

AGENDA
Friends of the Wells
Monday, March 9, 2026

Item 1. Call to order.

Chairman Sonya Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Present: Sonya Morgan, Reggie St. John, Sabrina Grant, John Clark, Linda Kay Davis, Brian Rice, Jason Cole, Melinda Mehaffy

Guests: David Reeves, Mark Lehnardt

Item 2. Approval of meeting summary from November 11, 2025.

Reggie made a motion to approve the meeting summary. John seconded. Motion carried.

Item 3. The Financial Report for March.

- Chamber of Commerce - 5 books for Christmas sale
- Other Trails Coffee Shop - 5 books for Christmas sale- paid \$79.95
- Christmas luncheon book donation - \$20.00 (Sonya's donation)
- Community Foundation balance -\$4,174.27
- Petty cash balance- \$74.11

Item 4. Unfinished Business

1 - Progress of Lithia Well #1

Reports have been sent to DNR - it might be possible to 'grandfather' the well. Well is currently taking 48 hrs to refill. Can be sufficient for tourism by investing in 300 gal. water tank with UV for use of water in Hall of Water's water bar. Water tests from Microbial Labs indicate that well is low in lithia (lithium oxide), but might also have some calcium. Need to check that well is above flood plain.

Feasibility of opening other potential wells in the city were discussed including:

- White Sulphur Spring (equipment is blocking access)
- Siloam Spring, in front of Hall, currently below flood level and the well room is currently deemed as unsafe

2 - Members present filled out Chamber board candidate ballot.

Item 5. New Business

2026 Waterfest and FOTW's involvement was discussed. Brian suggested a booth in the Hall of Waters courtyard this year with artists booths. He would like us to consider offering a walking tour of some well sites in downtown, rather than just a booth with info. Other discussion included: period costumes of the time when the wells were first set up as a health benefit/retreat/resort; tour 'guides' will be able to give some history of the wells; walking tour brochures will be available. Trolleys will be providing rides during WaterFest, could align tours with their schedules/routes. Tours could include Hall of Waters Museum/Bath Department. FOTW booth will not give out water as other vendors will be offering water and drinks. Would like to find streaming video of Brian's interview with David Lodwick to have back inside the Hall of Waters Museum.

Waterfest dates/times for 2026

Friday, June 26, 6 pm - 9 pm

Saturday, June 27, 9 am - 9 pm

Next Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2026 will focus on Waterfest and FOTW's involvement

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.