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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, May 10, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. until 5:25 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: Community Development Director Austin Bless, Police Chief Jim Ratelle, Deputy Clerk Deb Redman and City Administrator Jeremy Germann. Mayor Savick led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

The agenda for the May 10, 2010 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve 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 April 26, 2010 were reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, and Seedorf voting yea. Weber abstained. Motion carried.

The minutes of the special council meeting held on May 4, 2010 were reviewed with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Weber abstained. Motion carried.

The minutes of the special council meeting held on May 5, 2010 were reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Weber abstained. Motion carried.

The bill list was reviewed in the amount of \$142,037.26 with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Discussion held concerning legal fees and contracted services. 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 Flame Theatre Board for a meeting held on April 21, 2010 as presented. Councilmember Seedorf made

the motion with a second from Councilmember Weber. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

City council reviewed a draft of the minutes submitted by the Planning & Zoning Commission for a meeting held on May 3, 2010.

City council reviewed the Fire Department report for the month of April.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2010-15: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FIRE ESCROW ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTE §65A.50. Councilmember Weber 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 adopt RESOLUTION 2010-16: A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS LOCATED AT 500 FIRST AVENUE SOUTHWEST. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held on the language under the first paragraph, No. 3 to state. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2010-17: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS with the City of Wells accepting the recommendation of Bolton & Menk, INC to accept the bid of \$152,325.50 from Ulland Brothers, INC to complete the project. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Weber abstained. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve a recommendation from the Public Library Board to purchase a new furnace for \$12,800.00 from Honeywell using funds from the Roland Weite Estate. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Weber abstained. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve a recommendation from the Municipal Liquor Store to hire Scott Berg and Laurie Brandenburg for the position of permanent part-time bartenders at a rate of \$9.05 per hour. 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.

City council reviewed information supplied by the City Administrator concerning current savings from budgets cuts, projected savings from budget cuts, a breakdown comparison on expenditures for electricity from March to May.

City council reviewed energy audits performed by the Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency on the public library, municipal liquor store and city hall.

City council reviewed minutes from the Wells Public Utilities Board from a meeting held on April 6, 2010.

City council reviewed a letter dated May 4, 2010 from Prairieland Compost Facility concerning the city's 2010 spring SCORE funds distribution.

City council reviewed a letter from the Wells Community Ambulance Service concerning Emergency Medical Service week from May 16, 2010 through May 22, 2010.

**GUEST:**

*Jim Hassing* – Requested city council consider permitting his petition to de-annex his property from within the city limits and placing it back into Clark Township.

**EMPLOYEES:**

*Administrator Germann:* Informed city council the Public Library Board has requested authorization to hire an additional permanent part-time librarian to help increase flexibility with scheduling, from the list of applicants who most recently interviewed. Discussion held on the budget. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Mayor Savick:* Nothing  
*Councilmember Gaines:* Nothing  
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*Councilmember Seedorf:* Requested City Administrator discuss the possibility of creating a policy to deal with complaints against neighbors with the City Attorney.  
*Councilmember Weber:* Councilmember Weber made a motion for the investigation reports of two employees conducted by Setter & Associates to be made available to city council in their entirety. Motion failed for lack of a second.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for May 24, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Shannon Savick

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Administrator Jeremy R. Germann