

MINUTES of the regular City Council meeting of Wellsville City held Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at the Wellsville City Offices at 75 East Main. City officials present were Mayor Thomas G. Bailey, Councilwoman 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 January 29, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas G. Bailey.

<u>Others Present:</u>	Jennifer Leishman	Mamie Hammer	Joseph Hammer
	Sadie Coleman	Hannah Seeholzer	Kaitlyn Hardy
	Abigail Bates	Doug Balls	Sid Balls

Opening Ceremony: Austin Wood

The Council reviewed the agenda. Chad Poulsen made a motion, seconded by Bob Lindley, to approve the agenda as presented.

<u>YEA</u> 4	<u>NAY</u> 0
Kaylene Ames	
Bob Lindley	
Chad Poulsen	
Austin Wood	

City Councilwoman Denise Lindsay arrived at the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the January 20, 2021 regular City Council meeting. Kaylene Ames made a motion, seconded by Austin Wood, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 regular City Council meeting as presented.

<u>YEA</u> 5	<u>NAY</u> 0
Kaylene Ames	
Bob Lindley	
Denise Lindsay	
Chad Poulsen	
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. After review and discussion, Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Chad Poulsen, to approve the City's account payables bills for payment, represented by check number 25479 through 25516.

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Bob Lindley	
Denise Lindsay	
Chad Poulsen	
Austin Wood	

There was no one in attendance for citizen input.

Beginning at 6:10 p.m., the City Council shall receive public input, then along with the recommendation from the Planning Commission, consider for approval Resolution 2021-04 adopting the Wellsville City Water Conservation Plan. City Manager Scott Wells stated that this plan is state mandated every year. It explains where Wellsville City receives their water from, the different sources, and how the water is used. Mr. Wells stated that the irrigation companies are looking at a pressurized irrigation system. Mr. Wells stated that it can be part of the conservation water plan because using irrigation water preserves culinary

water. Mr. Wells stated that the irrigation companies are trying to get a pressurized irrigation system going because they have received a grant for it. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey stated that this is a public hearing and asked if there was any public input. There was none.

At 6:12 p.m., the public hearing was closed.

Bob Lindley asked if the plan changed from year to year. City Manager Scott Wells stated not much. Mr. Wells stated that it shows the flow of water from the springs versus pumping the water from the wells. Mr. Wells stated that some years are better than others. Chad Poulsen stated that the Planning Commission had no issues and recommended approval. After discussion, Chad Poulsen made a motion, seconded by Austin Wood, to approve **RESOLUTION 2021-04 WELLSVILLE CITY WATER CONSERVAION PLAN.**

YEA 5

Kaylene Ames
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Chad Poulsen
Austin Wood

NAY 0

Mamie Hammer met with the City Council to introduce the 2021 Youth Council. Ms. Hammer stated that the 2021 Wellsville City Youth Council Mayor is Joseph Hammer, Abby Bates, Sadie Coleman, Kaitlyn Hardy, and Hannah Seeholzer. Ms. Hammer thanked the City Council for the opportunity to serve. Ms. Hammer stated that the 2021 Wellsville City Youth Council will be of service to the Mayor and City Council. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey thanked the 2021 Wellsville City Youth Council for being willing to serve.

The Wellsville City Youth Council 2021 was sworn in by City Manager Scott Wells. The Wellsville City Youth Council 2021 are as follows: Kaitlyn Hardy and Sadie Coleman.

The City Council discussed names for someone to serve on the Planning Commission. Chad Poulsen stated that last week, the Planning Commission added Clair Cooper as an alternate. Chairperson Ruth P. Maughan has decided to step down. This will move Clair Cooper as a permanent member of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission now needs another alternate. Mr. Poulsen stated that the names he has from the last discussion are Terry Boharsik, Ed Rigby, and Steven Sluder. Bob Lindley stated that he spoke with Ed Rigby and he is very willing to serve. Denise Lindsay stated that Terry Boharsik is also very willing to serve. Ms. Lindsay stated that whomever they pick will be great. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey stated that with Ms. Maughan stepping down, there will be no ladies on the Planning Commission. This will make the Planning Commission all male. Mr. Poulsen stated that he has no problem asking a lady if someone has one in mind. Austin Wood stated that Marci Palmer has expressed an interest in getting involved in City government. City Manager Scott Wells stated that Terry Boharsik and Steven Sluder threw their hat in the ring for City Council and thinks that Wellsville City should lean hard on them. Mayor Bailey asked each member of the City Council for their number one pick. Mr. Lindley stated that he knows Ed Rigby. Mr. Lindley stated that he has been involved in business, as a manager, worked on committees, and is retired. Mr. Lindley stated that Steve Sluder is still traveling quite a bit for his job. Mr. Poulsen stated that his pick would be Ed Rigby. Mr. Wood asked if there are any existing members of the Planning Commission that represent younger move-ins and families. Mayor Bailey stated that Chris Clark, Cody Schenk, and Jeff Bailey are young and serve on the Planning Commission. Ms. Lindsay stated that the Planning Commission may need more seasoned points of view. Mr. Wood stated that he likes the commend concerning Ed Rigby. After discussion, Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Chad Poulsen, to approve Ed Rigby as an alternate member for the Planning Commission.

