

MINUTES of the regular City Council meeting of Wellsville City held Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at the Wellsville City Offices at 75 East Main. City officials present were Mayor Thomas G. Bailey, Councilwoman Glenna Petersen, Councilmen Gary Bates, Carl Leatham, and Perry Maughan. City Manager/Recorder Don Hartle 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 30, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas G. Bailey.

Others Present: Jennifer Leishman Clint Kerr Troy Parker
Jonathan Van Huss Jami Van Huss Andrew Horracks
Bruce Horracks Ben Shipley Eric Shirley
David Swanson Janie Isaacson Kendall Leishman
Scott Gary Jonathan Cook

Opening Ceremony: Glenna Petersen

The Council reviewed the agenda. Glenna Petersen made a motion, seconded by Carl Leatham, to approve the agenda as presented.

YEA 4 NAY 0
Gary Bates
Carl Leatham
Perry Maughan
Glenna Petersen

Councilwoman Karen Higley arrived at the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

The City Council reviewed the regular City Council meeting minutes of January 7, 2015. After discussion, Karen Higley made a motion, seconded by Gary Bates, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2015 meeting as presented.

YEA 4 NAY 0 ABSTAIN 1
Gary Bates Perry Maughan
Karen Higley
Carl Leatham
Glenna Petersen

The City Council reviewed the regular City Council meeting minutes of January 21, 2015. After discussion, Carl Leatham made a motion, seconded by Karen Higley, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting as presented.

YEA 3 NAY 0 ABSTAIN 2
Karen Higley Gary Bates
Carl Leatham Glenna Petersen
Perry Maughan

Payroll is approved through the budget, therefore, the checks approved in the City Council minutes aren't 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, Glenna Petersen made a motion, seconded by Carl Leatham, to approve the City's account payables bills for payment, represented by check number 17868 through 17888.

YEA 5 NAY 0
Gary Bates
Karen Higley
Carl Leatham
Perry Maughan
Glenna Petersen

The City Council considered the data provided regarding possibly joining the “Transportation Coalition” and possibly approving the proposed resolution to address comprehensive transportation funding. Don Hartle stated that he didn’t prepare a resolution. This information is from the Utah League of Cities and Towns. Mr. Hartle stated that he feels it is more for the Wasatch Front than Wellsville City. Mr. Hartle stated that if it is approved, he will put it in resolution form. Mr. Hartle stated that he is not in favor of it. Karen Higley stated that she read through it and felt that it is not applicable to Wellsville City. Gary Bates stated that they are trying every little thing they can. Every city has approached the State for funds. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey stated that the Cache County Mayor’s Association is putting something together to raise the gas tax. Glenna Petersen stated that in section 2 concerning biking, it states that they are expanding the active transportation structure. Ms. Petersen stated that she doesn’t understand what they are trying to promote. Mr. Hartle stated that if it is approved, the document will be sent to the Utah League of Cities and Towns and that they will present it to the legislature. Perry Maughan stated that Wellsville City would be better served with something through the Cache County Mayor’s Association. After discussion, Perry Maughan made a motion, seconded by Gary Bates, that Wellsville City will not participate in the “Transportation Coalition”.

YEA 5

NAY 0

Gary Bates
Karen Higley
Carl Leatham
Perry Maughan
Glenna Petersen

The City Council discussed possible options for providing breakfast for the City Founder’s Day celebration. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey stated that the fire department doesn’t want to provide the breakfast for the City Founder’s Day celebration. Mayor Bailey asked if the City Council had any ideas. Perry Maughan stated that the City Council used to provide the lunch, which the Mountain Crest softball team has taken over. Mr. Maughan wondered if there would be another team wanting to provide the breakfast for the City Founder’s Day celebration. Jami Van Huss stated that she contacted Kaylene Ames and the Tabernacle Foundation would be willing to provide the breakfast for the City Founder’s Day celebration. Karen Higley stated that it sounds great, and that she would coordinate with the Tabernacle Foundation. After discussion, Karen Higley made a motion, seconded by Perry Maughan, to approve the Tabernacle Foundation to provide breakfast for the City Founder’s Day celebration.

