

Wellington City Work Session Meeting

Meeting held Wednesday September 25, 2019

at the Wellington City Hall

Located at 150 West Main Street, Wellington, Utah

at 5:00 P.M.

City Council Present:

Mayor Powell, Councilmember Perea, Councilmember Rich, Councilmember Willson, Councilmember Noyes

City Council Absent:

Councilmember Wells

City Staff Present:

Rory Bradley – Police Chief

Matt Perea – Fire Chief

Amie Christiansen – City Treasurer

Jamie Allen – Administrative Assistant

Work Session

a. Police Department

The Police Chief, Rory Bradley, met with the City Council to provide a brief Departmental Update. Chief Bradley acknowledged that there are certain issues pertaining to the officer involved shooting that are still under investigation, and therefore not discussable.

Councilmember Perea requested an update on the new Public Safety Vehicle the department is purchasing with the assistance of the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (USDA – RD) grant. Bradley explained that as per his contact, the vehicle is built and is awaiting shipment.

Councilmember Willson took a moment to discuss potential concerns with the Police Chief and Fire Chief pertaining to cannabis oil. As per Willson, individuals in Colorado and California have experienced explosions while extracting the oil from the cannabis plant. The process of this extraction requests odorless propane, and therefore leaks are undetectable. It is likely these issues are happening to individuals extracting the oil on their own, and not professional entities, as there are machines that can detect leaks regardless of odor.

b. Fire Department

The Fire Chief, Matt Perea, also met with the City Council for the monthly Departmental Update. The department has received the \$87,000 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and the Breathing Apparatus (Air Packs) from L.N. Curtis. Chief Perea demonstrated the use of the equipment to the Council and those in attendance. One important feature of this new equipment is updated speakers, which will enable users and dispatch to hear conversations while the equipment is being worn.

The Department is also applying for a USDA-RD Grant to assist in the purchase of a new Fire Truck. Presently Wellington City has set aside \$40,000 for the truck. If awarded, the additional \$50,000 will help to secure funding from the Community Improvement Board (CIB). The CIB has already verbally stated they could likely provide a 50% grant for the purchase of a new fire truck. The funds set aside, the

USDA-RD grant, and a loan would pay for the remaining portion. At this point in time Chief Perea is confident that if a loan is taken out for a new truck, the Carbon County Interlocal Fire Board can assist with a portion of the yearly payment.

Finally, Chief Perea reviewed issues of obtaining new ladders. The department currently has a 20 Foot and 40 Foot ladders that is acceptable. Unfortunately, during a recent ladder inspection the other 20 foot and 30 foot ladders were deemed unusable. Replacements have been ordered and delivered, but were also deemed usable due to scratches and structural issues. These items are being returned and replacements will hopefully arrive during the upcoming month.

c. Public Works Department

Kory Moosman, the Public Works Supervisor, briefly met with the City Council to provide background on a City Council Agenda Item. In autumn of 2018 the department responded to a water main leak near 45 North 100 East. The leak required the department to remove a portion of the curb and gutter, and the driveway on the property. Moosman provided photos of the driveway before and after the leak was repaired. Rodney Pierce of RCP Construction replaced the driveway on behalf of the City in the exact or similar matter that it was found. The property owners have now contacted Moosman to say that the driveway is scratching their car, and that the City needs to repair it. The complaint is that the driveway is too steep, and according to Moosman the property owners requested that the driveway was poured this way because they planned to make the driveway higher in the future. Councilmembers reviewed neighboring driveways and issues other residents have with aging driveways, and discussed the timeline of this event.

Adjourn

At 6:00 P.M. Wellington City Council moved into its regularly scheduled meeting.

Minutes approved by City Council on October 23, 2019

Glenna Nelson, City Recorder

Joan Powell, Mayor