



As listed on the agenda, Mayor Thomas G. Bailey asked for any citizen input, but there was none.

Evan Bankhead, Philip Bankhead, and Kurt Mitton addressed the Mayor and City Council to give an update on the Wellsville Stampede Rodeo that was held in conjunction with the City's Founders' Day Celebration. Kurt Mitton expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for their support, and outlined goals for the coming year. The starting time for next year's rodeo will be moved to 7:30 p.m., and modifications are being made to the sound system by erecting a new pole for audio speakers in the northwest corner of the arena. A change in the circuit and the rodeo contractor used last year allowed for a significant increase in rough stock this year and increased contestants from about 85 last year to about 172 this year. The committee estimated that about 1500 people attended the rodeo over two nights, but they would like to double that number in the future. Evan Bankhead stated that as attendance numbers increase, more parking can be made available with minimal work, and the committee would eventually like to purchase two more sets of bleaches. A financial statement distributed by Evan Bankhead showed the total cost of the event was \$14,296.00, with \$3,472.00 taken at the gate for ticket sales. Funds from sponsors and financial support from the City will make up the difference, but the committee hopes that in the coming years the event will be self-supporting. Colin Harrison asked if the committee felt advertising efforts were successful. With the exception of one radio station, they were pleased with how the advertising turned out. The City Council and the rodeo committee discussed ideas of how to increase local attendance, as well as how to increase revenue to help the rodeo become self-supporting. Mayor Bailey thanked the committee for the many hours of time and effort they put into this event and complemented them on a job well done. Members of the City Council expressed confidence that the rodeo will continue to grow and improve each year.

Discussion then turned to a review of the Founders' Day Celebration in general. Colin Harrison made the following points:

- He has had mixed feedback concerning holding the Patriotic Meeting in the LDS State Center rather than the Tabernacle. Some of the benefits of holding the meeting in the Stake Center were that everyone could hear the program and the building is air-conditioned; however, some people commented that they missed the ambience of the Tabernacle. Jackie D. Orton pointed out that our veterans were not honored at this year's Patriotic Meeting and he felt that many people in the audience missed the recognition of the veterans. Mayor Bailey agreed and will see that the veterans are recognized in the future.
- The 5 & 10K races went very well and had more participants than last year. Next year we should try to register the runners more efficiently, perhaps by allowing on-line registration. Also, the number of portable toilets needed each year is increasing and in the future some of the revenue from the races should be used to help pay for the potties.
- Music in the Park was good, but stated and ended a little too soon. Next year we need to make sure it does not start until the Sham Battle is over, and it should continue until at least 3:00 p.m. The audience seemed to especially enjoy the Mountain Crest Band performance.
- The Flag Ceremony had better attendance than in prior years, but Colin Harrison would still like to increase the number of people attending it. Changing the time to 9:00 a.m. rather than earlier seemed to help.
- Advertising efforts seemed to be successful using the utility billing mailing, the newspaper, the radio, and the Valley Channel on television.
- The Beef Dinner was not successful. The Copper Mill catered the dinner, and only served 212 meals rather than the 500 hoped for. The cost of the meal seemed to be the biggest deterrent. The City Council discussed whether the City should continue to provide a meal or start depending on the concession stands to provide all of the food options. Both Ron Case and Jackie D. Orton felt the City should not compete with the food vendors.
- Mayor Bailey asked the City Council if they felt the City should limit the advance time that citizens are allowed to set up folding chairs along the parade route, stating that some other communities have imposed time constraints. As the issue was discussed, the quest of how to enforce the rule was brought up. There was also a problem with vehicles parking along 100 East between Main Street and 100 South where "No Parking" signs were posted. Mayor Bailey felt we either have to enforce the "No Parking" or not post it at all. It is likely that many of the vehicles parked on 100 East belonged to concession vendors. We may need to specifically notify the vendors that they will be towed if they park there in future years.

- Colin Harrison asked if the City wants to expand the Founders' Day Celebration to last longer and encompass more activities. Don Hartle stated that the budget does not allow for any more activities than are currently being held.

