

MINUTES of the regular **City Council** meeting of Wellsville City held **April 15, 2026**, at the Wellsville City Offices at 75 East Main. City officials present were Mayor Chad B. Lindley; Councilwomen Denise Lindsay and Angie Olsen; Councilmen Carl Leatham, Bob Lindley and Tom Maughan. Also present were City Manager/Recorder Scott E. Wells and Craig Rasmussen, serving as Interim Representative for the City Planner. A copy of the Notice and Agenda was mailed to the Mayor and Council members and emailed and faxed to the Herald Journal on April 10, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Chad B. Lindley.

Others Present:

Dustin Anderson	Mike Baldwin	Richie Benson
Roger Blechert	Tracy Bodrero	Margaret Bosworth
Fred Brasfield	A. Justin Brenchley	Blake Brenchley
David Cook	Jared Harris	Darrin Hawes
Clint Kerr	Karma Leatham	Deb McBride
Mason McBride	Kelly Neilson	Dave Olsen
Marcene Parker	Megan Petersen	Monte Williams
Chad Wright		

Opening Ceremony: Councilwoman Angie Olsen

The Council reviewed the agenda. **Councilman Carl Leatham made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Angie Olsen to approve the agenda as presented.**

<u>YEA 5</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN 0</u>	<u>ABSENT 0</u>
Carl Leatham			
Bob Lindley			
Denise Lindsay			
Tom Maughan			
Angie Olsen			

The Council reviewed the minutes of the March 18, 2026, regular City Council meeting. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026, regular City Council meeting.**

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Carl Leatham			
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Angie Olsen			

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 highlighted a payment to Cache County Corporation for the remaining half of the annual EMS contract. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay inquired about a payment to Jones and Associates. City Manager/Recorder Wells clarified that this amount covered the previous month's engineering services, specifically for development, water, and roads. The Payment Approval Report was dated 04/07/2026. After review and discussion, **Councilwoman Angie Olsen made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Denise Lindsay, to approve the city's accounts payable bills for payment, represented by check number 31892 through 31921.**

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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. The Council discussed the payment for ARW Engineers regarding the Sherwood Hills water tank study. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells clarified that engineering costs will be charged back to the property owner. The proposed new tank for Bridle Path Estates is designed with a 130,000-gallon capacity—larger than the original—and will be situated adjacent to the existing structure. City Manager/Recorder Wells noted that the original tank will remain in use and under private ownership by the Resort; the City does not intend to assume ownership due to concerns regarding its long-term structural integrity. However, the City will continue to supply the original tank with chlorinated water. Although the existing tank is 55 years old, the owners report it has been maintained and consider it structurally sound. City Manager/Recorder Wells reported on an invoice from Garrett Parks and Play for swing set repairs. A total of 28 swings were replaced to ensure all equipment is up to code. The Council reviewed the payment to Bound Tree Medical for EMS supplies. It was noted that this expenditure is fully reimbursable through a grant. The Payment Approval Report was dated 04/15/2026. After review and discussion, **Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tom Maughan, to approve the city's accounts payable bills for payment, represented by check number 31936 through 31969.**

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Carl Leatham

Bob Lindley

Denise Lindsay

Tom Maughan

Angie Olsen

At 6:08 p.m., Mayor Chad B. Lindley opened the floor for citizen input.

Margaret Bosworth addressed the Council to express ongoing safety concerns regarding traffic conditions at 100 North and 200 East. While she noted her appreciation for the recently installed electronic speed sign, she stated it has proven ineffective at curbing speeders, particularly gravel trucks and semi-trailers. Ms. Bosworth emphasized that the most dangerous periods occur during the school commute hours, specifically from 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM and again around 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM. She observed that while Sheriff's deputies are occasionally in the area, their patrol times do not often align with these peak traffic windows. Furthermore, Ms. Bosworth highlighted a secondary safety issue regarding pedestrian access; because many area sidewalks are uneven, residents are frequently forced to walk or bike in the street alongside heavy vehicle traffic. To address these hazards, she requested an increased law enforcement presence during morning school hours and suggested the installation of a four-way stop at 200 North and 200 East to effectively slow through-traffic. City Manager/Recorder Wells clarified the specific timeframes of concern to facilitate better coordination with the Sheriff's Office, and Mayor Lindley thanked Ms. Bosworth for her input.

