

MINUTES of the regular City Council meeting of Wellsville City held Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at the Wellsville City Offices at 75 East Main. City officials present were Councilmen Ron Case, Colin Harrison, Carl Leatham, and Jackie D. Orton. 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 March 11, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Councilman Ron Case.

Others Present: Jennifer Leishman Noelle Johansen
Ray Bankhead Diane Graham
Jillian Shorts Lindsey Turner
Stacie Gomm Kelli Taylor
Dan Miller Tom Maughan
Perry Maughan

Opening Ceremony: Carl Leatham

Mayor Thomas G. Bailey was excused from this meeting due to vacation.

The City Council elected a Mayor Pro-tem. Colin Harrison made a motion, seconded by Jackie D. Orton, that Councilman Ron Case serves as Mayor Pro-tem for 2011.

YEA 4 NAY 0
Ron Case
Colin Harrison
Carl Leatham
Jackie D. Orton

At 6:04 p.m., Councilman Gary Bates arrived at the meeting.

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

YEA 5 NAY 0
Gary Bates
Ron Case
Colin Harrison
Carl Leatham
Jackie D. Orton

The Council reviewed the minutes of the March 2, 2011 City Council meeting. There were word changes on lines 32 and 102. Colin Harrison made a motion, seconded by Carl Leatham, to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2011 City Council meeting with the changes.

YEA 5 NAY 0
Gary Bates
Ron Case
Colin Harrison
Carl Leatham
Jackie D. Orton

Ray Bankhead stated that Grant Parkinson passed away and left some money to the American Veterans. Mr. Bankhead met with John Kerr, and they discussed replacing the bench that is on the corner of Main Street and 100 East. Mr. Bankhead stated that there is enough money to pay for the bench and installation. Mr. Bankhead stated that he has spoken with Steve Kyriopoulos about purchasing the bench. Mr. Bankhead stated that they would like to donate the money to Wellsville City. Mr. Bankhead stated that they also reviewed installing a plaque with all of the Veterans names. Mr. Bankhead stated that the cost is \$1.00 per letter. Gary Bates stated that Brown Monument made the plaques that are at the base of the trees and

benches at the Wellsville Dam. Mr. Bankhead stated that he would look into a plaque for bench that says something about being donated by the American Veterans. Ron Case stated that he thought this was a good project, and thanked Mr. Bankhead for all of his efforts on behalf of Wellsville City.

Diane Graham representing the Child & Family Support Center met with the City Council requesting that the City Council approve a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention month. Ms. Graham stated that April is Child Abuse Prevention month. The Child & Family Support Center provides many programs to the Cache Valley area. The Child & Family Support Center sponsors a race in Wellsville City later in the month of April as a fundraiser for the Child & Family Support Center. Jillian Shorts presented a packet of information to the City Council that includes brochures and ribbons to be worn during the month of April. Ms. Shorts also presented the declaration to be signed by Wellsville City. After discussion, Jackie D. Orton made a motion, seconded by Colin Harrison, to declare April as Child Abuse Prevention month.

