

MINUTES of the regular City Council meeting of Wellsville City held Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at the Wellsville City Offices at 75 East Main. City officials present were Mayor Thomas G. Bailey, Councilwomen Kaylene Ames and Denise Lindsay, Councilmen Bob Lindley, Chad Poulsen, and Austin Wood. City Manager/Recorder Scott Wells was also present. 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 25, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas G. Bailey.

Others Present: Jennifer Leishman Roger Blechert Mason McBride

Opening Ceremony: Kaylene Ames

The Council reviewed the agenda. City Manager Scott Wells stated that item #8 canceled and will be added to a future City Council agenda, and item #11 be moved to the end of the meeting. Chad Poulsen made a motion, seconded by Bob Lindley, to approve the agenda with the change.

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Kaylene Ames	
Bob Lindley	
Denise Lindsay	
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The Council reviewed the minutes of the November 18, 2020 regular City Council meeting. There was a word change on line 66. Chad Poulsen made a motion, seconded by Bob Lindley, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020 regular City Council meeting with the change.

<u>YEA 3</u>	<u>NAY 0</u>	<u>ABSTAIN 2</u>
Kaylene Ames		Denise Lindsay
Bob Lindley		Austin Wood
Chad Poulsen		

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. After review and discussion, Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Chad Poulsen, to approve the City's account payables bills for payment, represented by check number 25225 through 25251.

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There was no one in attendance for citizen input.

Roger Blechert met with the City Council to discuss the need for an emergency vehicle for Wellsville City EMS. Roger Blechert stated that he came in at the first of the year to discuss the need for a new squad truck for the EMS department. Mr. Blechert stated that it was put on hold until a decision concerning the county ambulance service was made. Beginning January 1, 2021, Wellsville City will be a transporting agency. Mr. Blechert gave a history of Logan City and Cache County Ambulance Service. Mr. Blechert stated that Ken Mathys will be the head coordinator for the south end of Cache Valley, which includes Wellsville, Hyrum, and Mendon. Mr. Blechert stated that the existing squad truck will become a new ambulance for Wellsville City, and Cache County will put approximately \$25,000 into making it an ambulance. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey asked if Wellsville City has enough EMT's. Mr. Blechert stated yes. Mr. Blechert stated that he has four individuals going through the advanced class and two individuals going through the basic

