

MINUTES of the regular **City Council** meeting of Wellsville City held **Wednesday, January 15, 2025**, 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, Bob Lindley 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 January 10, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas G. Bailey.

Others Present: Tracy Bodrero Ron Case David Cook
 Megan Petersen Jodell Rupp Linda Wursten

Opening Ceremony: Mayor Thomas G. Bailey

The Council reviewed the agenda. **Councilman Austin Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to approve the agenda as presented.**

<u>YEA 5</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN 0</u>	<u>ABSENT 0</u>
Kaylene Ames			
Carl Leatham			
Bob Lindley			
Denise Lindsay			
Austin Wood			

The Council reviewed the minutes of the October 02, 2024, regular City Council meeting. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Austin Wood, to approve the minutes of the October 02, 2024, regular City Council meeting.**

<u>YEA 3</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN 2</u>	<u>ABSENT 0</u>
Kaylene Ames		Carl Leatham	
Denise Lindsay		Bob Lindley	
Austin Wood			

The Council reviewed the minutes of the December 18, 2024, regular City Council meeting. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carl Leatham, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2024, regular City Council meeting.**

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of the November 20, 2024, *executive* City Council meeting. **Councilman Carl Leatham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Austin Wood, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024, *executive* City Council meeting.**

<u>YEA 5</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN 0</u>	<u>ABSENT 0</u>
Kaylene Ames			
Carl Leatham			
Bob Lindley			
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. Payment was made to Allred Jackson for audit services. Canyon Landscaping was paid for landscaping the new cemetery section. Payment Approval Report is dated

01/14/2025. After review and discussion, **Councilman Carl Leatham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to approve the city's accounts payable bills for payment, represented by check number 30395 through 30446.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

At 6:12 p.m., Mayor Thomas G. Bailey opened the meeting for citizen input.

Ron Case expressed his appreciation for the meticulous documentation of city council meetings, noting that he regularly reviews the composed minutes. He commended the thoroughness and detail of the published records.

At 6:14 p.m., citizen input was closed.

Jodell Rupp met with the City Council to discuss the restoration of Thomas Kington's headstone in the Wellsville City Cemetery. Additionally, Ms. Rupp proposed the installation of a historical marker to commemorate Kington's significance. She also hopes to restore the headstones of Mr. Kington's children, who are buried alongside him.

Ms. Rupp provided a brief history of Mr. Kington's life, highlighting his birth in England, his role as superintendent of the "United Brethren," and his conversion to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints after meeting Wilford Woodruff. She noted that Mr. Kington left his beautiful England farm, sailed to America, and crossed the plains to settle Kington Fort in Ogden and later moved to Wellsville and became the first Stake Patriarch. Ms. Rupp shared that while touring England, a tour guide voiced that Mr. Kington's headstone is very deserving of honor and restoration. Although an affluent group has offered to finance the headstone's restoration, Ms. Rupp believes it will be more meaningful if the youth of the Wellsville raise the funds.

Ms. Rupp proposed that the Wellsville LDS Youth raise money in June to pay for the headstone restoration and historical marker, which will be provided by President Ron Smellie of Preston, Idaho, at cost. In August, the new monument will be displayed, highlighting church history and will coincide with the LDS Church's current study of the Doctrine and Covenants. The historical marker will honor the many people who sacrificed to settle in the area. President Naser will coordinate with the Church historian to ensure accurate content on the marker, which will include "Donated by the Wellsville Youth 2025." Ms. Rupp requested the city council's permission for the LDS church to proceed with the headstone restorations and historical marker. The council confirmed that there is adequate room for the proposed historical marker. Councilman Bob Lindley noted that the marker must meet the acceptable parameters for size. Ms. Rupp presented pictures of several options for the historical marker and agreed to reach out to the Kington family. The mayor and council thanked Ms. Rupp for her interest and investment in preserving the history of Thomas Kington and his family. **Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Austin Wood, to approved Jodell Rupp's request to proceed with the headstone restorations and a historical marker for Thomas Kington.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells opened a discussion regarding the Hyrum Library price increase for Wellsville citizens. The library currently serves Hyrum, Nibley, and Wellsville through a user fee agreement established in 1996. This agreement allows Wellsville residents to obtain a library card with no restrictions. For the 2024/2025 fiscal year, both Nibley and Wellsville cities were billed \$44 per active library card. Wellsville City had 458 library cards issued, totaling \$20,152. In contrast, Hyrum City's cost per active card for its 1,816 residents was \$199. To address this difference, Hyrum City is proposing a non-resident increase. Hyrum residents would maintain their \$199 fee, while non-resident patrons would see their library card fee increase to \$100 per active user. Alternatively, Hyrum City could charge a household fee of \$30 annually, with a \$0.50 increase per year. Wellsville City's total cost under this proposal would be \$35,100, nearly doubling the current contract. This would require every household to pay the fee, regardless of library usage.