YEA 5

NAY 0

Gary Bates

Ron Case

Colin Harrison

Carl Leatham

Jackie D. Orton

Stacie Gomm, Vice Principal at Willow Valley Middle School, met with the City Council to discuss the School Neighborhood Access Program (SNAP) plan. Ms. Gomm stated that UDOT requires that all schools file a SNAP plan. The SNAP plan defines the safe walking and biking routes to school. Ms. Gomm handed out a map of Wellsville City and a document concerning the SNAP plan. Ms. Gomm explained the 5 different safe routes to school. They are as follows: Route 1) Center Street does have sidewalks on the east and west side. Students who live south of 500 North and east of Center Street are encouraged to walk directly to Center Street and to use the sidewalk on the east, crossing at 400 North to the west side; Route 2) Students who live south of 500 North and west of Center Street should use caution and are encouraged to walk directly to 200 West. Walk on the left side of the street (facing traffic) along 200 West. Students should cross 500 North to the west; Route 3) The Red Slide area has sidewalks throughout the subdivision. Thus, we suggest that students walk along the sidewalk to 200 West. Once they are on 200 West, students should walk on the left side of the road (facing traffic) to/from the school. They should cross 500 North to the west; Route 4) Students who live north of 500 North and east of Center Street should use caution and walk to 500 North, traversing to the south side of the road so they can use the sidewalk once they have crossed Center Street. Students should use EXTREME caution when crossing Center Street. This is a problem area because of the curve on Highway 23; Route 5) A few students may live west of Willow Valley on 500 North. Of course, they should walk along 500 North directly to Willow Valley. They should walk facing traffic and cross 500 North carefully (if needed) before the “dirt trail” running west of the school fields. Because cars travel very fast on Highway 23 and school begins while it is still dark outside, we suggest that students living north of Willow Valley carpool and ride to school instead of walk or ride their bicycles on Highway 23. There are no sidewalks or even a walking path along this road. When the snow falls and is piled up, there is no shoulder. Ms. Gomm discussed 7 suggestions for Wellsville City to help with the SNAP plan in order of priority. They are as follows: 1) Two crosswalks at 500 North and 200 West – one on 500 North on the west side of 200 West and one on 200 West on the south side. This is probably the most important since most students who walk to Willow Valley will need to cross at this intersection. Pedestrian signage at or near these crosswalks is also suggested; 2) Crosswalks at 400 North and Center Street – to encourage students to cross from the east to the west at 400 North. Pedestrian signage at or near this crosswalk is also suggested; 3) Crosswalk at 500 North and Center Street (south side) – for students living east of Center Street and north of 500 North. This corner is a problem area since the curve of Highway 23 happens here. This is a blind curve and students crossing the street (in a crosswalk or not) could be in danger of being hit; 4) Crosswalk at 500 North and 100 West – for students who walk along the 500 North sidewalk; 5) Red Slide area – two crosswalk suggested – one parallel to 200 West and one on 200 North from west to east for the students in Red Slide to use; 6) School Zone or School Crossing signs should be strategically placed (not necessarily speed zones) to help traffic be aware that there is a school nearby; 7) During the winter months, we ask that the sidewalks be clear of snow, especially along 500 North as students approach the school. Snow on the sidewalk forces students to walk in the

street which presents a very unsafe situation for children. Don Hartle handed out a map of the existing signs located around Willow Valley Middle School. Ms. Gomm stated that if the Wellsville City Council will help publicize the safe routes, then everyone has done their due diligence for this issue. Ms. Gomm stated that this is a timely process. Colin Harrison asked how far south does a student have to live in order to ride the bus. Ms. Gomm stated that it is 1 to 1 ½ miles, but there are some courtesy bus stops for the students. Ron Case stated that there are some funds available from UDOT, and asked what those funds would pay for. Ms. Gomm stated that they will pay for crosswalks, and there is grant money for sidewalks. Mr. Case recommended that Councilman Jackie D. Orton meet with Ms. Gomm to discuss this issue further because he is over sidewalks and lives in the area. Then, Mr. Orton can return to City Council with suggestions. Gary Bates suggested that Wellsville City review 200 West being opened to local traffic only and becoming a 1-way street. Ms. Gomm asked if she had permission from Wellsville City Council to discuss these issues with UDOT. Mr. Case stated yes. Ms. Gomm thanked the City Council for taking the time to discuss the issue and appreciates their support.

Kelli Taylor representing the Forest Service and Dan Miller who is a professor at Utah State University met with the City Council. Ms. Taylor stated that there is an unauthorized route that is around Wellsville City's water tank. Mr. Miller stated that there is no designated road or trail. Ms. Taylor stated that the owner of the private property where the route begins is listed as S&E Investments. Ms. Taylor asked if this is an issue for Wellsville City because of the water tank, and if Wellsville City would support the Forest Service if some type of fence is installed. Don Hartle stated that this is a gate before the water tank, and it is locked. Gary Bates asked if the unauthorized route loops on private property. Mr. Hartle stated yes. Ms. Taylor stated that the unauthorized route comes off of the water tank, onto private property, and then goes onto Forest Service property. Ron Case stated that Wellsville City is unable to enforce unauthorized routes on private property. Mr. Hartle explained the Google map that was handed out by Ms. Taylor. Mr. Hartle stated that the unauthorized route comes off of Aspen Way in the Mount Sterling subdivision. Tom Maughan stated that as a citizen that has property that borders Forest Service property, he appreciates that Ms. Taylor and Mr. Miller are trying to do. Tom Maughan stated that he in return doesn't like the government telling him what he can and can't do on his private property. Ms. Taylor stated that a fence at the forest boundary would block all motorized transportation. The fence would allow for trails, hiking, and horses. Mr. Case asked what Ms. Taylor and Mr. Miller want from the Wellsville City Council. Ms. Taylor stated that she would like Wellsville City to partner with the Forest Service in educating the public and being involved with volunteer projects and National Trails Day. Mr. Bates stated that he thinks there are higher priorities concerning funding instead of blocking trails. Ms. Taylor stated that her job is to close illegal trails, which this unauthorized route is. Mr. Bates stated that installing sections of the fence could be an Eagle Scout project. Ms. Taylor stated that she is trying to avoid the bad public relations when citizens see their trucks and people closing this unauthorized route. Colin Harrison asked the opinion of Perry Maughan and Tom Maughan since they know the area. Perry Maughan stated that it isn't up to Wellsville City. Wellsville City has seen no vandalism on or around the water tank, and if the Forest Service has the private property owner's permission, the Forest Service can install what they want. Mr. Hartle stated that Wellsville City has about 1 acre of property around the water tank, which is all gated. Mr. Case suggested that Ms. Taylor and Mr. Miller work with the Park and Recreation Committee concerning this issue, which is headed by Councilman Gary Bates. Ms. Taylor asked if Wellsville City has a suggestion of what type of fence they would like to see. Mr. Bates stated a fence that is inviting to hikers. Ms. Taylor and Mr. Miller thanked the Wellsville City Council for their time.

