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# COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

## MINUTES

### Regular Session of City Council City of Wells

The Wells City Council convened in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:40 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 and Deputy Clerk Deb Redman. Mayor Savick led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

#### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

The agenda for the June 8, 2009 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Weber making a motion to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gaines. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on May 21, 2009 were reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gaines. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, and Savick voting yea. Weber voted nea. Seedorf abstained. Motion carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed in the amount of \$150,110.96 with Councilmember Weber making a motion to approve as presented while postponing payment to Schrader Enterprises for weed control chemicals until a detailed invoice is submitted to the city. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE ITEMS:**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes submitted by the Airport Commission for a meeting held on May 11, 2009 as presented. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with Councilmember Burns giving a second. Discussion held on scheduling a council visit to the Wells Airport. 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 Fire Department for meetings held on May 12 & 26, 2009 as presented. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with Councilmember Weber giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to table requests from Janice Thompson, of Fifth Street Avenue NW, and Clifford Blank, of First Avenue SE, to spray additional dust control. Councilmember Seedorf 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 for the city to receive the donation of up to \$2,000.00 from the Wells Lions Club to place hand dryers in the restrooms of both parks. Councilmember Gaines 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 have the city contact Wildcats Bar & Grill, of 34 First Street SE, and Wells Family Video, of 103 South Broadway, to inform the owners the public sidewalk needs to be repaired in the immediate future. Councilmember Gaines 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 accept the minutes submitted by the Infrastructure Committee for a meeting held on May 21, 2009 as presented. Councilmember Burns 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 to accept the monthly report from the Street Department for May as presented. Councilmember Burns Seedorf 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 spending \$4,664.00 for a new storm sewer line on Fifth Street SE, which will allow the city garage to tie into two new manholes and one existing catch basin through a new 21 inch storm sewer. Councilmember Gaines 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 the recycling report, fire department report, and police department report for the month of May. 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.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve a request from the Municipal Liquor Store to permit off-sale purchases on Saturday, July 4, 2009 while the on-sale is closed. Councilmember Burns made the motion with Councilmember Weber giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve a request from the Airport Commission to explore the possibility of having Gregor Tiling Company construct a new hanger. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with Councilmember Burns 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 approve a modification to the January 1, 2008 Union Local No. 49 AFL-CIO contract as requested by union representatives on May 29, 2009. The union representatives requested the deletion of the following language: "Employees hired prior to January 1, 2006 are grandfathered into the early retirement plan. Employees hired after January 1, 2006 do not qualify for the early retirement plan," which is contained in Article XXVI (26.1.1) of the contract. Councilmember Weber 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.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to table the issue of landscaping Sixth Avenue and Ninth Street SW until estimates could be collected. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Gaines abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to table the issue of landscaping the Garlock section of town until estimates could be collected. Councilmember Weber 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.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-04: A RESOLUTION FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT**. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Gaines abstained. **Motion carried.**

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

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve a request from the Wells Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a fireworks display for Kernel Days on August 14, 2009. Councilmember Gaines 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 approve a request from the Wells Area Chamber of Commerce to grant a noise variance for August 14-15, 2009 and to have Seventh Avenue SW, from Half Moon Road to First Street SW, blockaded for set up and take down the same weekend. Councilmember Seedorf 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 a request from the Wells Area Chamber of Commerce for a temporary lawful gambling permit for August 14, 2009 through August 16, 2009. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

City Council reviewed an invitation to the Elected Officials and Clerks Meeting to be held in the Blue Earth Public Safety Meeting Room on June 17, 2009.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- *Russell Bathke* – Discussed with council recent vandalism that has occurred on his property and the lack of response from the city.
- *Anthony Mossier* – Requested to know why council has not taken action on more items listed by the planning committee as issues facing the community. Requested items be placed under old business on the council agenda.

**GUESTS:**

- *Dan Brod* – On behalf of the Faribault County Humane Society, asked council to consider entering into a written agreement with the humane society. Councilmember Weber made a motion to table the topic to the Safety Committee to discuss further. Councilmember Gaines second the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voted yea. Motion carried.
- *Corey Olson* – Asked if council what was being done to clean up the trailer park on the north edge of town. Discussion held.

**EMPLOYEES:**

*Administrator Germann:* Asked council to keep Milks family in their thoughts. Discussed with council the challenges faced by the city from forecasted Local Government Aid cuts projected for the 2010 budget.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Councilmember Burns:* Discussed the vacant lot north of City Hall.  
*Councilmember Gaines:* Nothing  
*Councilmember Seedorf:* Nothing  
*Councilmember Weber:* Discussed a data request.  
*Mayor Savick:* Discussed administrative fines.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for June 22, 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.