CALL TO ORDER

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Council Chambers, Wells City Hall
      525 Sixth Street    Wells, Nevada
Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting of City of Wells Board of Councilmen
Presiding Officer: Layla M. Walz, Mayor

ROLL CALL

Present: Layla M. Walz, Mayor
         Laura Moore-DelRio, Councilwoman
         Johnathan Goolsby, Councilman
         Robert Woolsey, Councilman

Absent: Tamrah Jackson, Vice-Mayor

Quorum: Yes

Staff Present: Sherry Justus, Deputy Clerk
              Jason Pengelly, Public Works Director
              Jolene M. Supp, City Manager/Clerk
              Patti Zander, Deputy Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Walz led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Woolsey made a motion to approve meeting minutes dated January 22, 2019 as written. Goolsby provided the second and motion carried with DelRio abstaining.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were none.

KATHY JONES FROM ELKO COUNTY PUBLIC GUARDIAN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNCIL. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING CLEANUP COST AND APPRAISAL FOR APN #002-542-006, MIKE CICHY’S

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FRONTIER APARTMENTS AT 1673 LAKE AVENUE AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF WELLS

Kathy Jones reported that the appraisal for this property came in at $20,000. Jones is proposing that Elko County give the property to the City of Wells; pay $8,000 towards the cleanup of the property; pay the property taxes and closing costs and would like to negotiate the water bill. Walz mentioned that the estimate received for hauling off the debris was $12,300 but didn’t include wages. Elko County paid for the fence that would be removed after the cleanup. Jones stated that the cost for dumping the debris at the City of Elko landfill is $34 per ton. Woolsey thought this was a reasonable offer. Jones added that all of this would have to go through the court and Cichy’s son would have to sign over the deed through the guardianship and get approval from the judge to sell the property. DelRio made a motion to accept the transfer of property of APN #002-542-006, Mike Cichy’s Frontier Apartments pending court approval of the deed being signed over to the City of Wells. Woolsey seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

OPENING OF BIDS FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY AND ACTION TOWARDS

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Supp began opening the sealed bids. Item number one, the 1967 John Deere Tractor, bid was $200.67 from Harold Goodwin. Item number two, the 1985 F250, bid was $150.85 from Harold Goodwin. Item number three, the 2002 Chevy S10, bid was $600.00 from Rafael Cruz Rojas. Item number four, the 5000 gallon tank on skids, bid was $512.00 from Wilde Brough. Item number 5, the commercial freezer/fridge, bid was $1,078 from Jordan Brough, Brough Livestock. Woolsey made a motion to accept the bids on the auction items. Goolsby seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH MEDX ONE FOR GROUND AND AIR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF WELLS

Paul Ward from MedX and Bryan Burgess, Director of Ground Operations were both at the meeting. Burgess began with a little about himself. Burgess is Northern Nevada raised, worked with the City of Elko for twenty two years, thirty years in the EMS field as well as working on Team Rubicon. Ward stated that the contract has been reviewed by City of Wells Legal Counsel as well as Legal Counsel for MedX. Ward stated the term of the contract was initially for three years and asked if the City would be interested in making it a five year contract. Walz thought as long as there was an exit clause, did not have an issue with a five year contract. Supp pointed out in Section 1 A, it states that there will be additional coverage in the event of the ambulance being present at rodeos.
and ball games. Burgess stated there will be one manned unit full time with one advanced EMT and the other attendant being an EMT. The second unit will be a station supervisor who will be an advanced EMT or paramedic as well as part time attendants.

Ward continued that MedX partners with Great Basin College and their paramedic program. It is the intention to spend one to two weeks at this introductory academy prior to anyone being stationed in Wells for intensive training. Ward stated that members of the Council can meet with the applicants to discuss any challenges facing the City. Burgess added that MedX is looking at moving into paramedicine which will be an outreach program two to three years down the road. Goolsby wanted some clarification on what the coverage would be if MedX was dispatched to Montello and then there was a call in the City of Wells and if there would be a unit able to respond. Ward stated the agreement is with the City of Wells to cover the City of Wells as the main response area. It is up to the City if the City wants MedX to cover areas of the County but the priority is the City of Wells.

Supp stated currently, the County Commissioners have not opened up the door for County jurisdiction. It has been discussed and the City of Wells has been asked to work with the County on this. The County will be meeting with REACH as they have already signed an agreement with REACH with one and a half years left on that agreement that gives them the exclusive in the non-incorporated areas. The County is trying to negotiate for MedX on the east side of the county and REACH on the west side of the county. Supp stated the contract states the City of Wells and the surrounding geographic areas. Keven Hall thinks ground could get on scene before any air unit. Hall thinks the City needs to make sure that the people that support the community are taken care of. Ward added that whatever the City deems necessary is how they will respond.

