

**Wall City Council Meeting  
Community Center Meeting Room**

January 4, 2024 6:30 pm

Members present:

Mary Williams – Mayor  
Rick Hustead – Councilman  
Stan Anderson – Councilman on Zoom  
Dan Hauk – Councilman  
Kelly Welsh – Councilwoman  
Jerry Morgan – Councilman  
Members absent:  
Mike Anderson – Councilman

Others present:

Carolynn Anderson - Finance Officer  
Garrett Bryan - Public Works  
Katie Bruce - Chamber Director  
Kendall Nelson - Economic Development Director  
Deputy Fresquez - Penn Co Sheriff's Department  
Dr. Pandi Pittman - Superintendent Wall School  
Ryan Dinger, Liliya Stone

*(All action taken in the following minutes carried by unanimous vote unless otherwise states)*

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:31pm; roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman S Anderson was present on Zoom.

Deputy Fresquez gave the December sheriff's report. Deputy Fresquez visited the Wall School and visited with the sophomore, junior and senior classes to talk about the consequences of using fake ID's and DUI's. The deputies are focusing on building relationships with the youth in the community with the goal being to keep everyone safe. They have added additional bar visits to help build relationships there as well.

Motion by Hustead, second by Hauk to approve the minutes of 12/21/2023 city council meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Welsh, second by Hauk to approve claims for the City of Wall, Fire Department, Library and Cemetery. Motion carried.

Reviewed:

- On-call schedule/Employee OT-sick-Vac report
- Water usage report
- Sales Tax report
- Ambulance financials

Ryan Dinger addressed the council regarding the fencing at the Wall softball fields. The fence needs repair and the Greater Wall Fund approached Ryan for available money to help with the cost of fencing. The baseball account has memorial funds from previous years that could also be utilized, and he would like to request dollars from the city in covering some of the cost. Mayor Williams commented she has noticed the need for repair but with the industrial park and airport improvements the safety of the children has now become a concern. Kids sports bring people to town and she would like the softball group to look into moving the baseball field to a new location, before investing a lot of money in fencing.

Motion by Morgan, second by Welsh to approve the combined election/advertising agreement with the Town of Wasta and Wall School on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried. The council up for election are Alderman Ward I – Four Year Term - Mike Anderson, Alderman Ward II – Four Year Term – Kelly Welsh, Alderman Ward III – Four Year Term – Dan Hauk.

Motion by Welsh, second by S Anderson to approve waiving the community center fees for the Ag Appreciation event, using the police station for grilling, and blocking the street between the police station and the community center during the event. Motion carried with Morgan abstaining.

Superintendent's Report, Dr. Pandi Pittman:

- Thank you to law enforcement for speaking with the students regarding the fake ID's and DUI's. Also appreciate them stopping at the school throughout the day.
- January is very busy with sports. Basketball, wrestling, and gymnastics are in full swing.
- FFA is headed to Denver stock show and FCCLA is headed to Pierre.
- One Act Play will be next Tuesday at 6pm at the Powerhouse.
- The Staff Inservice on Artificial Intelligence was January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are February 14-15.
- Dr Pittman will be taking a superintendent position with Newell School District for the 2024/2025 school year.

Chamber Report, Katie Bruce:

- Community Center report
- Final Holiday Sweepstakes drawings will be tomorrow on Facebook live. Approximately \$3,000 will be given away.
- January 5<sup>th</sup> is the next chamber board meeting and January 9<sup>th</sup> is the next Chamber Luncheon at 12pm at Salty Steer

WEDC Report, Kendall Nelson:

- Some of 2023 budget was not used due to the vacancy in director's office.
- Met with SD GOED for assistance on how to help our development focused businesses
- Going to governors pre state of the state next Monday
- Multiple RFI's coming in for the industrial park
- Tomorrow the airport layout sign will be placed
- Board meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

Motion by Hauk, second by Husted to approve Resolution 24-01; 2024 city employees' wages. Motion carried.

Motion by Welsh, second by Husted to approve Resolution 24-02; water and sewer rate increases. Motion carried.

Motion by Morgan, second by S Anderson to approve 2024 Kjerstad farm ground lease agreement for \$3,176.51. Motion carried. Carolynn will include a notice that the agreement will not be renewed in 2025 for the farm ground, because the city council agrees it should be planted to alfalfa.

Mayor Williams Report:

- Mayor Williams announced she has set up an airport advisory board. Items this board will be addressing are hangars, fuel, and recruitment opportunities for the industrial park. The FAA has moved hangars up on the master plan list. FAA flight is set for January 10<sup>th</sup> to test airport lighting.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue funding update: The REDLG loan has been applied for. It was the consensus of the council to also apply for a low interest REED loan to help fund the project.
- Planning & Zoning meets January 10<sup>th</sup>. Public comments are welcome the first 10 minutes.

FO Anderson Report:

- Five of seven lots in Hansen subdivision have been sold and the percentage owed to the city has been received. Two lots in Echo Valley have been sold and the funds from those have also been received.
- There were 91 responses from the lead pipe survey and they did receive their bill credit.
- Registration for the SDML rib supper is Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. Will need to know by next council meeting if anyone from the council would like to attend. It is an opportunity to visit with legislators
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup> is meeting with the school committee, city, and law enforcement on how law enforcement will have more of a presence at the school instead of hiring a resource officer.
- The meeting with Prairie Village is Jan 18<sup>th</sup>
- Attended The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) virtual local agency meeting studying 12 Interstate 90 (I-90) local road crossings and interchanges from Exit 67 (Liberty Blvd / Ellsworth AFB) to the Pennington/Jackson County Line. Shared with the council that the meeting discussed closing some interstate overpasses and interchanges.
- Welsh commented the Exit 110 interstate sign no longer says Wall, just Glenn St. Garrett was asked to investigate this.

Public Works Report, Garret Bryan:

- First snow cleanup went well. Mentioned that during the last snowstorm, the sidewalks on both sides of the post office were covered in deep snow and public works had to clear it. Council discussed invoicing the businesses for the snow removal the Public Works does. Carolyn will reach out to the county auditor to see if we can submit the bill for snow removal to their tax bill.
- Rushmore Equipment brought the leased loader the same day it was called for. The new skid steer is working great however some of the snow equipment will need to be updated.

Councilwoman Welsh asked on behalf of Beautification committee to be allowed to reach out to other communities to see if they would be interested in the heavy re-bar star that is no longer used on the boulevard. It was the consensus of the council to offer the star to someone who would use it.

Motion by Husted, second by Welsh to approve changing January 18<sup>th</sup> council meeting to January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

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Mary Williams, Mayor

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Carolynn Anderson, Finance Officer

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