



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

MINUTES

Regular Session of City Council City of Wells

The Wells City Council convened in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers. Mayor Shannon Savick called the meeting to order with the following council members and employees present: Councilmember Steve Burns, Councilmember Ashley Dylla, Councilmember Ron Gaines and Councilmember Mike Weber. Employees present: City Administrator Jeremy Germann, Deputy Clerk Deb Redman, Street Supervisor Rick LaVallie and Police Chief Jim Ratelle. Mayor Savick led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

CONSENT ITEMS:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on April 13, 2009 were reviewed with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dylla. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the special council meeting held on April 22, 2009 were reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gaines. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines and Savick voting yea. Weber abstained. Motion carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed in the amount of \$199,647.23 with Councilmember Dylla making a motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve financial reports as presented, which included balances & receipts, revenue & expenditures, liquor monthly comparison, building permits & report, library automation, community center figures, regular hours worked, over-time hours accrued and comp-time accumulated. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with Councilmember Dylla giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding the Parks Board's recommendation to award the weed control contract to Schrader Enterprises for 2009. Councilmember Weber made a motion to reject all bids. Motion failed for lack of a second. Councilmember Dylla made a motion to award the contract to Schrader Enterprises, contingent on Street

Supervisor LaVallie reviewing the work. Councilmember Gaines gave a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Administrator Germann informed council a proposed state amendment that would have prohibited municipalities from collecting administrative fines has failed. Discussion held.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding Hepatitis A & B booster vaccinations for volunteer firefighters. Councilmember Weber made a motion to fund Hepatitis A & B vaccinations for the five firefighters who required booster shots. Councilmember Gaines gave a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding the leasing of a police cruiser. Councilmember Burns made a motion to authorize Administrator Germann and Police Chief Ratelle to lease a Ford Crown Victoria. Councilmember Dylla gave a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding the older cruisers owned by the police department. Councilmember Weber made a motion to advertise and sale the police department's Charger and Durango which will no longer be in use. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes submitted by the Safety Committee from a meeting held on April 21, 2009. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve up to \$30,000.00 in seal coating. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve the hiring up of two part-time seasonal workers for the street department. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Weber. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve hiring Northside contractors for curb enhancement projects in the City of Wells for this summer. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Dylla. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Councilmember Burns made a motion to explore making a handicap accessible curb on the north end of United South Central School. Councilmember Gaines gave a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding Jim Korman, of 890 Eighth Street SW, who requested council consider grading a platted, undeveloped roadway near his home to eliminate the consistent pooling of water. Councilmember Burns made a motion to table the discussion until the city attorney had an opportunity to research the matter.

Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Administrator Germann requested authorization from council to have the City Administrator and Street Superintendent solicit estimates on repairing the field tile issue on Gene Weber's property according to recommendations by I & S Group and proceed with repair work. Councilmember Weber made a motion to have the City Administrator and Street Supervisor receive bids and set date for special meeting. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Savick and Weber voting yea. Gaines voted nea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes submitted by the Infrastructure Committee from a meeting held on April 23, 2009. Councilmember Dylla made the motion with a second from Councilmember Weber. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to permit city officials' spouses attend the 2009 Annual Conference and Marketplace and to have the elected officials reimburse the city for any additional costs. The conference will be held June 24-26, 2009 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Councilmember Burns made a motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to pay for Mayor Shannon Savick, Councilmember Steve Burns and Councilmember Mike Weber to attend the 2009 Annual Conference and Marketplace. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with Councilmember Dylla giving a second. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines and Savick voting yea. Weber voted nea. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept Community Development Director Zoa Heckman's resignation. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines with regret. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding Sandy Youngblom's request to hold a 5K walk and run on July 18, 2009 to help raise revenue for community members planning a mission trip to Jamaica. Two streets will need to be blocked off for the event. Councilmember Burns made a motion to accept the request with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding Sandy Youngblom's request to hold "Jazz in the Park" on July 3, 2009 for the Wells United Methodist Church. Councilmember Gaines made a motion to accept the request with a second from Councilmember Dylla. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *Kim Sorenson* – Discussed his disappointment with council accepting the Community Development Director’s resignation.

Councilmember Weber made a motion for the chair to enforce the Rules of Conduct for Public Comment which allows each member of the public to speak once per meeting. Motion fails for lack of second. Mayor Savick gives the floor to Sorenson.

- *Kim Sorenson* – Discussed the issues concerning the Community Development Director position.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to resend an earlier motion to accept the Community Development Directors resignation. No action taken.

- *Peggy Mosser* – Stated the Community Development Director should be expected to fulfill all of her duties up until her final date of employment on May 8, 2009.
- *Anthony Mosser* – Asked why Old Business was not a subject on the agenda. Asked why public comment was not offered during council working sessions.

EMPLOYEES:

Administrator Germann: Nothing

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Burns: Discussed dates for a special meeting for the field tile issue.
Councilmember Dylla: Councilmember Dylla made a motion to cancel currently planned working sessions with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Dylla, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Councilmember Gaines: Nothing

Councilmember Weber: Discussed missing paperwork.

Mayor Savick: Nothing

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for May 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Wells Community Center. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Dylla with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Shannon Savick

Administrator Jeremy R. Germann