Kelly Neilson addressed the Council regarding the proposed South Cache Valley Recreation District. He asked the Council to reflect on the citizen opposition voiced during the January 7th meeting, specifically concerning the potential for future property tax increases. Mr. Neilson shared that, according to his recent inquiries with Hyrum City administration, it appeared Hyrum would like to pursue its own independent recreation projects rather than a joint district. In response, Mayor Lindley noted that the scheduled update on the recreation center later in the agenda would likely address several of Mr. Neilson's concerns. Mr. Neilson further clarified his position on local taxation, stating that he is not "anti-tax" in principle; he expressed a willingness to support tax increases for essential services, such as fire protection, provided the tax revenue remains within Wellsville to benefit the local department.

At 6:18 p.m., Councilman Carl Leatham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley to close citizen input.

Next, following a recommendation from the Planning Commission, the Council will consider a request from Jared Harris for a **Business License**, to operate 'Cache Valley Sheds,' a shed sales business proposed

at 673 East Main Street (Tax ID #11-089-0009), Councilman Carl Leatham opened the discussion by asking if the applicant had secured an alternative location on the property as previously requested. Mr. Harris reported that the owner of the property was unwilling to relocate the display to other areas of the lot; therefore, the proposal remained to place two sheds in the triangular section of the property. He noted this was the only locations the owner would permit that did not obstruct sightlines as discussed in previous meetings. During the ensuing discussion, Councilman Leatham raised several primary concerns, beginning with public safety. He stated that placing sheds so close to Highway 101 would likely cause passing motorists to pull over onto the curve's shoulder for a "quick peek," creating a traffic hazard. Furthermore, he pointed out that the business would not provide a financial benefit to the city's business district, as sales tax would be captured by the municipality where the buyer resides rather than in Wellsville. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay inquired about the business's visibility and marketing strategy, noting that the city's sign ordinance would prohibit the large-scale signage likely necessary to attract customers to such a small display. Councilman Leatham added a third point of concern, stating that since the sheds were for display only and not sold directly from that lot, any signage—including the sheds themselves acting as advertisements—would violate the city's code regarding off-premise advertising. Mr. Harris stated that he was unaware the proposal conflicted with these specific ordinances. **Councilman Carl Leatham made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Denise Lindsay, to deny the Business License for Cache Valley Sheds based on concerns regarding traffic safety, the lack of local revenue generation, and non-compliance with the city sign ordinance.**

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The Council shall discuss a resolution regarding the South Cache Valley Recreation Special Service District and related matters. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells presented a detailed report on the formal protest phase regarding the proposed South Cache Valley Recreation Special Service District. He informed the Council that the city received 211 valid protests. Based on the city's 2,712 registered voters, this represents a 7.75% opposition rate. Furthermore, regarding taxable value, 76 Tax IDs filed protests totaling \$20,503,145 in taxable value (and \$37,309,068 in market value), which represents 4.45% of the city's total taxable value. City Manager/Recorder Wells confirmed that these figures did not meet the legal threshold required to defeat the resolution via protest.

City Manager/Recorder Wells then advised the Council on shifting variables at the county level. He reported that Cache County has conducted a study and is exploring a county-wide bond to potentially fund one, two, or three regional recreation centers. He noted that he and Mayor Lindley would be meeting with the County Steering Committee on Friday to advocate for the city's interests. City Manager/Recorder Wells cautioned that passing the resolution now would trigger a 30-day deadline to file with the Lieutenant Governor's Office, which includes a mandatory \$17,000 boundary description fee. He suggested that it might be more prudent to wait and see if the County assumes the responsibility of building a south-end facility, which would save Wellsville and Nibley the administrative costs of forming an independent district. Mayor Chad Lindley emphasized that "clarity" is the primary missing element in the current process. He expressed his belief that regional recreation is fundamentally a county responsibility and stated that the city needs definitive answers on location, amenities, and costs before committing taxpayer funds. He indicated that the meeting on Friday would provide a better understanding of whether the County's plan includes a facility that serves the south end of the valley.

