COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

MINUTES

Working Session of City Council
City of Wells

The Wells City Council convened for a working session on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:10 p.m. in the Wells City Building, 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, Street Supervisor Rick LaVallie, Police Chief Rick Herman and Fire Chief Mike Pyzick. Mayor Savick led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

CONSENT ITEMS:

Mayor Savick asked if there was any objection to the agenda as presented with the correction that the Fire Department be listed as item "B" for scheduling reasons. With no objection, council shifted to the next agenda item.

Mayor Savick asked if there was any objection to having the city administrator-clerk/treasurer responsible for officially recording the minutes of council work sessions. With no objection, council shifted to the next agenda item.

AIRPORT DISCUSSION:

City Council invited Airport Board members Ray Yokiel, Mark Schmitz and John Thisius to answer questions the council had concerning the Wells Airport. Wells Concrete Products CO President John Rivisto was also in attendance.

COMMITEE ITEMS:

City Council invited Fire Chief Mike Pyzick to answer questions about the possible purchase of a new 3,000 gallon tanker as part of the Fire Department's capital improvement plan during the 2009 fiscal year.

City Council invited Street Supervisor Rick LaVallie to answer questions concerning completion of the street and sewer project at Ninth Street S.W. and Sixth Avenue, proposed repairs to the roadway and utility infrastructure on Fourth Avenue SE from Tenth Street SE to Fifth Street SE, the city use of Bolton & Menk, INC as an engineering consultants, the Doolittle Sewer Project, the Weber Sewer Project, the Johnson Field Tile Situation. Street Supervisor LaVallie requested council consider voting to authorize the department to purchase additional road salt during the January 26, 2009 because of low reserves.

City Council invited Police Chief Rick Herman to answer questions concerning the department's vehicles, equipment and current hiring process for the next chief of police.

Administrator Germann asked council to consider voting to authorize the Wells Municipal Liquor Store to purchase an auto-scrubber from DALCO of Rochester, Minnesota at a cost of $3,250.00.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

City Council discussed prioritizing capital improvements for 2009.

City Council discussed the role and function of liaison officers to each department.

The next council working session was set for February 25, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Wells City Building, Council Chambers. With there being no further questions, the work session was adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Shannon Savick

Administrator Jeremy R. Germann