

**MINUTES OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF MAY 9, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017
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
Cindy Fuller, Vice-Mayor
Laura Moore-DelRio, Councilwoman
Tamrah Jackson, Councilwoman
Yvonne Stuart, Councilwoman

Absent: None

Quorum: Yes

Staff Present: Heather Iveson, Utility Clerk
Sherry Justus, Deputy Clerk
Samantha Naveran, Administration
Patti Zander, Deputy Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fuller led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Stuart made a motion to approve meeting minutes of April 25, 2017. DelRio seconded the motion and the motion passed with Fuller abstaining. Jackson made a motion to approve special meeting minutes of April 26, 2017. Fuller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were none.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE LEAK CREDIT FOR DOYLE HITT

Allen Hitt was in attendance representing his father, Doyle Hitt. Hitt stated that the water was supposed to have been turned off months ago. Hitt discovered it was on and shut the water off. There had been a leak that ruined the building. Justus stated that according to City records, the water had been turned off and padlocked. Walz added that at Wells Rural Electric Company, power is disconnected and meters locked and locks have been cut off and Walz could see the same thing happening with water meters. Fuller made a motion to credit Doyle Hitt \$1,067.57. DelRio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ALLOW JESUS ABOITE OF BETASO'S RESTAURANT RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Walz began that it is always exciting to see a new business open in town and asked Aboite when the restaurant would be opening to which Aboite replied they were still waiting for the health inspection. Walz added that it looked like the Sheriff's Department had done the background check and were recommending approval of the liquor license. Fuller made a motion to approve the liquor license for Betaso's. Jackson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DETERMINE WHICH PLAN TO APPROVE, SIERRA HEALTH HSA SAVINGS PLAN OR SIERRA HEALTH PPO PLAN FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

Justus explained that the handouts available in the packets showed the current plan with Prominence, the Sierra Health Plan with the HSA and the Sierra Health Silver Plan. On the Sierra Health with the HSA, everything in red is a decrease in coverage. On the Sierra Health Silver, everything in blue is an increase in coverage. Justus had contacted Nevada State Bank regarding setting up the HSA cards for the employees and was told there was a one-time set up fee of \$250.00 with a \$5.00 per card monthly fee equaling \$840.00 annually. Justus continued that a staff meeting was held and the plans reviewed. There were two employees who wanted the plan with the HSA and everyone else wanted the PPO Silver plan. Jackson made a motion to approve the Sierra Health PPO 30/200/70% plan for the employees for fiscal year 2017-2018. Fuller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

Naveran stated that there had not been many changes to the budget other than the health insurance, which was decreased. Naveran continued that additional line items had been

added for the geothermal, hydroponics and the El Rancho building. Justus reminded everyone that at the next meeting, the final budget will need to be approved.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE WELLS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION CFDA 10.664 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN

Walz began that looking at this grant, it didn't look like there was any need for in-kind money. Fire Chief Keven Hall stated there was a 10% in-kind but it was through training and labor and nothing financial. Hall continued that the grant was for fire shelters and to update the protective clothing. Stuart made a motion to approve the Wells Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Application CFDA 10.664 and authorize the mayor to sign. DelRio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE REPORT; ACTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jackson made a motion to approve check register dated April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017 in the amount of \$34,532.73. DelRio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Jackson made a motion to approve Warrant Register dated April 26, 2017 through May 9, 2017 in the amount of \$65,739.03 with a credit adjustment of \$209.04. DelRio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS

Stuart reported that at the Rural Roundup last week, Stuart received an award for her volunteer work promoting tourism. The Wells Chamber of Commerce video was also among seven finalists for best promotional video. Stuart also stated that there were seven vendors at the first farmers market last Saturday. Walz stated that she knew of a family that came all the way from Battle Mountain just to come to the farmers market.

STAFF REPORTS

Justus informed everyone that the deadline to order a brick has been extended to the end of May and that seventy six bricks have been ordered thus far. Stuart added that she had talked with Ruby Radio and they were going to do a public service announcement on the bricks.

Lifeguard Aboite stated she has been busy working with her two summer employees on getting them certified and will be getting certified in Jackpot.

Iveson thanked the Board for approving the health plan. Iveson also expressed concern about a tent that she saw set up by the I-80 access by Loves and thought it should be removed.

Chief Hall stated the Fire Department had been busy with a lot of false alarm calls but thought they were getting a handle on the problem. The volunteers have also been stepping in and assisting with medical due to having no coverage on the ambulance.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Paul Mayes from the Sharon Motel was at the meeting to inform the Board of the adversarial relationship he has with the adjacent property owner. The property owner has thrown broken bottles in the entrance to the motel, threatened customers and told customers they could not park their vehicles next to his building. A potential buyer was approached by this property owner and told he would be crazy to buy the motel because it was broken down. There have been insulting signs put in the window and metal spikes put around the property. This property owner does not take care of his own property and there are weeds all over. Approximately two weeks ago, the property owner was sitting at the back of his building with a gun and is running off potential customers because they don't feel safe staying there because of his actions. Mayes informed the neighbor that he was going to put in a fence and the owner said it couldn't be done because of the easements and he would tear down the fence if one was put in. Mayes is requesting that the City enforce the zoning laws and City code because this is commercial property, a commercial building and no one should be living in a commercial building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

LAYLA M. WALZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

JOLENE M. SUPP, City Manager/Clerk

BY:

PATTI J. ZANDER, Deputy Clerk