Craig Rasmussen, providing perspective as a member of the Hyrum City Council, noted that Hyrum's position remains uncertain following recent changes to their Council membership. He stated that the new Hyrum Council has not yet held a formal discussion on the matter and is also awaiting more information. Councilwoman Angie Olsen questioned why a recreation center is being considered when the County has previously stated it lacks funds for library services. City Manager/Recorder Wells clarified that the recreation center would likely be funded through a voter-approved bond rather than existing operational

funds. He attributed the County's sudden movement on the issue to a recent study that revealed extensive public interest. Councilman Carl Leatham and Councilman Bob Lindley voiced support for pausing the city's resolution to see how the county-wide process unfolds. The Council determined that the most prudent course of action was to monitor the County steering committee's progress to ensure the most affordable and effective outcome for Wellsville residents. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carl Leatham, to continue the discussion regarding the resolution to establish the South Cache Valley Recreation Special Service District to a future meeting date, pending further information and clarity from Cache County.**

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Mayor Chad Lindley led an in-depth discussion regarding the planned pedestrian underpass for Highway 89/91, reporting on recent regional meetings with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). A primary point of deliberation is the final placement of the underpass, specifically whether it should be situated "up the hill" at 200 West or "down the hill" toward 200 East. Mayor Lindley stated that the City is strongly advocating for the 200 East location, as it would better serve residents from Mount Sterling by providing a more direct route that eliminates unnecessary elevation changes. Furthermore, this location aligns more effectively with the City's established master trails plan. The project is estimated to cost between \$8 million and \$10 million, with design work expected to begin this spring and bidding to follow in the summer or fall. While UDOT expressed an optimistic goal of beginning construction by the fall of 2027, Mayor Lindley cautioned that a summer 2028 start date is more realistic given the standard regulatory hurdles.

During the discussion, Councilman Carl Leatham recommended that the City coordinate with UDOT to install a utility sleeve during the tunneling process to maximize efficiency and reduce future infrastructure costs; Mayor Lindley agreed to prioritize this request during the formal design phase. Potential engineering and logistical challenges were noted regarding the proximity of the local canal. Councilman Leatham and Councilwoman Angie Olsen raised concerns about pedestrian access, noting that residents must cross the canal before reaching the tunnel. This led to a technical discussion on whether the underpass should be constructed above or below the canal grade.

City Manager/Recorder Wells noted that while UDOT may view the 200 West location as simpler due to fewer physical obstacles, the City is firmly pushing for the 200 East site because it addresses the actual needs of the community. Councilwoman Olsen emphasized the critical safety need for the project, sharing her personal experience walking on 200 West, where the narrow margins provide "no room for error" for pedestrians alongside vehicles traveling at high speeds. The Council concluded by noting that UDOT is currently putting the design phase out for bid, and the City will continue to meet with engineering groups to ensure local safety and connectivity preferences are addressed.

Next, Mayor Chad Lindley provided an update on the Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) project at the intersection of Highway 89/91 and Highway 23, announcing that the construction contract has been officially awarded to Kilgore Company. While the project is scheduled to begin in late spring or early summer, the Mayor noted a potential minor delay as the contractor evaluates the need for additional property acquisitions to accommodate the required turnouts.

The Mayor relayed assurances from UDOT that every effort will be made to minimize traffic congestion during the installation of the RCUT. However, he reminded the Council and the public that this project, combined with a separate UDOT pedestrian crossing project over the Logan River, will likely lead to significant traffic challenges throughout the summer. Mayor Lindley concluded by advising residents to expect delays when traveling between Logan and Sardine Canyon and urged motorists to practice patience and courtesy, as regional traffic is expected to be difficult during the construction window.

Mayor Chad Lindley led a discussion regarding the upcoming replacement of the Highway 101 bridge spanning the Little Bear River. He announced that the existing bridge is slated for demolition this summer to make way for a modern, significantly wider structure. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells clarified the engineering specifications, noting that the new bridge will feature two 12-foot travel lanes and a dedicated turn pocket, supplemented by sidewalks on both sides. While Councilman Carl Leatham initially inquired if the project would be a full four-lane expansion, the Council agreed that the addition of the turn lane and pedestrian infrastructure represents a vital improvement to what is currently an "extremely busy" and growing corridor.

