Mayor reported that Peckham Asphalt Co. has patched several areas of the streets that were in bad shape. That work has now ceased because the asphalt plants have shut down for the winter.
- Parks: Council member Roberts

  Council member Roberts said that he would get the light installed to shine on the park flagpole.

  He also reported that he will continue working on getting bids to install an awning on the front of the town hall. It will be paid for by a generous anonymous donation.

  Roberts is also still working on building a room for the proposed library to be located in the east end of the water dept. building.

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- Cemetery: Council member Nicholes
  Nicholes reported that the last burial in the cemetery was Mable Ison. The burial went well.
  He also reported that the sprinkler system and hydrants have been winterized. He will bring the lawn mower down and store it in the old shed.
- Fire Dept.: Council member Nicholes
  Nicholes reported that the fire department breakfast on November 30 was a big success.
- Emergency Prep.: Council member Nicholes
  Some discussion was had about what the emergency preparedness committee wants to do with their funds. Clerk Washburn said he recalled them wanting to get a couple of good first aid kits for the town hall and fire department.
- Other:
  A discussion about how to protect the pipes the town bought for the line loop project. They have been stored near the south well. Council member Nicholes said he as wrapped some of the pipe ends with duct tape and asked if it was really necessary do to that. Council member Rees and Cecil Clawson who have both had a lot of experience with pipeline construction said it would not be necessary to cover the pipe or plug the ends to keep dirt and rodents out. The pipes would be cleaned and disinfected as they are installed.

Council member Rees made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Roberts.
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Nicholes, Rees, Roberts
Opposed: None
Absent: Council member Larsen

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

MINUTES APPROVED:

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Mayor: Byron L. Davis Date

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk: Kevin E. Washburn Date

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