class. Mr. Blechert stated that Wellsville City needs to come up with a squad truck. It takes six to nine months to build a squad truck. Mr. Blechert stated that there are many used squad trucks, but they are expensive. Mr. Blechert stated that is why he is here tonight. Mayor Bailey explained to the City Council the history of CCEMS. Mayor Bailey stated that Cache County is assessing Wellsville City \$49,000 annually for ambulance service beginning January 1, 2021. Mayor Bailey stated that Cache County is also wanting Wellsville City to maintain ambulances and vehicles with a budget from Wellsville City of \$22,000 annually. Mayor Bailey stated that 10 years ago, Wellsville City passed a \$3.00 monthly fee to be added to the utility billing for the purchase of a fire truck. The fire truck is now paid off and the excess monies have gone to the fire department. The squad truck is approximately \$110,000. Mayor Bailey asked if the fire department and EMS department had any monies to put towards the squad truck. Mr. Blechert stated that at the first of the year, they did discuss splitting the fee so that \$1.50 goes toward the fire department and \$1.50 goes towards the EMS department. Mayor Bailey stated that it was discussed, but not done. Mr. Blechert stated that the EMS department received a grant from the State of Utah for \$4,000 that never went back into his budget. Denise Lindsay explained government accounting. Ms. Lindsay stated that government accounting is not like checkbook accounting. City Manager Scott Wells asked about using truck 61. Mr. Blechert stated that truck 61 only holds two people, a V10 engine, which is a gutless wonder, and it has a standard transmission, which few people can drive. Bob Lindley asked what Wellsville City receives for \$49,000. Mr. Blechert stated that Cache County is cutting ties with Logan City, and there will now be three ambulances on the south end. Mr. Lindley asked if any of the billing monies will come back to Wellsville City. Mr. Blechert stated no. Mayor Bailey stated that citizens are already paying \$3.00 per month for the fire department, and will now be hit with another \$4.00, if not \$5.00, for the Cache County bill. Ms. Lindsay stated that the EMS department needs an income and asked if Mr. Blechert had a suggestion of where those monies should come from. Ms. Lindsay stated that during the summer, the City Council listened to citizens complain over a \$1.00 fee for green waste. Mr. Blechert asked if having a public meeting to explain what the fee was being used would go over better. Mason McBride stated that Wellsville City needs to come up with a solution. Ms. Lindsay stated that she agrees. Austin Wood asked if Mr. Blechert knew the website so that he could look up the truck. Mr. McBride showed a picture of the truck from his cell phone. Mr. Lindley stated that if Wellsville City is unable to bill anyone for EMS services, it is all a black hole. Mr. Lindley stated that a squad truck is definitely needed. Mr. McBride suggested raising the \$3.00 monthly fee to \$5.00 because there is a list from both departments a mile long of needs. Mr. Blechert stated that there should be some monies coming from impact fees. Mr. Wells stated that he does not know if the Fire/EMS departments are getting what they should in impact fees. Ms. Lindsay discussed addition revenue, the existing \$3.00 monthly fee, and raising taxes. Ms. Lindsay stated that 2 years ago, taxes were raised 3%, which was the first property tax raise in 30 years. It generated \$18,000, which is not going to be enough. Ms. Lindsay suggested adding an additional fee to the utility billing and calling it what it is. Mr. Wood stated that once the squad truck is paid for, if the monthly fee is removed from the utility billing, citizens may be more understanding. Chad Poulsen stated that he definitely agrees that the EMS department needs a squad truck. Mr. Poulsen is concerned about dipping into the pockets of the citizens. Mr. Poulsen stated that the EMS department and Wellsville City needs to get creative. Mr. McBride stated that it is frustrating, and he gets it, but it is complicated. Mr. McBride stated that he does not know what the answer is. Mayor Bailey stated that the reason why the \$3.00 fee is still part of the utility billing is for the fire department to build up a budget to purchase equipment. Mayor Bailey stated that every small community is in the same boat with their fire capital account. Mayor Bailey stated that another problem is that in the past, grants for small fire departments were almost a given, but now they are not as easy to come by. Mayor Bailey stated that there is no doubt that the EMS department needs a squad truck. Mayor Bailey discussed financing the truck and suggested starting with Dodge about financing it. Kaylene Ames asked if this is one conversation with many more to follow or if this is it. Mr. Blechert stated that he does not know. Mr. Blechert stated that he visited with Chief Hammer yesterday and they are trying to find a truck that Wellsville City could borrow. Ms. Lindsay suggested leaving it up to the citizens of Wellsville City and let them decide. Mayor Bailey asked that Mr. Wells set up a public hearing for the first meeting in January. A discussion was held about sending out a postcard to see if citizens would support an increase in the fee for the squad truck. Mr. Wells stated that a mailer costs approximately \$550 to send out. Ms. Lindsay suggested that the Fire Department and the EMS department work together to make a proposal to the City Council and citizens of Wellsville City. After discussion, Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Bob Lindley, to continue this discussion at a later City Council meeting, and to propose sending out a mailer to the citizens of Wellsville City asking if they would support an additional

fee added to the utility billing.

YEA 5

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City Manager Scott Wells met with the City Council to discuss a resolution to combine the existing Fire Protection Service Fee with Wellsville City EMS and making into a Fire/EMS Service Fee. City Manager Scott Wells stated that because of the discussion that just took place; this item will be added to a future City Council meeting. After discussion, Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Chad Poulsen, to continue this discussion at a future City Council meeting.

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City Manager Scott Wells met with the City Council to discuss the first quarter financial statement for September. City Manager Scott Wells reviewed the revenues and expenses with the City Council. Mr. Wells stated that Wellsville City is in good financial shape. After discussion, Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Bob Lindley, to approve the first quarter financial statement for September.