The conversation shifted to long-term pedestrian safety and connectivity, with Councilman Tom Maughan questioning the start and end points of the new sidewalks. City Manager/Recorder Wells explained that while the immediate project focus is the bridge structure itself, these sidewalks are intended to integrate with a broader Cache County study aimed at connecting Wellsville's 3rd East and Main to Hyrum via a regional trail system. Councilman Maughan and Councilman Leatham highlighted the urgent need for these improvements, sharing concerns about the high volume of pedestrians walking along the narrow shoulders in low-visibility conditions. City Manager/Recorder Wells noted that while future development will likely fund sidewalks on the north side of the river, the city may need to pursue county grants to complete the sections on the south side of the river.

Looking toward future growth, Mayor Lindley reported that he has formally requested a concept plan from UDOT for a more permanent traffic structure at the Hwy 101 and Hwy 89/91 intersection. He argued that it is critical to have a vision for a future interchange or major junction now—before commercial and residential development complicates the area—to avoid costly rerouting in the future. He noted that Chris Wilson, chairman of the regional UDOT committee, has supported this request, asking UDOT to provide these conceptual designs to assist Wellsville in its municipal planning. Mayor Lindley concluded by acknowledging that while the demolition and construction will make for a "fun summer" of traffic challenges, the expanded bridge is a necessary investment in the city's safety and infrastructure.

Next, Mayor Chad Lindley initiated a high-detail discussion regarding the future of the Wellsville Fire Department and its potential integration into a newly proposed Cache County Fire District. Fire Chief Mason McBride provided a historical and financial overview, noting that while the County initiated a district in 1965, it was never fully implemented, leaving cities like Wellsville to fund and maintain their own departments while also covering unincorporated County areas. The current County proposal offers two paths: a unified district where the County owns all assets and operations, or a "Voucher System"—a model favored by the Mayor and Chief—which allows Wellsville to remain independent while receiving County tax disbursements to fund local operations.

Chief McBride detailed a strategic plan to use these funds to transition the department from a strictly volunteer model to one supported by part-time staff. This shift is designed to address the current lack of "pre-incident planning" and business inspections. The department aims to lower the city's ISO rating from a 5.5 to a 4.0. The Chief explained that an ISO rating is a third-party assessment of response times, equipment, and infrastructure; lowering this score could result in a 3% to 5% reduction in fire insurance premiums for residents for every point dropped. Furthermore, the proposed budget allocates \$40,000 annually to a capital reserve fund to ensure the city can replace expensive equipment—such as SCBAs, brush trucks, and fire engines (which cost approximately \$400,000 every 20 years)—without future emergency requests for large lump-sum appropriations.

Chief McBride presented a tentative budget of approximately \$700,000, which would be offset by revenue to a net of roughly \$500,000. Funding sources would include the \$371,000 county voucher (based on an 80-mill tax levy), the city's existing \$80,000 contribution, and revenue from wildland fire contracts. A major shift discussed was Wellsville establishing its own EMS and ambulance service, which would allow the city to retain an estimated \$140,000 in annual revenue that is currently captured by the County. Chief McBride cautioned that this transition would require a 12 to 18-month lead time to secure state licensing and medical director oversight. Mayor Lindley highlighted the tax impact on residents, noting that while an 80-mill levy would technically cost households about \$79 per year, the city plans to retire an existing \$3 monthly equipment fee, resulting in a net increase of only about \$3 per month for significantly enhanced local

service and long-term capital savings for fire engines and equipment.