Supp stated at this point, Elko County has not been able to contribute anything towards the cost of the radios or outside costs. There has been some discussion regarding making changes at the Fire Station to accommodate MedX as this is a shared facility that needs to accommodate MedX and the Fire Department and updating the facility for separate areas for men and women and better storage space for both.

Walz asked what the date would be for the contract to go into effect and Ward stated that May 1, 2019 was the target date and getting the contract signed would put everything into motion. Supp asked Sheriff Narvaiza for any comments. Narvaiza thought the City was working in the right direction as it is not good to have to wait for an ambulance to come out of Elko taking at least forty five minutes or longer. Supp added that there is still work to be done as far as radio frequencies and everyone being able to communicate with each other. NHP is not able to communicate with anyone other than Elko County. Narvaiza said currently everyone has two radios but will soon be upgrading to one radio with a dual band. Ward added that each aircraft will have a handheld radio with the 800 frequencies.

Walz is concerned with dispatch knowing who to dispatch. Narvaiza added that once the E911 center starts doing dispatching for Wendover, Elko and Owyhee areas with the

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same system, everyone can communicate. Woolsey made a motion to accept the MedX contract for a five year term beginning May 1, 2019. Goolsby seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

JASON ABRAMS, ELKO COUNTY SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FROM ELKO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNCIL REGARDING MARIJUANA AND THE EFFECTS IT HAS ON THE KIDS IN THE COMMUNITIES

Narvaiza wanted to begin by giving an update on what is transpiring in the Sheriff’s Department. Deputy Burk has transferred to Wendover from Jackpot; Pace will be taking that position in Jackpot; Sneed will be in Wells in a couple of weeks and Deputy Pepper has just put in a request to transfer to Wells but still has to do FTO’s. There is still work being done on getting a supervisor in Jackpot. Previous administration got rid of the Sergeant positions and it is hard trying to get those positions back but work is continuing on getting a Sergeant in Jackpot and Wells. Deputy Moore is Sergeant for the outlying areas. A substation will be put in Spring Creek and staffed by two people so residents won’t have to go into Elko.

Jason Abrams began that he has been with the Elko County Sheriff’s department for one year. Before that, Abrams was with the West Wendover Police Department for fourteen years. Abrams teaches classes to all areas in the schools as well as K9 classes. Abrams was asked to give a presentation on the negative health effects and criminal effects seen from the legalization of marijuana. A lot of the information was taken from a five year study done in Colorado. Abrams added there is good and bad.

The negative health effects of cannabis is based mostly on juveniles. In the short term, marijuana shows to impair functions such as attention span, memory learning and making decisions. Those effects can last for days after the high wears off. The actual high can last for an hour or up to twelve hours, depending on what is used. Long term affects in juveniles can be brain functions where the actual physical brain structure is affected including size, how the areas are connected and how signals are received. Marijuana use raises the pulse rate twenty to fifty beats per minute and lowers blood pressure. There has also been an increase in hospitalization of juveniles from cannabis use.

Traffic related crime from cannabis rose seven percent statewide in Colorado. The number of fatalities where drivers tested positive for cannabis increased from fifty five statewide in 2013 to one hundred and thirty nine in 2017. Twenty one percent of all fatalities in the state were cannabis related crashes. Colorado has spent a lot of money on education. Graduation rates are up and dropout rates are down since 2012. Graduation rates rose steadily from a low of seventy two percent in 2009-2010 up to seventy nine percent in the 2016-2017 school year.

Supp reported that Mesquite was amazed there have been no negative effects from the Deep Roots Dispensary which is also the company that will be in Wendover. Abrams
stated that it took five years to get statistics from Colorado and will probably take the same amount of time before Nevada can provide any statistics. Supp asked Abrams if when the dispensary opens in Wendover people will make the drive to purchase legal marijuana or continue to purchase on the street. Abrams stated statistics show the majority will buy legal marijuana because they don’t want the ramifications of buying it on the street.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLAN REVIEW SERVICE WITH WC3

Supp began that everyone had a copy of an email from WC3 answering questions the Council had at the last meeting regarding benefits of having a contract or not having a contract. An agreement does not have to be signed and WC3 will still provide services to the City of Wells without an agreement. Supp asked if the Board was okay with plans being sent to WC3 if it is a big job or if Achurra is not available. The Board feels that WC3 is much more expensive but it is being done in an eighth of the time and WC3 can contact the contractor and architect directly so the City of Wells is not the middleman. Supp added that the Boys & Girls Club is ready to reprint the plans and have all issues resolved. Supp does not see a need to enter into an agreement if the Board has no problems sending plans to them as needed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-04, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING BUILDING VALUATION AND AMENDING BUILDING PERMIT FEES PURSUANT TO WELLS CITY CODE, TITLE 4 BUILDING CODES, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 4, 1-4