YEA 5

NAY 0

Kaylene Ames
Bob Lindley
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Chad Poulsen
Austin Wood

City Manager Scott Wells met with the City Council to discuss public notification of the relationship between Mayor Thomas G. Bailey and Public Works employee Trent Bailey. City Manager Scott Wells stated that Trent Bailey is the grandson of Mayor Thomas G. Bailey. Bob Lindley gave the history of hiring Trent Bailey. Mr. Wells stated that both Trent Bailey and Mayor Thomas G. Bailey must sign a Family Relationship Disclosure. Mr. Wells stated that Trent Bailey signed his Family Relationship Disclosure in front of Mr. Wells. Mr. Wells reviewed Mayor Thomas G. Bailey's Family Relationship Disclosure with the City Council. It states that Trent Bailey went through the applicant process and was hired through a committee that Mayor Thomas G. Bailey was not part of. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey signed his Family Relationship Disclosure during the City Council meeting. Mr. Wells stated that both Family Relationship Disclosures will be part of these City Council minutes. After discussion, Denise Lindsay made a motion, seconded by Bob Lindley, that Denise Lindsay, as Mayor Pro-tem, accept the Family Relationship Disclosure from Trent Bailey and approve the Family Relationship Disclosure signed by Mayor Thomas G. Bailey.

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Department Reports:

Denise Lindsay – 1) Appreciated Wellsville City allowing the Wellsville City Youth Council to send a text message to Wellsville City about the Youth Council.

Mayor Thomas G. Bailey – 1) Planning Commission – the term for Marcene Parker is up January 2021 and she has asked to be replaced. Mayor Bailey stated that the Planning Commission has an alternate, Chad Lindley. Mayor Bailey stated that he spoke with Chad Lindley and he is willing to move up. This issue needs to be added to a future City Council agenda. Mayor Bailey stated that the alternate position is open on the Planning Commission. Mayor Bailey asked that Chad Poulsen think about the following individuals to fill the alternate position: Ed Rigby, Terry Boharsik, and Steven Sluder.

2) Wellsville City is going to be rebuilding 400 South and received \$454,000 in COG monies. Wellsville City has never received COG money. The cost of the project is \$1.2 million. Logan City was offered \$3.5 million in COG money. Mayor Daines of Logan City has decided to gift Wellsville City the remaining amount out of Logan City's budget to complete the 400 South project. The project runs from Tom's Service down to the railroad tracks.

Austin Wood – 1) EMS is his responsibility – asked if he needed to do anything more – Mayor Bailey stated no, he should sit back and see how it goes.

City Manager/Recorder's Report:

Scott Wells – 1) Audit is complete – was written up for one item, not depositing funds received within 3 days. The deposit was received on Wednesday; Wellsville City was closed Thursday for 4th of July, closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Diana Cannell will attend the next City Council meeting to report.

2) Christmas Dinner Drive-thru – December 3, 2020 – drive around to the back of the City Office and each employee will receive 2 dinners.

3) Cares Act – most of the monies have been spent – waiting for the power line across the backside of the cemetery.

4) Christmas Lights – ordered new Christmas Lights – will hang on the lines that are there – replace the lines next year.

5) Code Enforcement Officer – Kirt Lindley – is willing to approach the citizens and speak with them, but not willing to write the letters. City Planner Jay Nielson will help with writing the letters. City Manager Scott Wells does not know how or if this will work out, but willing to try it.

6) Heritage Southwest Estates – home with a 60-watt LED blub on each fence post – Kirt Lindley will address this house.

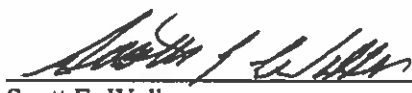
At 9:01 p.m., Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Chad Poulsen, to adjourn the meeting.

YEA 4

Kaylene Ames
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Chad Poulsen
Austin Wood

NAY 0


Thomas G. Bailey
Mayor


Scott E. Wells
City Manager/Recorder