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## CITY COUNCIL

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CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

### MINUTES MARCH 10, 2014

The Wells City Council convened on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 5:00 pm in the Wells Community Center Council Chambers.

Mayor Ron Gaines called the meeting to order with the following councilmembers present: John Herman, Gary Robbins, Ann Marie Schuster and Ashley Seedorf. Councilmembers absent: None. Also present: City Administrator Robin Leslie, Street Foreman Mike Pyzick and Police Chief Jim Ratelle. Mayor Gaines led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

#### **AGENDA**

The agenda for the March 10, 2014 meeting was reviewed. Motion by Schuster and second by Herman to approve the agenda while moving the closed session to the end of the meeting. Motion carried.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 2014 were reviewed. Motion by Herman and second by Seedorf to approve with one correction. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Morgan, 551 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW, requested the Council revisit the infrastructure that was placed in his front yard during the 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW sanitary and water extension project. He stated he is very unhappy with the project and wanted to know how the Council was going to address his issues.

Ms. Leslie was directed to place this item on a Public Works Committee meeting for discussion with Bolton & Menk.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

##### **Payments**

The list of bills for February/March were reviewed. Motion by Seedorf and second by Herman to pay bills totaling \$140,247.83. Motion carried.

##### **Board Reports**

Theatre Board and Library Board minutes were reviewed. Motion by Seedorf and second by Schuster to accept as presented. Motion carried.

##### **Committee Reports**

Ms. Leslie reported that the Public Safety Committee and the City Hall/Liquor Store Committee both met last week. She stated that the Public Safety Committee discussed calling in candidates for part-time police department interviews, Wildcats 2 am liquor license issues and full-time police department scheduling. She indicted the Wildcats Bar & Grill owner would be invited to the next meeting to discuss police issues. She also

indicated the full-time officers would now be working seven 12-hour shifts (84 hours per pay period) instead of working six 12-hour shifts plus an eight hour shift on Saturdays. This change will address issues with scheduling in the department. She also mentioned overtime will not be paid until after 84 hours now that this is their regular schedule as opposed to the 80 hour per pay period in prior schedules.

Ms. Leslie also reported the City Hall/Liquor Store committee met to discuss the State Auditor's report on the 2012 audit, which reflected another net loss. She stated the City was required to hold a public hearing last year but will be doing it this year because of the missed deadline. The public hearing will be to discuss the future of the liquor store. The committee also discussed City Hall hours. The committee's recommendation was to maintain the 7:30 am until 4 pm schedule.

### **Staff Reports**

Police Department – Jim Ratelle gave an oral report about police department activity.

Street Department – Mike Pyzick gave an oral and written report about street department activity.

### **CLOSED SESSION (Minnesota Statute §13D)**

Motion by Herman and second by Seedorf to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Motion carried.

Motion by Seedorf and second by Herman to reopen the council meeting. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **St. Casimir's Gambling Permit**

Motion by Seedorf and second by Schuster to approve the gambling permit for St. Casimir's raffle. Motion carried.

#### **2014-2016 Mowing Contract Bid Opening**

Ms. Leslie indicated the City received five bids (3 bids for the total package and 2 for the miscellaneous areas only). Motion by Seedorf and second by Herman to award the following bids:

Thompson Park – Customized Landscape -	\$15,440 – 2014
	\$15,440 – 2015
	\$15,490 – 2016
Half-Moon Park & Skate Park – Schrader Enterprises -	\$7,000 – 2014
	\$7,070 – 2015
	\$7,141 – 2016
Airport Runway & Miscellaneous Areas – Schrader Enterprises -	\$5,250 – 2014
	\$5,302 – 2015
	\$5,356 – 2016
Miscellaneous City Areas – Schrader Enterprises -	\$2,195 – 2014
	\$2,217 – 2015
	\$2,239 – 2016

Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Building Official- past contract/billing and 2014 contract**

The Council discussed this item briefly. Motion by Seedorf and second by Herman to approve the 2014 Building Official Agreement with Bryan Stensland and to approve a payment of \$5,276.13 to be billed to 2013 and a January 2015 payment of \$5,276.12 to cover back pay from 2008-2013. Motion carried.

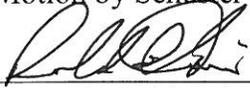
### **COUNCIL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Gaines - none  
Councilmember Herman - none  
Councilmember Robbins - none  
Councilmember Schuster - none  
Councilmember Seedorf - none

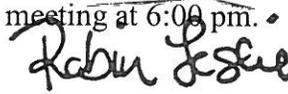
Mayor Gaines reminded the Council that the next meeting will be held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 5:00 pm at the Wells Community Center Council Chambers.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Schuster and second by Herman to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm.



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Mayor Ronald Gaines



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City Administrator Robin Leslie