Councilwoman Denise Lindsay offered a "cautionary tale" based on her professional experience with county budgets, advising the department to ensure all funding promises are secured via signed interlocal agreements before finalizing any changes. Councilwoman Angie Olsen and Councilman Bob Lindley queried the department on administrative overhead, with the Chief clarifying that costs for medical billing (6% of collections), medical director fees (\$13,000), and specialized software (\$15,000) were already integrated into the proposal. Responding to Councilman Carl Leatham regarding fire prevention during dry seasons, the Chief identified Mount Sterling Estates and Red Slide Subdivision as critical "wildland-urban interface" areas. He noted that the new budget would allow for better enforcement of House Bill 408, which mandates 50-foot defensible buffers around homes in high-risk zones. Ultimately, the Council agreed that the voucher system provides a strategic "middle ground" that strengthens the local department's independence. **Councilwoman Denise Lindsay made a motion to continue exploring the fire district transition via the Cache County voucher system; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Angie Olsen.**

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City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells opened the discussion to consider options for the Wellsville City sign ordinance, explaining that while the current monument-only requirement preserves a rural aesthetic, it creates a disadvantage for businesses along the high-speed Highway 89/91 corridor. He noted that existing size and height restrictions prevent motorists traveling at 65 mph from identifying businesses in time to safely exit, resulting in lost revenue as drivers continue into neighboring municipalities. During the discussion, it was specifically highlighted that while newer businesses like Sam Patch Co. Grocer & Sundries and Maverik have been prohibited from installing pole signs, Wellcome Mart—the oldest business of the three—currently maintains a pole sign, illustrating a visible inconsistency in signage along the corridor. Craig Rasmussen, presenting for City Planner Marianne Reiner, shared a planning perspective that prioritized aesthetic preservation. Reiner's research indicated that while taller pole signs offer superior visibility, a proliferation of high-mounted signs could create "sign clutter" and obstruct the valley's scenic mountain views. To address these competing interests, she suggested that if the city moves away from the monument standard, it should consider implementing standardized "Wellsville style" templates or larger, multi-tenant monument signs that accommodate several businesses on one structure, thereby preventing a forest of individual poles along the roadside.

Mike Baldwin, owner of Sam Patch Co. Grocer & Sundries, addressed the Council to highlight the practical difficulties of the current 8-foot height limit. He stated that at highway speeds, motorists often pass a business before they can even comprehend a monument sign's content. Mr. Baldwin urged the Council to consider "reasonable" height increases and the use of digital or scrolling LED message boards, which would allow businesses to rotate advertisements and catch the interest of the 30,000 cars traveling the corridor daily. He also pointed out a current restriction that limits signage to only one side of a building, severely hinders visibility for traffic approaching from multiple directions. He encouraged the Council to approve designs they would be "proud of" if they were the business owners themselves, asserting that higher-quality, visible signage is a necessity for the survival of Wellsville's Highway 89/91 commercial zone.

The Council engaged in a discussion regarding Wellsville's economic identity and competitive standing. Councilman Carl Leatham emphasized that the city is in direct competition with Nibley, Hyrum, and Logan for tax revenue every day. He asserted that the Council must lead the fight to "protect our turf" by utilizing the city's 8-mile stretch of highway effectively, rather than ceding that economic potential to neighbors. Mayor Chad Lindley noted that cities like North Logan and Providence have successfully implemented "aesthetically pleasing" pole signs that support the business community without detracting from local character. While open to new options, Councilwoman Denise Lindsay and Councilwoman Angie Olsen

expressed concerns regarding the brightness and intensity of digital signs. The Council reached a consensus that they require visual renderings and specific technical regulations regarding illumination and animation types to ensure any digital transition does not cause light pollution or driver distraction.

Ultimately, the Council formally tasked City Planner Marianne Reiner with a comprehensive research project to present at a future meeting. This tasking includes investigating pole sign heights and sizes in cities like Perry and Moab—locations known for balancing highway commerce with scenic preservation—as well as re-evaluating current monument sign size limits and building-side signage rules. Additionally, the Planner was asked to provide renderings and specific brightness standards for digital/scrolling signs to ensure the city remains competitive while protecting the rural character and views of its residents. **Councilman Carl Leatham moved to task the City Planner with these investigations, which was seconded by Councilwoman Denise Lindsay.**

