



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, July 13, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:10 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 Ron Gaines, Councilmember Ashley Seedorf and Councilmember Mike Weber. Employees present: City Administrator Jeremy Germann, Deputy Clerk Deb Redman, Street Supervisor Rick LaVallie and Interim City Coordinator Nathan Bichler. Mayor Savick led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Savick opened the public hearing concerning street assessments for Ninth Street SW, from Sixth Avenue SW to Fourth Avenue SW, and Sixth Avenue SW, from Ninth Street SW to Eighth Street SW, as required under Minnesota Statute §429.061. The project included laying aggregate base & bituminous pavement and sanitary sewer construction. The hearing was closed after no comment from the public.

CONSENT ITEMS:

The agenda for the July 13, 2009 council meeting was reviewed. Councilmember Gaines made a motion to accept agenda as presented with the addition Airport commissioner Mark Schmidez to General Business. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weber. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber Voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on June 22, 2009 were reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber Voting yea. Motion carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed in the amount of \$278,373.89 with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Discussion held on bills from Alden Pool & Municipal, INC; Frundt & Johnson, LTD; SMC – Southern Minnesota Construction, INC. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber Voting yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion on a recommendation from the Infrastructure Committee to grant a request to remove trees from the end of Seventh Street SW and

Eight Street SW. Councilmember Burns made a motion to deny the request from the Infrastructure Committee with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines and Savick voting yea. Seedorf voted nea. Weber abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes submitted by the Infrastructure Committee for a meeting held on June 26, 2009. Councilmember Burns made the motion with the following corrections. The minutes should read:

Field tile update; Project is all done on the Gene and Dolores Weber property

Committee Chairman Mike Weber would like council to look at the issue of the hedges in the road right-of-way regarding the city's liability, and also conforming to the city code and ordinances regarding setback from property lines.

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

Mayor Savick asked for a motion on a recommendation from the Safety Committee to purchase security cameras from Premier Home Audio at a cost of \$3,400.00 for the Wells Municipal Liquor Store. Councilmember Burns made a motion to approve the request with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber Voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion on a recommendation from the Safety Committee to purchase four digital pagers for the fire department. Councilmember Gaines made a motion to approve the request with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber Voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes submitted by the Safety Committee for a meeting held on July 8, 2009 as presented. Councilmember Burns made the motion with Councilmember Gaines giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber Voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes submitted by the Fire Department for meetings held on June 9, 2009 and June 23, 2009 as presented. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber Voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the monthly report from the Street Department for June as presented. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber Voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the Police Department's recommendation to hire Richard Ellingson for a part-time police officer position. Councilmember Burns

made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.** Council reviewed a six-month review from the motor vehicle department as presented.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to direct the city attorney to begin work on a 25-year lease for a new private hanger, and existing hangers, to be located at the Wells Airport. Councilmember Burns made the motion with Councilmember Gaines giving a second. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to grant a request from the Fire Department to barricade off the block in front of the fire station on Third Street SE on August 15, 2009 for its annual street dance. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Weber. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve a temporary on-sale liquor license to the Fire Department for August 15-16, 2009 and to the Wells Jaycees for August 14-16, 2009. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve an expense from the Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association of Minnesota for 2009 dues for City Administrator Jeremy Germann and Deputy Clerk Deb Redman. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Weber. Roll call taken with Burns, Gains, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2009-05: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSEMENT.** Councilmember Weber made the motion with Councilmember Seedorf giving a second. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Gaines abstained. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve a request from the city administrator to be involved with the Minnesota League of Cities 2009 Fiscal Futures Policy Committee. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve bin renewals for Chirpich Family Farms, Jay Corbin, Leo Kastenmeier, Gene Kauffmann, Dan Hart and Donald Wilder; and approve a cement slab lease from Tony Adams. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding estimates for landscaping on Sixth Avenue SW, Ninth Street SW and the Garlock Section. Councilmember Weber made a motion to landscape the Garlock Section in 2009 and landscape Sixth Avenue SW & Ninth Street

SW in 2010, while sending a letter to the former contractors to request reimbursement. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Burns voted nea. Gaines abstained. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick relinquished the chair to Acting-Mayor Gaines.

Acting-Mayor Gaines asked for a motion regarding a request from the Planning & Zoning Commission to vacate the entire alley located in Block 001, Muret N' Leland's Addition, which runs north/south between Lot 8, and Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Councilmember Burns made a motion to vacate the alley with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Savick abstained. **Motion carried.**

Acting-Mayor Gaines relinquished the chair to Mayor Savick.

Council reviewed a summary of the seminars the city administrator attended during the League of Minnesota Cities 2009 Annual Conference and Marketplace.

Council reviewed a request from the city administrator to schedule a Planning Committee meeting. The committee members tentatively selected Wednesday, July 15, 2009 to meet.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *Gene Weber* – Expressed his concern over how the city has handled the interceptor project.

EMPLOYEES:

Administrator Germann: Nothing

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Savick: Informed council the city has been selected to participate in a Blandin Leadership Conference this fall. Blandin will conduct a meeting on July 28, 2009 to begin the process of recruiting participants. Discussed seminars she attended during the league conference.

Councilmember Burns: Discussed seminars he attended during the league conference.

Councilmember Gaines: Discussed concerns over ticks at Thompson Park.

Councilmember Seedorf: Discussed mosquito spraying and times for lap swim at the public pool.

Councilmember Weber: Discussed a housing grant received by other Faribault County communities and the possibility of reducing insurance costs for the city.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation as deemed permissible by Minnesota Statute §13D.05 MEETINGS HAVING DATA CLASSIFIED AS NOT PUBLIC. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Council voted unanimously to go into closed session.

(CLOSED SESSION)

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to reopen the council meeting. Council voted unanimously to go into open session as required under Minnesota Statute §13D.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for July 27, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Wells Community Center. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Gaines with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Shannon Savick

Administrator Jeremy R. Germann