Supp stated that there is no resolution or anything in writing specifying the cost of building permits. This resolution is the same one the City of Elko, the numbers are the same as what Elko uses and what Achurra has been using all along. Goolsby made a motion to approve Resolution 19-04, Resolution establishing building valuation and amending building permit fees pursuant to Wells City Code, Title 4 building codes, chapter 4; section 4, 1 – 4. Motion was seconded by Woolsey and passed unanimously.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE REPORT; ACTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DelRio made a motion to approve Warrant Register dated January 23, 2019 to February 12, 2019 in the amount of $65,785.00. Goolsby seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Delrio again made a motion to approve check register dated January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019 in the amount of $39,028.85. Goolsby seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

COUNCILMEN’S REPORTS
Woolsey began that something that had been discussed with Better City was using the school to do web design and marketing. This could be a way of promoting events using high school kids as well as them doing up-keep and monitoring a web page. Supp stated Main Street is looking at a web page and thought maybe the high school kids could help put together a marketing package. Walz added that the Art Club has started a T-shirt printing business and have a whole new technology lab as a result of it. Woolsey mentioned they are currently down a printer.

DelRio wanted to thank Walz and Woolsey for all of the help and participation in the last PAL Tournament. There will be another one on February 23, 2019.

Goolsby thanked the Wells snow removal crew for all of their work and has had several people express their thanks. Goolsby also reported that Wells sent two boys to State in wrestling, one senior and one freshman. Lucas Peavey was the freshman who went to State and medaled in fourth place. Enrique Aguilar was the senior who went in as the number four seed and beat the number one seed out of Las Vegas. Aguilar worked his way up to number three in the State and medaled third in the State. Wells is a 1A school and there are not enough 1A schools in Nevada so Wells wrestles 2A schools.

Walz mentioned that Thursday is Valentine’s Day and the Wells Senior Center is selling chocolate covered strawberries.

STAFF REPORTS

Supp began that Geoff Arnold will be taking back Donna’s Ranch and is in the process of getting everything updated through the Sheriff’s Office. This will be on the agenda next month.

The crews are moving along with the El Rancho. The southwest half and the pinning of the South side needs to be done as far as brick work. There is one more change order to be approved. Abstract Masonry will be heading down south to work on another job.

Nance will have tentative revenues from the State on Friday. Pengelly and Nance have been working on budget numbers. The lowest principal water bond through USDA will be budgeted to get paid off next year. Pengelly has more water projects to be funded. Pengelly and Supp were to meet with people from the State Revolving Loan Fund on Thursday but the meeting was cancelled due to the weather. They could be considered as a backup if funding isn’t received through CDBG for the water well as well as upgrading water meters. The State Revolving Loan Fund offers loan forgiveness on different projects and finance at very low interest.

The Main Street group is getting together February 27th & 28th to finalize the Master Plan for Main Street as well as moving forward with the building assessment. There are three buildings that have proposed businesses waiting. One is a spa salon as well as a thrift shop. If the buildings can get assessed, the City can get classifications and occupancy’s.
changed if needed. Main Street also wants to have an event and start doing some fundraising as well as working with the High School to get a web page going.

Supp and Veronica Stevens met on Saturday with David White from Aspen Quick Care. White would like to transfer the clinic over to Stevens. Supp has called Legal Counsel and the insurance company because of Supp’s conflict of interest but haven’t heard back. Stevens would love to have the clinic and wants to keep it open and grow the business.

At the next City Council meeting, there will be some personnel policy changes on the agenda for discussion that deal with overtime, holiday pay and four ten hour days.

USDA will be here on Friday for the annual compliance inspection.

On February 20, 2019 the new Chamber of Commerce will be meeting at 6 p.m. at the Pilot and Supp will be attending.

Pengelly stated that his crew will continue working on snow removal and the El Rancho. Supp and Pengelly have been looking at old pictures of the exterior of the El Rancho and has resources from Nevada Preservation looking at old metal doors that used to be on the inside and ceiling tiles.

Keven Hall and the fire department wanted to thank the Council for the new equipment. Hall continued that a lot of the equipment for the Hampton Inn fire protection has arrived. Hall also mentioned that he was at the Golf Course for an event last weekend and thought it looked very nice and had more room. Hall reiterated that as far as the MedX coverage, the City needs to look out for our neighbors in the valleys.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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LAYLA M. WALZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JOLENE M. SUPP, City Manager/Clerk
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