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Next, the City Council shall discuss options for enforcement and penalties for fishing on the bridge at Wellsville Dam, as well as enforcement and penalties for the unauthorized use of motorized vehicles on the trail systems. Councilman Carl Leatham initiated the discussion regarding escalating safety and maintenance concerns at the Wellsville Dam bridge and along the city's trail systems. Presenting photographic evidence to the Council, Leatham highlighted a recent Sunday afternoon where the bridge was so congested with fishers, coolers, and lawn chairs that pedestrian traffic—including families with strollers—were brought to a complete standstill. Beyond the congestion, he reported a maintenance issue: individuals fishing from the bridge have begun using pliers to remove structural bolts. Councilman Leatham noted he recently had to replace seven bolts to prevent boards from being pried loose or discarded into the dam. Additionally, he raised concerns regarding the "wasting of fish," noting that fish caught from the bridge rarely survive the 20-foot drop back into the water, and the practice leaves blood and debris on a structure designed specifically for pedestrian use.

The Council discussed the hurdles of enforcing current restrictions. While a "No Fishing" sign is currently posted on the bridge, City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells and Councilman Bob Lindley clarified that without a formal city ordinance, the Cache County Sheriff's Office has no legal basis for enforcement. Craig Rasmussen, serving as Interim Representative for the City Planner, explained that the current sign acts only as a "voluntary enforcement" measure, similar to a resident-posted "Slow: Children at Play" sign, and lacks the force of law. To rectify this, the Council determined that a specific ordinance must be drafted to make the bridge a non-fishing zone, which would allow deputies to issue citations.

The discussion then shifted to the unauthorized use of motorized vehicles on city sidewalks and trails. Councilman Lindley noted that state definitions are currently evolving but generally distinguish vehicles by the presence of pedals; those without pedals are typically classified as motorcycles regardless of engine size. Councilman Leatham noted that he had previously shared guidelines with Councilwoman Denise Lindsay regarding electric bikes (e-bikes) and motorcycles to be posted on the city website. City Manager/Recorder Wells suggested that while a general sidewalk ordinance likely exists, it needs to be modernized to specifically address the influx of electric motorcycles and e-bikes that lack pedals, ensuring the safety of pedestrians and reducing liability for the city and the irrigation company. To address both the bridge and trail issues, Mayor Lindley proposed tasking City Planner Marianne Reiner with drafting clear legal language for the municipal code. **Councilwoman Angie Olsen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bob Lindley, to formally task City Planner Marianne Reiner with drafting an ordinance specifically prohibiting fishing from bridges within Wellsville City limits. The Planner was also tasked with investigating the existing sidewalk and trail ordinances to clarify and update definitions for motorized and electric vehicles. This will ensure that modern e-bikes and motorcycles are explicitly covered under the city's enforcement capabilities.**

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Department Reports:

Councilwoman Denise Lindsay-

1) Councilwoman Denise Lindsay took a moment to recognize the exceptional volunteer efforts of resident Kaylene Bolton regarding the upkeep of the City Square. Following the City's recent "Adopt-a-Park" initiative promoted in the municipal newsletter, Ms. Bolton has independently taken on a comprehensive upkeep of the area surrounding the Tabernacle. Councilwoman Lindsay reported seeing Ms. Bolton using a personal edger to define the sidewalks around the entire square and utilizing a leaf blower to clear the parking lot. The Council noted that the Square looks significantly improved due to her initiative. Councilwoman Lindsay encouraged her fellow Council members and the public to commend Ms. Bolton, highlighting that she saw a community need and took it upon herself to make Wellsville better for everyone.

2) Councilwoman Lindsay provided an update on the development of the new Wellsville City municipal website. The project is currently in its final stages, with a target "go-live" date set for mid-June. The redesign represents a significant technological upgrade for the city, with a primary emphasis on mobile responsiveness to accommodate the growing number of residents who access city services via smartphones rather than computers. Councilwoman Lindsay also highlighted the site's "user-friendly" interface, noting that the design was specifically tailored to be accessible and intuitive for all residents, including the city's senior population. A major feature of the new platform is the integration of an online reservation calendar. This system will allow residents to view the availability of city facilities—such as pavilions and the City Council room—and book them directly online, eliminating the need to call city offices for scheduling. Mayor Chad Lindley noted that the city is also moving toward integrating online payment capabilities into this system. While Councilman Bob Lindley inquired about managing ballpark schedules, City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells and Councilwoman Lindsay clarified that while only pavilions are included in the initial launch, the website is highly adaptable. Future updates can easily include ballpark reservations, specialized availability windows, and rental pricing.

