

MINUTES of the regular **City Council** meeting of Wellsville City held **Wednesday, December 04, 2024**, at the Wellsville City Offices at 75 East Main. City officials present were Mayor Thomas G. Bailey, Councilwomen Kaylene Ames and Denise Lindsay; Councilmen Carl Leatham and Austin Wood. Also present was City Manager/Recorder Scott E. Wells. A copy of the Notice and Agenda was mailed to the Mayor and Council members and emailed and faxed to the Herald Journal on November 27, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas G. Bailey.

Councilman Bob Lindley was excused from this meeting.

Others Present:           Richie Benson           Tracy Bodrero           David Cook  
                                  Deb McBride           Linda Wursten

Opening Ceremony:    Councilwoman Kaylene Ames

The Council reviewed the amended agenda. Item 5, '*Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting*' was removed from the agenda. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Austin Wood, to approve the amended agenda with the correction.**

<u>YEA 4</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN 0</u>	<u>ABSENT 1</u>
Kaylene Ames			Bob Lindley
Carl Leatham			
Denise Lindsay			
Austin Wood			

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. Builtrite Bleachers was paid to replace bleachers at the rodeo arena, the City will be reimbursed by its insurance company for this expense. The City paid for the installation of a concrete pad beneath the bleachers, a feature that was not previously present. Payment was made to Wellsville East Field Irrigation for City-owned water rights. The Payment Approval Report is dated 11/21/2024. After review and discussion, **Councilman Austin Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Denise Lindsay, to approve the city's accounts payable bills for payment, represented by check number 30197 through 30222.**

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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. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells reported the following payments recently made by Wellsville City. Chemtech-Ford was paid for monthly water and sewer testing services. Reliable Business Systems was paid for W2 services. Robertson Manufacturing was paid for installing a test tap at Leatham Springs. Young Ford of Ogden was paid for the purchase of a flatbed pickup truck, which will be equipped with a sander and plow next week. The Payment Approval Report is dated 12/04/2024. After review and discussion, **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carl Leatham, to approve the city's accounts payable bills for payment, represented by check number 30237 through 30263.**

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At 6:09 p.m., Mayor Thomas G. Bailey opened the meeting for citizen input. Tracy Bodrero inquired about managing a potential shortfall if court supply costs exceed court fine revenue, citing a hypothetical deficit of \$400. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells explained that any deficit would be balanced using funds from the General Fund. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay noted that the city council has decided to continue operating the Wellsville City Court as long as it remains solvent, despite generating minimal revenue. She added that many municipalities now direct citizens to the First District Court. City Manager/Recorder Wells stated that the court's revenue and expenses are evaluated annually. Mayor Bailey reported that the Wellsville City Court has historically been self-sufficient, paying for itself every year.

At 6:12 p.m., citizen input was closed.

Beginning at 6:13 p.m. the Council shall receive public input, then consider **Resolution 2024-13**, adopting a 5.1% increase of solid waste collection and disposal fees, curbside recycling fees and curbside green waste fees. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells provided context, explaining that Wellsville City entered into a contract with Waste Management (WM) on October 01, 2023, for solid waste and disposal services. According to the contract, WM can review and adjust its costs annually. As of October 1, 2024, WM implemented a 5.1% rate increase, which was not disclosed to Wellsville City until the end of October. Mayor Bailey assured the Council that WM has committed to providing advance notice of any future rate increases. To mitigate the impact of the recent increase, Wellsville City has been absorbing the difference since October 1, 2024. City solid waste rates need to be adjusted to address the operation of the solid waste disposal as billed through WM. Councilman Carl Leatham confirmed that Wellsville City signed a five-year contract with WM in 2023. Additionally, Councilman Leatham noted that Logan City's Green Waste Facility will begin charging landfill fees for green waste disposal starting January 1, 2025. Previously, this service was free. The new fees are as follows:

Small Loads: \$10 per load for cars, trucks, or small single-axle trailer loads  
Large Loads: \$25 per ton for dual-axle trailers and trucks larger than 3/4 ton

Councilman Leatham reminded the council that Councilwoman Lindsay had previously pointed out that, based on Waste Management's (WM) 2023/2024 rates, a second black curbside dumpster would be \$27 cheaper annually than a green waste curbside dumpster. Additionally, the second black dumpster would be collected year-round, whereas green waste dumpsters are only collected from May to October. Furthermore, a second black dumpster is not limited to green waste. Councilwoman Lindsay expressed frustration over WM's continually increasing rates. Notably, the largest increases were for residential ancillary services, including container exchange, delivery, and discontinued service pickup. To avoid these extra charges, Councilwoman Lindsay suggested that citizens consider transporting their dumpsters to WM themselves.

At 6:18 p.m., Mayor Thomas G. Bailey opened the public hearing.

