

Wellington City Council
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
6:00 PM

Wellington City Hall - 150 West Main Street - Wellington, Utah 84542

Attendance

Mayor Noyes

Council Members

Derk Bradley
Rory Bradley
Glen Wells
Garrit Pell
Bethany Perea

Excused

City Staff

Glenna Nelson, City Recorder

Virtual Attendees

Rita Vigor-Carbon County Economic Development Director
Tina Henry-Carbon County Tourism Director

Attendees

Josh Patterson

Public Comment Period

Mayor Noyes invited Josh Patterson to come forward during the Public Comment Period to introduce himself to the council. Patterson recently applied to join the Planning and Zoning Commission Board. Patterson is a former member of the fire department and has lived in the community since the 1990s. Mayor Noyes noted that there is still a vacant position on the board, and that the current board members are Shelly McKinnon, chairperson of the board. Kory Moosman and Steve Cha.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Noyes asked attendees to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

January 13, 2021 Work and City Council Minutes

Motion by council

Rory Bradley

Seconded

Garritt Pell

Nay

None

Agenda Item 2

Presentation and Consideration of 1% Transient Room Tax by Carbon County Office of Tourism

Tina Henrie, the Carbon County Tourism Director, came to talk about The Transient Room Tax. Tax on motel, hotel, trailer courts etc. Places which a person rents for less than 30 days. Rita Vigor, the Carbon County Economic Development Director virtually attended the city council meeting to discuss the transient room tax. Wellington City is the only municipality in Carbon County, with hotels and registered Air bnbs, that is not collecting the transient room tax. This tax allows municipalities the ability to impose a total tax of up to one (1) percent for charges related to transient rooms. The revenue from this sales tax is part of the general fund and is used to benefit residents and travelers. Henrie provided examples of revenues collected from neighboring municipalities for the most recent quarter.

The process of implementing the tax was also discussed with council. Wellington would need to adopt a Transient Room Tax Ordinance, and upon its passing inform the Utah State Tax Commission. Councilmembers noted that they were unaware of this tax. Councilmember Wells noted he believed the tax was only available to counties. All councilmembers agreed that Wellington City should prepare and adopt an ordinance as this tax would help to promote the community. Staff will go forward to prepare the ordinance.

Agenda Item 3

2021/2022 Community Improvements Board Capital Projects List

The city recorder presented the 2021/2022 Community Improvements Board Capital Projects List. Wellington City needs to move the priority level of the Water System Improvements project and needs to update the estimated total cost to \$7.5 million. The project details have been discussed during the work session and regular session for February 10, 2021.

The other higher priority project on the list is the Cemetery Improvements Project. As for lower priority lists the city kept the following projects; seal coating city streets, street lighting, city hall building improvements, the Knight Ideal pond, and the industrial area utility improvements.

Motion by Council to approve the 2021/2022 Community Improvements Board Capital Project List.

Bethany Perea

Seconded

Garrit Pell

Nay

None

Vouchers and Warrants

Motion by Council

Glen Wells

Seconded

Garrit Pell

Nay

None

Agenda Item 5

Council Reports

Councilmember Perea mentioned that she has signed and submitted the contract to move forward with accepting the Fiscal Incentive Grant (FIG) for \$12k from the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation. Perea has also met with the public works department and Sunrise Engineering to prepare the meter project bid packets for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for new culinary master meters.

Councilmember Wells noted that the Wellington Canal Company is starting to prepare the holding pond for the upcoming season.

Agenda Item 6

Mayor Reports:

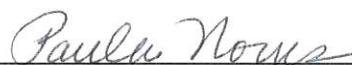
Mayor Noyes asked for a volunteer from the City Council to help with mowing the weeds and grasses at the Knight Ideal pond on a weekly basis.

Mayor Noyes discussed a new pilot program for community engagement she and Chief Rory Bradley have created. This program would run during March and April. The goal is to encourage residents and community members to clean up their properties. In May, properties that have not been cleaned up will begin receiving code violation notices.

Adjourn
Time: 6:39
Motion by
Glen Wells
Seconded by
Bethany Perea
Naye

Next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Wellington City Hall

Gracie Procarione – City Recorder



Paula Noyes- Mayor