Councilman Tom Maughan-

1) Councilman Tom Maughan reported on a recent meeting with the city's emergency response coordinators regarding local communications during a crisis. He announced that a "shakeout" exercise—a live field trial of the city's emergency radio network—is scheduled for Monday night at 6:30 p.m. This drill is designed to test the reliability and reach of the radio units and ensure that various response teams can communicate effectively if traditional cellular or landline networks fail. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells confirmed that the exercise involves broad community coordination, noting that local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ward representatives have been integrated into the plan. These ward representatives will be equipped with radios to participate in the test, ensuring that communication channels are established between city leadership and neighborhood-level responders. Councilman Maughan emphasized that this trial is a critical step in verifying the city's readiness and identifying any potential dead zones or technical issues within the communication infrastructure before a real emergency occurs.

Councilwoman Angie Olsen-

1) No business or concerns at this time.

Councilman Bob Lindley-

1) No business or concerns at this time.

Councilman Carl Leatham-

1) Councilman Carl Leatham raised concerns regarding an increase in door-to-door solicitors and aggressive sales tactics targeting residents. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells and Councilwoman Denise Lindsay clarified that all solicitors must carry a visible, city-issued badge featuring their photo. They

warned that sales reps often falsely claim to be licensed through their parent companies when they are not registered with the city. To address this, the Council will use the municipal newsletter to educate residents on verifying licenses and reporting unauthorized solicitors to the Cache County Sheriff's Office.

2) The Council also discussed the oversight of RAPZ tax applications. Councilman Leatham inquired if private groups could apply for these funds without city approval, following reports of an organization potentially applying under the city's name. Councilwoman Denise Lindsay noted that RAPZ funds are issued directly to the municipality and stated that no outside foundations have been authorized to apply on behalf of Wellsville.

City Manager/Recorder Report:

1) City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells provided a series of updates regarding municipal services and upcoming spring projects. He noted that while Wellsville's current water supply is stable, the city is maintaining even/odd watering restrictions as a proactive measure. These guidelines will be published in the newsletter, and the city plans to deploy door hangers and patrols to enforce compliance if shortages arise. Mayor Chad Lindley emphasized the importance of "nipping" non-compliance in the bud by establishing a clear system of warnings and subsequent fines for repeat offenders.

2) The Council also discussed maintenance and repairs for city recreation facilities. City Manager Wells announced that the pickleball and basketball courts remain locked until late May, when nighttime temperatures consistently reach 50°F, allowing for a new coat of professional surfacing paint. This project will also serve to cover recent vandalism and burnout marks from electric bikes. While the color of the patch-up work may not perfectly match the weathered surface, the Council agreed that the improvement is necessary.

3) Preparations are also underway for the City Cleanup Day on April 25th. The city will utilize its text alert system to notify residents of road and parking lot closures around the Tabernacle to accommodate waste collection. Councilwoman Angie Olsen noted that the morning will also include a memorial tree planting at 9:00 AM at the Tabernacle in honor of former Mayor Thomas G. Bailey.

At 8:26 p.m., Councilman Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carl Leatham, to adjourn the meeting.

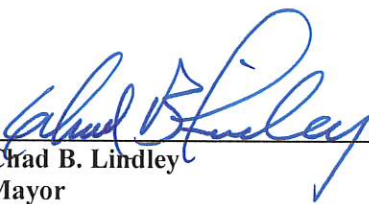
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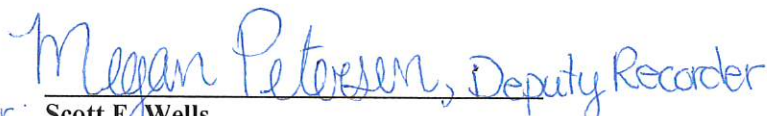
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Chad B. Lindley
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For: Scott E. Wells
City Manager/Recorder