Department Reports:

Jackie D. Orton – 1) Mark Stevens representing Bear River Health Department investigated a complaint from a neighbor of 370 South Center. Mr. Orton stated that Mr. Stevens found nothing offensive. No one was at home when he investigated the area. Mr. Stevens found a head of a deer that was older.

2) Midevil Park – talked to the Mayor of Lava Hot Springs – said that Steve Simmons was a great guy, but didn't work very well with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Will keep the City Council updated on this issue.

3) Wellsville City constable – had a very good discussion with Jerry Cokely, and thinks that the City Council should invite Mr. Cokely to a Council meeting to discuss the issue. Sheriff Lynn Nelson will be in attendance at the City Council meeting held on April 6, 2011.

Colin Harrison -1) Arbor Day – April 30, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. - bowery at Wellsville Dam – committee chose Marcene Parker to plant a tree in her honor.

2) Tree trimming class – the entire committee attended the class last year and also had a mini-class from Chad Hull.

Ron Case – 1) CERT class – starting again and 8 people from Wellsville City have registered.

2) Received the 300 Glad trash bags in the mail

3) Firemen hosting the Easter Egg Hunt – April 23, 2011

Gary Bates – 1) RAPZ tax application – trail on 400 South from Center Street to 100 East.

2) Will get the application for the matching grant to Don Hartle.

3) Cemetery – confused as to why the City is against trees in the NW corner of the cemetery – thinks trees and cemetery go together – suggested taking a field trip to the cemetery to review the decision.

Carl Leatham – 1) Jaye Colling has passed away – needs to be replaced on the Planning Commission. Mayor Thomas G. Bailey has asked Paul Egbert and he has accepted. He will be presented to the City Council in 2 weeks for a vote.

2) Dale Bankhead will be spraying round-up around the monument at the cemetery.

3) Center Street – safe sidewalk program – discussed with Paul Egbert and he didn't think it would fall under the safe sidewalk program – passed onto Jackie D. Orton (Nathan Peterson – UDOT – 801.620.1684)

4) Street light at 200 West and Highway 89/91 – will ask Rocky Mountain Power for a bid – then discuss the issue with Darin Duersch to see if UDOT will participate.

City Manager/Recorder's Report:

Don Hartle – 1) By law, Wellsville City has to have a plan in place and filed with FEMA. The plan has been revised. Wellsville City is not allowed to modify the code until the plan has been accepted by FEMA. The plan was completed today and emailed to the State of Utah. Once the State of Utah approves of the plan, it will then be forwarded to FEMA. Once FEMA approves of the plan, Wellsville City will be able to approve the plan. Mr. Hartle handed out a copy of the plan to the City Council for review.

2) A group approached Mr. Hartle about adding a hydro-electric line into the water line and uses it to generate power. Mr. Hartle handed out a copy of the study. Wellsville City receives 5% of any revenues. The study hasn't been completed yet because of the flow of water into the Lindley reservoir. The group now claims to have something that will study the variable flows.

3) Received a telephone call from a gentleman – called as a friend – a Wellsville City employee has submitted an application to work for a company that will start at \$1.25 more per hour than what they are currently earning at Wellsville City. The individual will be working 36 hours per week and being paid for 40 hours. The job comes with full benefits.

At 7:56 p.m., Jackie D. Orton made a motion, seconded by Colin Harrison, to adjourn the meeting.

YEA 5

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

NAY 0

Ron Case
Mayor Pro-tem

Don Hartle
City Manager/Recorder