



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, June 22, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 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 Seedorf and Councilmember Mike Weber. Councilmember Ron Gaines was absent. Employees present: City Administrator Jeremy Germann and Deputy Clerk Deb Redman. Mayor Savick led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

CONSENT ITEMS:

The agenda for the June 22, 2009 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Weber making a motion to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on June 8, 2009 were reviewed with Councilmember Weber making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed in the amount of \$110,945.78 with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Discussion held on bills from MJ Laser and Bolton & Menk. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The monthly financial reports were reviewed including 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, with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Discussion held on building permits and comp-time reports. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to table the golf cart issue until the Safety Committee could review the topic further. Councilmember Weber made the motion with Councilmember Burns giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes submitted by Safety Committee for a meeting held on June 10, 2009 as presented. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with Councilmember Weber giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Sue Rath from the position of assistant director from the Wells Public Library effective July 13, 2009. Councilmember Burns made the motion. Councilmember Weber seconded the motion. Discussion held on sending a note of gratitude. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to table a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to vacate the entire alley located between Sixth Street SW and Seventh Street SW until the July 13, 2009 regular council meeting. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Savick abstained. Motion carried.

City Council discussed recent cuts Local Government Aid cuts made by the state.

OLD BUSINESS:

City Council discussed residential requests for dust control on alleyways inside the City of Wells which had been tabled from the June 8, 2009 regular council meeting.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to table the issue of landscaping Sixth Avenue SW and Ninth Street SW until more information was available. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to table the issue of landscaping the Garlock Section until more information was available. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Weber. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to table a request from Mike and City Weber to gain access to their property through Seventh and Eighth Streets to the Infrastructure Committee for review. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Weber abstained. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES:

Administrator Germann: Reminded council the Annual League of Minnesota Cities Conference will be held on June 23-26, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Burns:* Discussed advertising in the *Wells Mirror* to inform the public how to access council minutes on the website. Councilmember Burns made a motion to extend the fence and add gravel to the lot north of city hall. A second was given by Councilmember Weber. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.
- Councilmember Seedorf:* Discussed mowing of the vacant area surrounding the former Co-Pack facility located on North Broadway. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to have city employees mow the location with Councilmember Weber giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.
Discussed the possibility of delaying a project which would widen Sixth Street SW due to budget cuts.
- Councilmember Weber:* Discussed sidewalks in the downtown district which need repair and its status. Asked if there was any additional information from the Steering Committee. Asked if there was any additional information from the Economic Development Authority concerning the former Co-Pack facility.
Councilmember Weber made a motion to create rules of conduct for appointed officials to present to city council. Motion failed for lack of a second.
- Mayor Savick:* Discussed league conference.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for July 13, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Wells Community Center. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Seedorf with a second from Councilmember Burns. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Shannon Savick

Administrator Jeremy R. Germann