Tracy Bodrero inquired whether the proposed resolution would be in addition to **Resolution 2024-02**, which increased solid waste collection and disposal fees, curbside recycling fees, and curbside green waste fees as of May 1, 2024. Councilwoman Lindsay confirmed that it would be an additional increase. Mr. Bodrero also asked if the 96-gallon blue recyclables can was still mandatory for residents. Mayor Bailey replied that Cache County requires recyclable cans, and Waste Management (WM) determines the pricing for biweekly recyclable collection.

David Cook mentioned that he still uses the same dumpsters he had with Logan City collection, which are labeled as Logan City dumpsters. He asked if he would be required to purchase WM dumpsters. Mayor Bailey explained that WM purchased the Logan City dumpsters and assumed that damaged Logan City dumpsters would be replaced with WM dumpsters over time.

At 6:20 p.m., **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carl Leatham, to close the public hearing.**

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Denise Lindsay  
Austin Wood

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Bob Lindley

Councilwoman Kaylene Ames inquired about the protocol for damaged dumpsters, specifically asking if residents are charged for replacements when the damage is caused by Waste Management (WM) garbage trucks. Councilwoman Lindsay clarified that WM is responsible for paying for replacements when their trucks damage the dumpsters. Councilman Austin Wood asked if the 2023 WM contract includes a fairness clause that prohibits WM from excessively inflating prices. Mayor Bailey confirmed that such a clause is indeed included in the contract and added that any proposed rate increases are subject to review by a designated board. Despite these safeguards, the mayor and council acknowledged that the recent rate increase is unfortunate but unavoidable, given that WM was awarded the contract in October 2023 with the lowest bid. **Councilman Austin Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Kaylene Ames, to approve Resolution 2024-13, adopting a 5.1% increase of solid waste collection and disposal fees, curbside recycling fees and curbside green waste fees.**

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Department Reports:

Councilwoman Denise Lindsay-

- 1) The Wellsville City Christmas Party is scheduled for December 09, 2024.
- 2) Councilwoman Lindsay reported that public feedback on the city's first annual Tree Lighting Ceremony has been overwhelmingly positive.

Councilman Carl Leatham-

- 1) No business or concerns at this time.

Mayor Thomas G. Bailey-

- 1) Mayor Bailey expressed his gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the first annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Councilwoman Kaylene Ames-

- 1) Councilwoman Ames praised the Tree Lighting Ceremony, calling it a "wonderful" event and noting that Santa's appearance was particularly authentic.
- 2) Logan City has proposed a waterline project that would uproot nearly 20 century-old ash trees on Canyon Road. A petition has been organized in response, and the proposal is scheduled to be discussed at the Logan City Council meeting held on December 5, 2024. Councilwoman Ames expressed concern over the fate and lifecycle of Wellsville City's 100-plus-year-old ash trees.

Councilman Austin Wood-

- 1) No business or concerns at this time.

City Manager/Recorder Report:

- 1) The city will distribute over 30 door hangers to residents, asking them to trim trees that extend past the curb. This maintenance is necessary to prevent damage to city snowplows. Residents have the opportunity to use their own expertise to trim the trees within a 30-day period. If the trees remain untrimmed, Wellsville City will take care of the trimming.
- 2) The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) will host a Trail Connection Open House on December 10, 2024.

3) December 14, 2024 is National Wreaths Across America Day. Residents of Wellsville City have a meaningful opportunity to pay tribute to over 360 veterans laid to rest in the Wellsville City Cemetery. The City's goal is to adorn each veteran's grave with a wreath this Christmas season. Sponsoring a wreath costs \$17.00. A short program will be held at the cemetery at 10:00 a.m. on December 14, 2024. Donations can be made online at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/UTWELL](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/UTWELL) or in person at the city office.

4) The Hyrum Library has proposed a new fee structure for Wellsville residents, charging \$30 per household annually, totaling \$35,000. Previously, the library charged the city \$30 per household that used the library, amounting to approximately \$17,000 annually. City Manager/Recorder Wells and Mayor Bailey will work together to negotiate a more favorable agreement.

5) Regarding Well #4, Wellsville City is set to close on a loan for the well on December 05, 2024. Mayor Bailey provided an update on the well's progress, stating that it has been drilled to a depth of 800 feet, reaching 100 feet into the desired bedrock. The well's flow rate has been measured at 1,200 gallons per minute, exceeding the minimum hoped-for rate of 800 gallons. Construction of the pump house and return line to Lindley Reservoir will commence soon.

6) Groundwater maintenance at Leatham Springs is currently underway.

At 6:40 p.m., **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carl Leatham, to adjourn the meeting.**

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**Thomas G. Bailey**  
Mayor

  
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**Scott E. Wells**  
City Manager/Recorder