



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, September 14, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:10 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 and Street Supervisor Rick LaVallie. Mayor Savick led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

FARM RENT:

Mayor Savick opened sealed qualifying bids submitted by Charlie Klocek, Paul Kalis, Dan Treptow, Darin Schirmer and Tom Huper for the option to lease city farmland in 2010 and 2011.

Mayor Savick began the bidding for 46.6 acres of farmland located within the northeast quarter of section seven in Clark Township and the land located within the southwest corner of southeast quarter of section six of Clark Township, abutting the Wells Rifle Range and located west of the driveway to the wastewater treatment facility at \$155.00 per acre. Dan Treptow was awarded the lease with the top bid of \$180.00 per acre.

Mayor Savick began the bidding for 24 acres of tillable farmland located within the east half of section five in Clark Township, northeast of Highway 22 at \$155.00 per acre. Dan Treptow was awarded the lease with the top bid of \$185.00 per acre.

Mayor Savick began the bidding for 15 acres of farmland located within the east half of section 12, township 103, range 25 and excluding those areas utilized as an airport or accessories to the airport, at \$155.00 per acre. Paul Kalis was awarded the lease with the top bid of \$225.00 per acre.

Mayor Savick began the bidding for five acres of farmland located at the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section eight, township 103, range 24, at \$135.00 per acre. Darin Schirmer was awarded the lease with the top bid of \$135.00 per acre.

CONSENT ITEMS:

The agenda for the September 14, 2009 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to accept the agenda with addition of a proclamation for American Legion Day. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on August 24, 2009 were reviewed with Councilmember Seedorf making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gaines. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed in the amount of \$192,610.00 with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Discussion held on why the H. J. Drummer bill was more than the estimated cost. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Weber voted nea. Motion carried.

COMMITEE ITEMS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes submitted by the Fire Department for meetings held on August 11 & 25, 2009 as presented. 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 to accept the minutes submitted by the Parks Board, for a meeting held on September 2, 2009 with one correction. The minutes should state "However, this may be directly related to family passes jumping from \$6,418.00 in 2008 to \$7,740.00 in 2009." Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burn, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the monthly report from the Street Department and Fire Department for August 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 approve a request from the Fire Department to purchase a jack stand at a cost of approximately \$2,500.00. Councilmember Burns made the motion 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 to approve a request from the Fire Department to purchase a digital camera at a cost not to exceed \$250.00. 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 approve a request from the Fire Department to repair the 1970 snorkel truck, which needs four hydraulic hoses replaced and the platform repaired. 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 accept the monthly report from the Police Department for August as presented. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a

second for Councilmember Gaines. Discussion held on the ARMER radio system. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the monthly reports from the Community Development Department for August as presented. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Jennifer Herbst as Part-Time Assistant Director for the Wells Public Library. Councilmember Gaines 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 accept the recommendation of the Wells Public Library to hire Jeanne Brooks as Part-Time Assistant Director for the library. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Wells City Council gave the first of three readings of proposed Ordinance §70.57 for the adoption into the CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA, CODE OF ORDINANCES:
ORDINANCE §70.57 – AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve the Labor Agreement Between The City Of Wells And Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. (Local #178) for January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. 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 membership dues in the Minnesota Mayor Association for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2009. 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.**

City council reviewed an written update from the City Administrator on the 2009 Fiscal Futures Policy Committee held by the League of Minnesota Cities.

City council reviewed an invitation from the Blue Earth Mayor Rob Hammonds to the Faribault County Elected Officials Meeting for the fall quarter.

City council reviewed a letter Bureau of Mediation Services informing the city it has certified that AFSCME Council 65 Nashwauk, Minnesota is the exclusive representative for the unit described as “all department heads, supervisors, managers and directors of the City of Wells, Minnesota, who are public employees within the meaning of Minn. Stat. 179A.03, Subd. 14, excluding confidential, and all other employees.”

City council reviewed a list of area airport hangar fees from various Minnesota cities. Discussion held.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to proclaim September 16, 2009 as American Legion Day. Councilmember Gaines 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 received an update from the City Administrator on the status of fuel tanks located at Food 'N Fuel according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

EMPLOYEES:

Administrator Germann: Nothing

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Savick: Nothing

Councilmember Burns: Discussed the upcoming Safety Committee meeting.

Councilmember Gaines: Encouraged the public to the open house for the new county detention center.

Councilmember Seedorf: Nothing

Councilmember Weber: Encouraged council to attend the September 15, 2009 ribbon cutting for the Parkview facility and discussed the administrator's salary.

RECESS:

Mayor Savick requested a 10-minute recess.
The meeting was called back to order at 6:00 p.m.

BUDGET:

Mayor Savick requested a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSED 2009 TAX LEVY COLLECTIBLE IN 2010** in accordance with Minnesota Statute §275.065 Proposed Property Taxes, Notice. 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.**

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for September 28, 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 Burns. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Shannon Savick

Administrator Jeremy R. Germann