Carl Leatham reviewed the Sham Battle, saying that the participants continue to try to improve it each year. One problem they experienced this year was spectators blocking the audio speakers so that the sound couldn't carry to the entire crowd. Next year they will try roping off the speakers or elevating them so the sound is not muffled by the spectators. Mr. Leatham also noted that Clair Cooper, who is in charge of the Sham Battle, should be commended for the work he does each year. Rex Egbert said the City should do a better job of explaining the significance of the Sham Battle, saying that some people are not aware of what it represents. The Mayor and City Council discussed ways of increasing communication about the events and will consider sending out expanded mailings for Founder' Day, noting that it may increase postage costs.

Jackie D. Orton told the Mayor and City Council that he had attended the League of Cities and Towns Conference which was recently held in Salt Lake City. He felt the workshop that were presented were very beneficial and that the Mayor and City Council as a whole need to make an effort to attend the conference and enhance their effectiveness as community leaders. He also said the key to a successful Founders' Day Celebration is proper advertising and fine tuning the event schedule so we can get the people attending where we want them.

Mayor Bailey and the City Council discussed the selection of a new representative from Wellsville City to serve on the Mosquito Abatement Committee. Ed Rigby currently fills the position, but his term has expired. Mayor Bailey agreed to ask Mr. Rigby if he would be willing to fill the position for another term.

Gary Bates reported that Mike and Kristine Jenkins, who have been the adult leaders of the Wellsville Youth Council for some time, have indicated they would like to be replaced. He said the City Council needs to find an outstanding couple to take over for the next 2 – 3 years. Several couples were suggested. Mr. Bates will move forward to fill the position. He also reported that the Recreation Committee has recently completed wrapping the trunks of the maple trees at Wellsville Dam because the bark is peeling. Mr. Bates went on to thank everyone; scouts, neighbors, and residents, who have helped clean up the dam, but pointed out that litter continues to be a problem. He suggested beginning an "Adopt a Portion of the Park" program in which families or groups would take responsibility for regularly cleaning up specific areas around the dam. Colin Harrison pointed out that litter is a problem all over town, and Ron Case suggested we ask families to volunteer to monitor and clean-up specific blocks throughout the community.

Carl Leatham gave a progress report on the new bridge that will cross the Wellsville Dam. He said construction has started, but he is concerned about the cement trucks driving across the new asphalt walking path around the dam. Gary Bates volunteered to contact City Engineer Chris Breinholt and have him speak to the project contractor (Mark Reeder, Landmark Construction) about the cement trucks.

Carl Leatham also reported on several businesses that are in violation of the zoning requirements.

- South Valley RV Repair, located at 252 East 760 South, is in violation by parking vehicles/trailers on the street beyond the two spaces that are allowed, and are also in violation by using the area to park vehicles/trailers that are for sale.
- Good Timber, located at 390 East Main, is violating by having wood cages and dumpsters in front of the building. Good Timber is also in violation of the sign ordinance.
- Moncrete Construction at 855 South 200 East is in non-compliance because they are parking trailers and equipment on the City street right-of-way.
- Trevor and Alena Erickson at 21 North Center Street are in violation due to a hedge they have grown that is well over the height allowed by code. The hedge is also a safety issue because it blocks visibility at the intersection of Main Street and Center Street.
- David and Ann Bell at 87 North 200 East are in violation due to the many trees they have planted along the street right-of-way. The trees cause a visibility problem for traffic at the 100 North 200 East intersection.

Mayor Bailey and Don Hartle will discuss the issues listed above with City Attorney Bruce Jorgensen and will send letters requesting compliance to those in violation.

Don Hartle asked the Mayor and City Council if they want to pursue adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the sale or possession of the synthetic drug "Spice". Cache County and a few nearby communities have recently adopted this ordinance. Colin Harrison questioned the practicality of this code because he feels there are other things such as alcohol that are far more problematic, and he suggested the City Council wait to see what action the State of Utah takes concerning the matter. Ron Case pointed out that "Spice" is a hallucinogenic substance and suggested that a sample ordinance be obtained from another community and the City Council reviews it before making a decision.

Don Hartle updated the Mayor and City Council on construction that is underway near the Basin Hill on the million-gallon reservoir. He also reported that the loan on the new reservoir has finally closed.

At 7:45 p.m., Carl Leatham made a motion, seconded by Gary Bates, to adjourn the meeting.

**YEA 5**

Gary Bates  
Ron Case  
Colin Harrison  
Carl Leatham  
Jackie D. Orton

**NAY 0**

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Thomas G. Bailey  
Mayor

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Don Hartle  
City Manager/Recorder