City Manager/Recorder Wells acknowledged the value of Hyrum library access for Wellsville residents, noting that it comes with a cost. The Council discussed alternatives, including continuing to pay \$44 per active card and allowing residents to pay the remaining non-resident fee. The Council concurred that, given Hyrum City's hosting of the library within its city limits and its residents' more frequent utilization of library services, Hyrum should bear a greater financial burden than non-resident users. Hyrum City has 1,816 residents with active library cards whereas Wellsville City only has 458 residents with active cards. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay expressed concerns about the potential backlash from residents regarding the proposed \$30 annual library fee per household, given Waste Management, Inc's recent waste collection increase and the upcoming water rate increase. She questioned whether this additional fee would be well-received, considering approximately 60% of Wellsville residents don't utilize the library. Councilman Carl Leatham mentioned that the actual percentage of non-users might be even higher, as the 458 active Wellsville Library users may include multiple users per household. Councilman Austin Wood suggested an alternative solution, the City would continue to pay \$44 per non-resident active card, and residents would be required to pay the difference. Councilman Bob Lindley stated that if this approach were adopted, Hyrum City would likely respond by hiking the non-resident library card fee, potentially negating any potential savings.

Resident Ron Case noted that the Cache County Library in Providence offers free access to Cache County residents. He also added that studies demonstrate the benefits of library access for citizens, highlighting that the library provides a wide range of services beyond just book access, including computers, resume-building resources, and other valuable amenities. Mr. Case supported Councilman Austin Wood's proposal, which would have the City continue paying \$44 per non-resident active card, with residents covering the remaining cost. However, he anticipates that a significant number of the 458 active users might stop using the library services if they're required to pay the difference. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay pointed out a cost saving option for Wellsville residents would be to purchase a Mendon City non-resident library card for \$40 annually. The Logan City library offers non-resident cards for \$230 annually.

Mayor Thomas G. Bailey posed whether municipalities should be financially obligated to provide library services. He noted that \$35,100 would be a pittance of the expense for Wellsville City to establish a library. The Council proposed exploring reimbursement options, allowing residents to pay the difference between the current \$44 fee and the proposed increase. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to continue the discussion regarding the Hyrum Library price increase for Wellsville citizens.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

The City Council discussed assignments for the Mayor and City Council for 2025. The proposed 2025 assignments for the Mayor and City Council are as follows:

Mayor Thomas G. Bailey: Fire Department, Irrigation, Sewer, Sunday Night Meeting, Parade.
Councilwoman Kaylene Ames: Founders' Day Chairperson, Wellsville Scholarship Pageant, Beautification Committee, City Float.
Councilman Carl Leatham: Planning & Zoning, Law Enforcement, Animal Control, Emergency Plan & CERT Training.
Councilman Bob Lindley: Parks & Recreation, Cemetery, Memorial Day Program, Environmental, Storm Water.
Councilwoman Denise Lindsay: Sidewalks, Webpage, Youth Council.
Councilman Austin Wood: Culinary Water, First Responders, Roads, Trails/Walking Paths.

Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carl Leatham, to accept the adjusted City Council assignments for 2025.