YEA 5

Kaylene Ames
Bob Lindley
Denise Lindsay
Chad Poulsen

NAY 0

Austin Wood

The City Council discussed names for someone to serve as Planning Commission Chairperson. Chad Poulsen stated that with Ruth P. Maughan stepping down, she is currently serving as the Chairperson. Mr. Poulsen stated that he was thinking of asking Chris Clark to serve as the Chairperson. Bob Lindley stated that he agrees because Chris Clark is the senior member of the Planning Commission. Kaylene Ames stated that she agrees. Mr. Poulsen stated that when Ms. Maughan has not been in attendance to the Planning Commission meetings, Chris Clark has done a great job filling in. After discussion, Kaylene Ames made a motion, seconded by Chad Poulsen, to appoint Chris Clark to serve as Planning Commission Chairperson.

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The City Council discussed names of someone that can serve as an administrative hearing officer for compliance issues in Wellsville City. City Planner Scott Wells stated that Wellsville City will be addressing a few issues that are not fun ones. Mr. Wells stated that when the code was approved, it discusses compliancy, and that Wellsville City can place a financial burden on the resident on a daily basis. It also discusses the function of a compliance officer. If a citizen feels that they are wrongly accused, they can come to the administrative officer and have a hearing. It is a chance to let their voice be heard. Mr. Wells stated that he has been working with City Planner Jay Nielson. The administrative officer has to be a strong individual that can hold their own and not be intimidated. Mr. Wells asked if the City Council had any ideas. Kaylene Ames asked about Kirt Lindley. Mr. Wells stated that Kirt Lindley is the enforcing officer. Mr. Wells stated that one person that comes to mind is Chad Lindley. Austin Wood asked if there would be any compensation. Mr. Wells stated no, it would be volunteer. Ms. Lindsay asked why just one person. Mr. Wells stated that the letter says that the individual is not in compliance and that they have to take care of the issue by a certain date or come in and appeal. Ms. Lindsay believes that Wellsville City needs more than one person. Mr. Wells stated that if the individual does not accept the ruling from the administrative officer, they can then appeal to the City Council. Chad Poulsen asked if Chad Lindley serving on the Planning Commission would create a conflict of interest. Bob Lindley thinks that the administrative officers should not serve on the Planning Commission or the City Council. Mr. Wells stated that Chad Lindley fits the dynamic. Ms. Ames suggested someone from the Stokes family. Ms. Lindsay stated either Ray Stokes or Carl Stokes. Mr. Wells asked about Terry Boharsik or Steven Sluder. Ms. Lindsay suggested Carl Leatham. Ms. Lindsay stated that it needs to be someone that is familiar with how Wellsville City is managed. Mr. Wells asked that the City Council ponder this issue. 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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The City Council discussed updating or modifying the Cemetery rules and regulations. Bob Lindley stated that over at the cemetery, there has been quite a bit of controversy in the last year. Mr. Lindley stated that he has been verbally abused by people complaining about how the cemetery is treated in the winter. Mr. Lindley stated that the new Public Works employees are doing an excellent job. Mr. Lindley stated that the biggest problems come during the summer when people get carried away with decorations. They are spread out all over the headstone and grassy area. This causes a problem with broken blades and mower costs. Mr. Lindley stated that his concern is with shepherd hooks and ornaments around the headstone. Mr. Lindley stated that Wellsville City has the most lenient cemetery policies in the valley. Mr. Lindley stated

