



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, November 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers. Acting Mayor Ron Gaines called the meeting to order with the following council members present: Councilmember Steve Burns, Councilmember Ashley Seedorf, and Councilmember Mike Weber. Absent: Mayor Shannon Savick and City Administrator Jeremy Germann. Employees present: Deputy Clerk Deb Redman, City Attorney David Frundt, and Police Chief Jim Ratelle. Acting Mayor Gaines led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

CONSENT ITEMS:

The agenda for the November 9th Council Meeting was approved with no addition on a motion by Councilmember Weber and second by Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Seedorf, and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 26, 2009 were reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to accept the minutes without correction. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed in the amount of \$224,069.35 with discussion on Reby's Handyman mowing invoices and Bolton & Menk's engineering fees. Councilmember Weber made a motion to pay the bills and Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Seedorf, and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

The minutes of the Fire Department held on October 13, 2009 and October 27, 2009 were reviewed with Councilmember Seedorf making a motion to accept the minutes. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Seedorf, and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 28, 2009 were reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to accept the minutes without correction. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Seedorf, and Weber voting yea. Motion carried. Pages 13 through 15; email from Wes Brown, preliminary street improvement estimate, and the sample Notice of Hearing on Improvement was informational only.

Discussion was held on the John Deere Gator. Councilmember Burns made the motion to table this item until the next Council Meeting, so the full council can discuss it. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Seedorf, and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The City Council reviewed the unapproved minutes submitted by the Planning and Zoning Commission for a meeting held November 2, 2009.

Acting Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to accept the reports submitted by the Street Department and the Fire Department. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion, Councilmember Burns seconding the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Seedorf, and Weber voting yea. Motion carried. Councilmember Weber requested a report of street department jobs not completed be placed under Old Business.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the job descriptions of the Liquor Store Manager and Full-time Bartender/Clerk. Discussion followed. Councilmember Burns made the motion to approve the two job descriptions as written. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Seedorf, and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The "Open Appointment Policy for Public Officials" was reviewed. Councilmember Weber made a motion to accept the policy presented. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

Mayor Savick submitted information from the League of Minnesota Cities Conference she attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gene Weber – Reminded Councilmembers to treat everyone alike and fairly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Acting Mayor Gaines – Nothing.

Councilmember Burns – Nothing.

Councilmember Seedorf – Nothing

Councilmember Weber – Discussed refinancing city bonds, Mark Gregor building, and Gene Weber issue. Councilmember Weber made a motion to have City Administrator Germann check into Gene Weber's concerns and report back to Council. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Seedorf, and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting was set for November 23, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Acting Mayor Ron Gaines

Deputy City Clerk Deb Redman