



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, March 22, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:15 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 and Councilmember Mike Weber. Councilmember Ashley Seedorf was absent. Employees present: Community Development Director Austin Bleess, Police Chief Jim Ratelle, Street Supervisor Rick LaVallie and City Administrator Jeremy Germann. Mayor Savick led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

CONSENT ITEMS:

The agenda for the March 22, 2010 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns. Discussion held on adding the topic of golf course fees to the April 12, 2010 regularly scheduled council meeting. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the council working session held on March 8, 2010 were reviewed with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on March 8, 2010 were reviewed with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Discussion held on reduction of street lights. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The bill list was reviewed in the amount of \$49,561.06 with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Discussion held on bills from Fleet Services for \$702.87 and NAPA Auto Parts Corp for \$25.63. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The monthly financial reports were reviewed including balances & receipts, revenue & expenditures, building permits & report, monthly liquor comparison, monthly library automation report, 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 Gaines seconded the motion. Discussion held on

Municipal Liquor Store funds and comp-time report. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes submitted by the Flame Theatre Board for a regularly scheduled meeting held on February 17, 2010 as presented. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Weber. Discussion held on digital projection. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick 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 March 10, 2010 as presented. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

City council reviewed a draft of the minutes submitted by the Housing & Redevelopment Authority for a regularly scheduled meeting held on March 11, 2010.

City council reviewed a draft of the minutes submitted by the Economic Development Authority for a regularly scheduled meeting held on March 16, 2010. Discussion held on requirements to purchase land in the industrial park.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding a request from the Economic Development Authority to sale the building located at 6 South Broadway to current occupant Frundt & Johnson or list the property for sale at a price of \$29,200.00. Councilmember Weber made a motion to list the property for sale at \$29,200.00 with all local realtors. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Discussion held with David Frundt on Frundt & Johnson's intent with the property. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick 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 March 17, 2010 as presented. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Weber. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve a request from the Street Department to purchase mosquito repellent chemicals from US Vector Controls, INC. Councilmember Weber made a motion to purchase 120 gallons of chemicals from US Vector Controls, INC at \$33.10 per gallon. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve a request from Paul Woolverton to allow the community to post nonprofit events on the city's official website under its events calendar. Councilmember Gaines made a motion to approve the request with input from Administrator Germann and City Attorney Frundt with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept a resignation letter from Matt Herman for a position at the recycling center. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to table discussion on repairs to the Municipal Liquor Store roof until next council meeting. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held on different estimates received and possible way to repair the roof. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding proposed RESOLUTION 2010-09: A RESOLUTION ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARTATION OF PLANS. Councilmember Burns made a motion to adopt the resolution with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding proposed RESOLUTION 2010-10: A RESOLUTION RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION FOR POLICE OFFICER DECLARATION IN THE CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA. Councilmember Gaines made a motion to adopt the resolution with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

City council reviewed a letter from Administrator Germann requesting the Safety Committee consider scheduling a meeting to discuss the Municipal Liquor Store roof repairs. The Safety Committee set 4:00 p.m. on March 31, 2010 at City Hall, Conference Room for the next meeting.

City council reviewed the Bevcomm franchise contract and accompanying city ordinance, which council requested during the March 8, 2010 regularly schedule council meeting.

City council reviewed a letter from Development Director Bleess stating the topic of Jim Pietan's application to subdivide his property will be discussed during the April 6, 2010 regularly scheduled Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

City council reviewed an article printed in the *Albert Lea Tribune* which focused on the Wells Police Department.

City council reviewed minutes submitted by the Wells Community Ambulance Board of Directors for a regularly scheduled meeting held on February 8, 2010.

City council reviewed minutes submitted by the Wells Public Utilities Board for a regularly scheduled meeting held on February 2, 2010.

City council reviewed a list of board salaries and discussed budget cuts.

City Attorney Frundt updated city council on an internal investigation being conducted by Setter & Associates.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *Douglas Kuethe* - Asked council if it would be possible for Precision Septic Services to install a singular septic tank/grinder pump system for two residents on the north edge of the city and have the system flow into the city sanitary service. Council requested the topic be discussed at the next Infrastructure Committee meeting.

GUESTS:

- *Milt Peterson* – Discussed his issues with the conditional use permit recently approved for Dulas Excavating, requested information on the recently purchased Community Center refrigerator and asked questions on the Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

EMPLOYEES:

Administrator Germann: Discussed his conversation with Milt Peterson. Informed city council 144 street lights have been shut off to conserve energy and the Recycling Center is now closed on Tuesdays. Administrator Germann stated he contacted the League of Minnesota Cities and they saw no Open Meeting violation from having a quorum of council members attend a public forum hosted by a Blandin Foundation volunteer group on March 23, 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Savick: Asked about the status of golf cart permits for 2010.
Councilmember Burns: Asked about the holiday signs. Administrator Germann stated he requested the Wells Public Utilities work on reducing street lighting before taking down the holiday signs.
Councilmember Gaines: Nothing
Councilmember Weber: Asked for budget cuts to be listed under Old Business on agenda and a portion of each council meeting to be dedicated to discuss the issue. Councilmember Weber discussed possibility of voluntary furloughs and a wage freeze.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting and public hearing was set for April 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center. Councilmember Weber made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Meeting adjourned.