that he has talked to the guys concerning cemeteries in Beaver Dam Utah and Clifton Idaho. Both of those cemeteries have the policy that five days after a funeral, everything is thrown away. Mr. Lindley stated that Smithfield, Logan, and Richmond do not allow anything off of the cement. Mr. Lindley believes that decorations need to be placed close to the concrete. Mr. Lindley would like some clarification on what can and cannot be there. Chad Poulsen asked what John Spence, who mows the cemetery, says. Mr. Lindley stated that John Spence would like all of the shepherd hooks and decorations gone. Mr. Lindley stated that John Spence does a great job, but he is not very gentle. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey stated that if a shepherd hook is put in the ground, it should be next to the cement. Mayor Bailey stated that no one should have to get off of the mower to move them. City Manager Scott Wells stated that shepherd hooks should be placed on the edge of the cement with baskets hanging over the headstone. Mr. Wells stated that shepherd hooks and decorations can be place 14 days before and after a holiday. Mr. Lindley stated that he did not like that idea because John Spence mows more often than 14 days before and after holidays. Mr. Lindley suggested 5 days before and after a holiday. Mr. Wells suggested two ornaments per headstone. Mr. Poulsen stated as long as the ornaments are out of the way. Mr. Wells stated that when John Spence hits something, it causes damage to the mower and hurts John. Kaylene Ames asked if these people that verbally abused Bob Lindley had any suggestions. Mr. Lindley stated no, they just wanted their stuff left alone. Ms. Ames asked if the flags are kept. Mr. Lindley stated that the flags go up on Saturday morning and are down Monday night or Tuesday morning. Mr. Lindley stated that are some big and creative headstones at the cemetery. Mr. Lindley stated that some cemetery codes state that it is the sexton's call if the headstone is moved by the city or a monument company. Mr. Wells stated that Wellsville City may need to go that direction. Mayor Bailey stated that some headstones are big, elaborate, and heavy. There are some headstones that are 100 years old and will disintegrate if moved. Mr. Lindley stated that every city says that they are not responsible, and he believes that Wellsville City needs to adopt that policy to protect the city. Mayor Bailey stated that at this time of year, the headstones are frozen to the ground. Mr. Poulsen stated that there are some unused plots, and asked if both individuals have passed, who does the city charge. Mayor Bailey stated that if both individuals have passed, they usually do not have to move the headstone. Mr. Lindley stated that there is not one cemetery that allows dogs, or pets for that matter, whether they are on a leash or not except in a car. There needs to be signage stating no dogs or pets allowed. Mr. Wells stated that he will print the code in full for the City Council and continue to discuss this. There are no quick decisions. Mr. Wells stated that Wellsville City may consider conducting some public hearings on this issue. After discussion, Chad Poulsen made a motion, seconded by Austin Wood, to continue this discussion at a future City Council meeting.

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NAY 0

City Manager Scott Wells met with the City Council to discuss first quarter financial statement for December 2020. City Manager Scott Wells reviewed the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and Stormwater Fund. Mr. Wells reviewed the revenues and expenses. Mr. Wells stated that Wellsville City is in good financial shape. After discussion, Austin Wood made a motion, seconded by Bob Lindley, to approve the first quarter financial statement for December 2020.

YEA 5

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Austin Wood

NAY 0

Department Reports:

Denise Lindsay – 1) Attended the Republican Convention last Saturday – discussed bill 61 – changes City's rights to billboards. Wellsville City has 2 billboards that are grandfathered in. If this bill passes, they can turn the billboard into a digital billboard. Wondered if Wellsville City could control the brightness and a curfew. These billboards are in residential areas. Ms. Lindsay followed up with an email stating that Wellsville City was in opposition of this bill – going to the floor today.

Kaylene Ames – 1) Began work on the Wellsville City float.
2) Arbor Day – suggested holding a celebration on April 30, 2021.

Bob Lindley – 1) Soccer registration has begun.
2) Baseball registration will begin March 1, 2021.
3) Nibley City is going away from South Cache soccer – will have a discussion sometime about joining Nibley City – ask soccer people what they think.

Austin Wood – 1) Emergency Preparation & Reaction Plan – continuing to make headway.

City Manager/Recorder's Report:

Scott Wells – 1) Cemetery – purchase a compactor to compact dirt.
2) Cemetery – purchase heat blanket that melts the frost away to be able to lift headstones.
3) Mini-excavator – part of next year's budget – can be used in many situations.
4) Snowblower – move snow around graves.
5) 2021 Roads – suggestions are 100 West to 200 West on 300 North, 100 West to 200 West on 100 North, and Highway 89/91 out to county line on 200 South.
6) Beginning budget process – try to have worksheets by February 17, 2021 – fill out and return.
7) Scheduled meeting in August to hold Wellsville City tax rate.

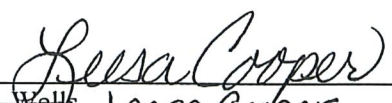
At 7:41 p.m., Bob Lindley made a motion, seconded by Chad Poulsen, to adjourn the meeting.

YEA 5

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Thomas G. Bailey
Mayor


~~Scott E. Wells~~ Leesa Cooper
City Manager/Recorder Treasurer