YEA 5

NAY 0

Gary Bates
Karen Higley
Carl Leatham
Perry Maughan
Glenna Petersen

The Fire Department met with the City Council. Clint Kerr stated that he is concerned about health insurance for the firemen. Workman’s Compensation will pay for the medical bills. Mr. Kerr called Aflac and it is \$39 per fireman per month. Mr. Kerr discussed wages. Mendon City pays their Fire Chief \$1,200 per year. Hyrum City pays their Fire Chief \$364 per month. Mr. Kerr stated that the extrication equipment is getting old. Mr. Kerr stated that the cost to replace it is between \$30,000 and \$60,000. Mr. Kerr stated that the ambulance service pays \$1,500 per year to Wellsville City. Mr. Kerr believes that there should be between \$14,000 and \$15,000 for the ambulance service. Wellsville City is paid \$150 for every extrication call. All of this money goes into the General Fund. Mr. Kerr stated that the money needs to go into the Fire Department budget so that it can pay for maintenance and upkeep on the equipment. Mr. Kerr stated that the Fire Department submitted a request for a grant for 24 sets of turnouts. The total cost is \$189,700. If the grant is approved, Wellsville City will need to come up with 5% of the total cost. Perry Maughan asked when the budget is approved. Don Hartle stated that the tentative budget is approved at the second meeting in April. Mr. Maughan asked if the fire department submits a request for a grant every year. Mr. Kerr stated yes. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey asked if there is money in the budget to cover the 5% if the fire department is successful with the grant. Mr. Hartle stated that there is approximately \$5,000 in impact