<u>YEA</u> <u>5</u>	<u>NAY</u> <u>0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u> <u>0</u>	<u>ABSENT</u> <u>0</u>
Kaylene Ames			
Carl Leatham			
Bob Lindley			
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Austin Wood			

The proposed 2025 assignments for Founders' Day are as follows:

Mayor Thomas G. Bailey: Parade, Rodeo, Patriotic Program, Rodeo Flag Ceremony, Mt. Sterling Stampede.
Kaylene Ames: Founders' Day Chairperson, Community Breakfast, Amusement Rides, Music in the Park.
Carl Leatham: Sham Battle, Watermelon Bust, Fun Run, Flag Ceremony.
Bob Lindley: Tennis Tournament, Golf Tournament, Softball Games.
Denise Lindsay: Quilt Drawing, Family Activity (movie in the park), Fireworks.
Austin Wood: Sham Battle, Vendor Booths, The Cannon.
History Committee: Cemetery Tour, Historical Speaker.

The Council concurred that the dutch oven meal is no longer needed due to the abundance of food vendors now available. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey expressed his gratitude to Councilwoman Kaylene Ames for her continued dedication to serving as the Founders' Day Chairperson. He also extended his appreciation to the other council members and everyone involved in making Founders' Day a successful event year after year. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to accept the adjusted Founders' Day assignments for 2025.**

<u>YEA</u> <u>5</u>	<u>NAY</u> <u>0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u> <u>0</u>	<u>ABSENT</u> <u>0</u>
Kaylene Ames			
Carl Leatham			
Bob Lindley			
Denise Lindsay			
Austin Wood			

The City Council discussed who should serve as Mayor Pro Tempore 2025 for Wellsville City. **Councilman Carl Leatham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Austin Wood, nominating Councilwoman Denise Lindsay serve as the Mayor Pro Tempore 2025 for Wellsville City.**

<u>YEA</u> <u>5</u>	<u>NAY</u> <u>0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u> <u>0</u>	<u>ABSENT</u> <u>0</u>
Kaylene Ames			
Carl Leatham			
Bob Lindley			
Denise Lindsay			
Austin Wood			

City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells announced that the meeting schedules for Wellsville City for calendar year 2025 will remain the same. The governing body (City Council) shall conduct two regular meetings each month, which shall be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The Planning Commission shall conduct two regular meetings each month, which shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Said meetings shall begin at 6:00 p.m. The Board of Adjustments will meet on an “as needed basis.” **Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Austin Wood, to approve the meeting schedule for Wellsville City for calendar year 2025.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
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Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

Next, City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells discussed the first quarter financial report for July 2024. He detailed revenue accounts and expenditures in the **General Fund**. After review, **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to approve the first quarter financial report for July 2024.**

YEA 5

NAY 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood

Department Reports:

Councilwoman Denise Lindsay-

1) Councilwoman Denise Lindsay reported that a water rate increase of \$11 is scheduled for next month. She reminded the council and public that the new well project will yield significant benefits, including a substantial increase in water supply and improved infrastructure. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells reported that the new well has achieved a flow rate of 1200 gallons per minute, which exceeds the previously reported rate. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey added this yield is higher than nearby cities, such as Mendon, which has a new well that flows at 600 gallons per minute, and Millville, which has a new well that flows at 800 gallons per minute.

Councilman Carl Leatham-

1) Councilman Carl Leatham discussed the issue of truck noise, exploring the possibility of tightening the ordinance on engine brakes within the city. He suggested restricting the use of engine brakes below 40mph. Councilman Leatham plans to investigate Nibley City's new ordinance on this matter. Wellsville City has previously measured decibels and implemented similar regulations for motorcycles. Councilman Bob Lindley mentioned that Highway 89/91 falls within city limits. Councilman Leatham clarified that the engine brake restriction would not apply to this highway. He stressed that engine brakes serve as a crucial safety device, especially when exiting the canyon on Highway 89/91. Councilman Leatham concluded that engine brakes are unnecessary on flat terrain.

Councilwoman Kaylene Ames-

1) Councilwoman Ames is looking forward to 2025 and expressed appreciation to those who have allowed her to serve in her various roles.

Councilman Bob Lindley-

1) No business or concerns at this time.

Councilman Austin Wood-

1) No business or concerns at this time.

City Manager/Recorder Report:

1) No business or concerns at this time.

At 7:22 p.m., Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Austin Wood, to adjourn the meeting.

YEA 5

NAY 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Kaylene Ames
Carl Leatham
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Austin Wood



Thomas G. Bailey
Mayor



Scott E. Wells
City Manager/Recorder