TOWN OF WELLINGTON

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 14, 2025
6:30 PM

Leeper Center, 3800 Wilson Avenue, Wellington, CO

Regular Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Chaussee called the October 14, 2025 regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Chaussee asked all to rise for the pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll Call
The Clerk noted quorum with the following roll call:
Wiegand - Present
Cannon - Present
Dailey - Absent
Moyer - Present Virtually
Tietz - Present
Mason - Present
Chaussee - Present

3. Amendments to Agenda
Mayor Chaussee asked if there were any amendments to the agenda, to which there were none.

4. Conflict of Interest
Mayor Chaussee asked if there were any conflicts of interest, to which there were none.

B. PRESENTATION

1. Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Town of Wellington, Colorado: Presentation with Public Comment

Patti Garcia, Town Administrator and Nic Redavid, Finance Director, Town Treasurer presented the draft 2026 budget.

Ms. Garcia called out highlighted items for services that residents expect. Mr. Redavid presented the updated operational budget and reviewed the updated requested expenditures from previous presentations to the Board. These changes included:

- A Hiring freeze
- Removal of Placer.ai at the request of the Board
- Moving the Community Survey to 2027
- Moving the Compensation Study to 2027
- Reduction in services for trees and lawn care

Mr. Redavid noted updates on the Capital Improvement Projects, including delaying of the Public Work admin building, delaying of the Cemetery Annexation project, and delaying several purchases for equipment items as well as a delay of roof replacement to 2027.

Mayor Chaussee opened public comment, to which there was none.

C. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

1. Public Comment
There was no public comment

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. September 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

2. Resolution No. 40-2025 - A Resolution of the Town of Wellington, Colorado Cancelling Regular Meetings

Trustee Cannon moved to approve the consent agenda.
Trustee Tietz seconded and the motion passed.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. CSU Department of Journalism & Media Communication

Jenny Fischer, Instructor for CSU, presented the request, noting items the department would be considering including community engagement, media consumption habits of the community and the potential benefits to the community.

The Board asked about types of product the paper would take form of, which Ms. Fischer noted areas could be social, newsletter or internet. Clarification of how residents would be included was asked about. Ms. Fischer noted this is a long-term project, with 2026 focusing on developing a communications and business plan for the paper.

Mayor Chausse opened public comment, to which there was none.

Discussion from the Board centered around if the request met the criteria of meeting a public purpose to benefit the community.

Trustee Cannon moved to approve the Community Grant Application in the amount of $4,647.36 as submitted by CSU Department of Journalism & Media Commination, with funding to be provided from the Board of Trustee Discretionary Fund

Trustee Moyer seconded and the motion failed.

YES VOTE:
Moyer, Cannon

2. First Reading on Ordinance No. ##-2025 for Adoption of the 2024 International Building Codes and Schedule a Public Hearing

Cody Bird, Planning Director and Kelly Dykstra, Building Official presented the public hearing for the ordinance. Mr. Bird noted the requirements for the public hearing, and referenced previous presentations that highlighted changes of building code changes. The 2025 Wildfire Resiliency Code has previously been discussed at being brought back to the Board at a later date, however Wellington Fire was able to work with staff to advance that code, and it was included in the presented ordinance. The International Plumbing Code related to HB24-1362 regarding graywater and staff recommendation was noted to be to prohibit the use of graywater systems, which is consistent with the region, due to new systems that are not widely used and require large amounts of monitoring and reporting.

A public hearing was requested to be scheduled, with the requested date being November 12, 2025.

The Board asked for clarification on the graywater system regarding recycling the water. Mr. Bird confirmed that the Town would be able to amend the code and allow the process, but noted the prohibition would not apply to municipal water use and processes.

The Board asked for clarification for what is required by the State and what options are not required, noting construction costs would increase. Staff noted that would be called out in the public hearing.

Mayor Chaussee opened public comment, to which there was none.

Trustee Cannon moved Move to Establish November 12, 2025 as the Date for a Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of the 2024 International Building Codes with Local Amendments and the Colorado Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code and the 2025 State of Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code

Trustee Wiegand seconded and the motion passed.

F. REPORTS

1. Town Attorney
Dan Sapeniza, Town Attorney, noted his tendered resignation, and recommended a bid for an attorney, with an interim recommendation.

2. Town Administrator
Ms. Garcia noted attendance at a BizWest Roundtable, with communities from across Northern Colorado, with all communities facing budget restrictions. Direction from the Board was asked for regarding budget items, specifically moving forward with Home Rule, the Cleveland Business Assistance, and the batting cages operations. Ms. Garcia noted that a vision for the future of Wellington is still needed, even with budget reductions.

Billy Cooksey, Parks and Recreation Manager, spoke to the total cost of the batting cage operations.

The Board noted the option of decreasing the Board Discretion Fund to assist with the batting cages, as well as concerns about moving forward with Home Rule at this time, with those funds having the ability to be used for items to be used for the community immediately.

Postponing Home Rule was discussed noting potential revenue increases if the Town moved to Home Rule.

3. Staff Communications
Items were included in the meeting packet.

a. Third Quarter 2025 Residential Building Permit and Lot Inventory Report

b. Board of Trustees Planning Calendar

c. Quarterly CORA Report (July-September 2025)

4. Board Reports

Trustee Cannon noted the Colorado Municipal League Committee meeting that is upcoming and expressed appreciation to staff for their work on the budget. Support of Home Rule was spoken to.

Trustee Tietz expressed appreciation for staff work on the budget and noted hopes for items to be readdressed in a budget amendment in 2026.

Mayor Chaussee expressed appreciation to Town staff for their time and work on the 2026 budget.

G. ADJOURN

Mayor Chaussee adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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Calar Chaussee, Mayor

Hannah Hill, Town Clerk