fees and there is some surplus for the \$3.00 monthly fire truck fee on the utility bill. That money can be used for capital. Mayor Bailey stated that Wellsville City will have no problem coming up with the 5%. Mr. Kerr asked what would happen if the fire department is not successful with the grant. Mayor Bailey stated that he had no idea where the money would come from. Mr. Kerr asked if a plan could be put together so that the fire department could get some of the equipment that it needs. Mayor Bailey asked how much surplus is available from the \$3.00 monthly fire truck fee on the utility bill. Mr. Hartle stated that there is approximately \$29,000 in surplus from the \$3.00 monthly fire truck fee on the utility bill. Mr. Kerr stated that he is concerned if the grant doesn't come through. The fire department will be in trouble. Mayor Bailey stated that it is hard for Wellsville City to come up with the money when they are in that kind of debt with the fire truck. Mr. Hartle stated that there is \$4,100 available from impact fees. Mr. Hartle stated that the fire truck is on an 8-year payment plan and Wellsville City has made 3 of the payments. Carl Leatham suggested increasing the \$3.00 monthly fire truck fee on the utility bill. Gary Bates stated that there are ways to write grants. There are individuals that write grants for a living. Mr. Bates suggested looking into used equipment. Mr. Kerr stated that he doesn't know if he wants used equipment. Mr. Bates stated that he tried to get the fire department to purchase a used fire truck, but they had to have the latest and greatest with all the bells and whistles. Mr. Kerr stated that the former Fire Chief, Jeremie Poppleton, put together a long-term plan for the fire department. Mayor Bailey stated that he wasn't sure this is something that could be solved tonight. Mr. Leatham asked where the money for the wild land fires goes to. Mr. Hartle stated that the money from the wild land fires goes into savings and the money from the county goes into the General Fund revenues. Mr. Leatham asked if that money could be put into a separate fund for the fire department. Mayor Bailey stated that as he understands it, Wellsville City purchased the extrication equipment out of the General Fund, and the revenues go back into the General Fund to repay Wellsville City. Mr. Bates asked if it was possible to do some kind of the same deal. Mr. Kerr stated that it would be possible on some equipment, but not on all of it. Mayor Bailey asked what the amount of the fire truck payment is. Mr. Hartle stated that it is \$33,976.78 per year. Mayor Bailey asked how much income Wellsville City receives from the \$3.00 monthly fire truck fee on the utility bill. Mr. Hartle stated that it is approximately \$3,600 per month. Mr. Kerr asked what the impact fee for the fire department is compared to other departments in the city. Mr. Hartle stated that Wellsville City had a study completed about 5 years ago concerning impact fees. It states what a city can justify charging for their impact fees. Wellsville City has no say concerning the impact fees. Mr. Bates stated that every department has a budget. Every department should have a 5- to 10-year plan. The plan should be reviewed every year. Mr. Bates stated that he doesn't know if the fire department has a clear plan. Mr. Kerr stated that Jeremie Poppleton gave the City Council a 10-year plan. Mr. Bates stated that the idea is revisit the plan every year and not push equipment out until the department is forced to purchase it. Mr. Bates is concerned about adding more to the \$3.00 monthly fire truck fee. Mr. Bates stated that Wellsville City shouldn't say they never raise taxes. A fee is a tax. Mr. Kerr stated that he is not here to fight. He is here to work out a solution. There are 24 firemen's lives on the line. Mr. Hartle found his copy of the 10-year plan. He will make copies and hand them out. Karen Higley asked if the equipment has been priced out. Mr. Kerr stated that 2 companies have given the fire department bids. Mr. Bates suggested checking the equipment to see what is expired. Mr. Kerr asked about raising wages from \$6,500 to \$8,500. Mr. Kerr asked about false alarms. Mayor Bailey asked what City Attorney Bruce Jorgensen said about the false alarms. Mr. Hartle stated that Mr. Jorgensen hasn't said anything, but he doesn't think it is a problem. Mr. Kerr asked about a fee up front. Mr. Leatham stated that Sherwood Hills is aware of the situation. They are in the process of moving their fire alarms. Sherwood Hills fully expected Wellsville City to charge a nuisance fee. Mr. Bates asked that the nuisance fire alarm fee be added to the next City Council agenda. Fees for nuisance fire alarm calls were discussed. It was proposed that commercial properties be charged \$250 per hour after the first nuisance call. It was proposed that residential properties be charged \$100 per hour after the second nuisance call. A nuisance call needs to be defined. The fee needs to be justified. Other questions are how often is a bill sent and where does the money go.

Department Reports:

Karen Higley – 1) Beehive Drive – the Wellsville City Youth Council agreed to host this fundraiser. Ms. Higley wants to reaffirm that the money that is received from this fundraiser will be allocated to the Wellsville City Youth Council.

2) Account for pageant scholarship – meet with Don Hartle concerning it.

3) Reviewed plans for the new City Office building.

Glenna Petersen – 1) Sidewalk Committee – will install the remaining portion of sidewalk on 100 West between 300 North and 400 North.

2) There is about a 4-foot section of sidewalk at approximately 29 North 200 East that needs to be completed. Perry Maughan stated that it will be completed if Wellsville City will pay for the cement.

Perry Maughan – 1) Review roads to be rebuilt. Will try for 2 blocks plus emulsion.

City Manager/City Recorder's Report:

Don Hartle – 1) Handed Glenna Petersen and Gary Bates their budget worksheets – due first City Council meeting of March.

2) Discuss wages – needs to be decided by March 4, 2015.

3) Received a call from a woman who requested to purchase the old cheese plant and turn it into a Library. Asked the City Council if they were in favor of it. The old cheese plant is not for sale – No.

4) Property north of Darley Field is for sale and the owner asked if Wellsville City would be interested in purchasing it. The price is county market value less 20%, or approximately \$200,000. Yes, the City is interested, but no at this time.

At 8:28 p.m., Perry Maughan made a motion, seconded by Karen Higley, to adjourn the meeting.

YEA 5

Gary Bates

Karen Higley

Carl Leatham

Perry Maughan

Glenna Petersen

NAY 0

Thomas G. Bailey

Mayor

Don Hartle

City Manager/Recorder