



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 27, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 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 Ashley Seedorf. Employees present: Police Chief Jim Ratelle, Street Supervisor Janie Whim, 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 September 27, 2010 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on September 13, 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. Motion carried.

The minutes of the special council meeting held on September 20, 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. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

Marlene Staloch discussed why council chambers should not be moved to the east end of the community center.

Pam Wagner discussed why council chambers should not be moved to the east end of the community center.

Bill Groskreutz, Jr., Faribault County Commissioner discussed cleaning the county ditch on the northwest edge of town to alleviate the potential for flash flooding in the future. Councilmember Gaines made a motion to have the County of Faribault solicit estimates for the project and report back to Wells City Council. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Bill Fahey, of Northland Securities, spoke about refinancing a General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010B, for \$615,000.00 to reduce long-term debt. Councilmember Gaines made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2010-23: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$615,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010B, PLEDGING FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, STORM SYSTEM NET REVENUES AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The bill list was reviewed in the amount of \$81,903.64 with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Discussion held on a \$6,454.12 bill from Bob Moore Drainage & Excavating. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

The monthly financial reports were reviewed including revenue & expenditures, balances & receipts, over-time hours accrued, comp-time accumulated, building permits & report, liquor store comparison, yearly pool report with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Discussion held on pool expenditures and revenue. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes submitted by the Library Board for a meeting held on August 18, 2010 as presented. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding a request from the Library Board to exercise the city's 90-day opt-out clause and discontinue delivery of library books to the Kiester Library as part of the county-wide library agreement. Councilmember Burns made a motion to table the issue with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes submitted by the Flame Theatre Board for a meeting held on September 15, 2010 as presented. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Chief Ratelle updated city council on the Police Department.

Supervisor Whim updated city council on the Street Department.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2010-22: A RESOLUTION FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve a request from the Wells Area Chamber of Commerce for a lawful gambling permit for November 9, 2010. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve hiring Weber Construction, at an estimated \$8,900.00, to demolish, haul away and properly dispose of the structure located at 500 First Avenue SW should the city be forced to abate the hazardous property. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion concerning a request by the Community Development Department to declare a public nuisance at the property located at 10 Third Street NE. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to give the property owner at 10 Third Street NE a limit of 30 days to abate the nuisance. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick made a motion to deny a request from the city administrator to move council chambers to the east end of the community center. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines and Savick voting yea. Seedorf voted nea. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES:

Administrator Germann: Discussed progressed made on burned-down house removal, Precision Septic Systems proposal and data privacy training. Updated council on expanding potential parking for semi-truck drivers.

City Attorney Frundt: Discussed changes in state laws dealing with Tobacco.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

Mayor Savick: Nothing

Councilmember Burns: Nothing

Councilmember Gaines: Asked for the Street Department to look into posting a sign to slow traffic on the south end of Broadway.

Councilmember Seedorf: Thanked everyone for their help during the recent storm which resulted in flash flooding.

NEW BUSINESS:

City council interviewed Scott Berg, of Wells, Minnesota, and Jason Twedt, of North Mankato, Minnesota, for the position of Municipal Liquor Store Manager. Councilmember Gaines made a motion to hire Scott Berg for the position of Municipal Liquor Store Manager contingent on six-month probation. Councilmember Seedorf

seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines and Seedorf voting yea. Savick abstained. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Shannon Savick

Administrator Jeremy R. Germann



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Emergency Session of City Council City of Wells

The Wells City Council convened in emergency session on Friday, September 24, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. until 4:15 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 Ashley Seedorf. Employees present: City Administrator Jeremy Germann. Mayor Savick led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

CONSENT ITEMS:

The agenda for the September 24, 2010 emergency council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2010-21: A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

The city administrator updated city council on damage caused by the recent storm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for September 27, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center. Councilmember Gaines made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Shannon Savick

Administrator Jeremy R. Germann