



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, February 22, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. until 5:45 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, City Attorney David Frundt and City Administrator Jeremy Germann. Mayor Savick led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

CONSENT ITEMS:

The agenda for the February 22, 2010 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the topic JOBZ Business Subsidy & Relocation Agreement to be listed under General Business. 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 February 8, 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, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the special council meeting held on February 16, 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, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The bill list was reviewed in the amount of \$188,187.00 with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Discussion held on a bill from Verizon Wireless. Council requested the bill from Total Restaurant Supply Company be held until the dishwasher was operational. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf 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 Gaines making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. 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 Fire Department for regularly scheduled meetings held on January 12, 2010 and January 20, 2010 as presented. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. 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 Flame Theatre Board for a regularly scheduled meeting held on January 20, 2010 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 accept the minutes submitted by the Library Board for a regularly scheduled meeting held on January 20, 2010 as presented. 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 minutes submitted by the Safety Committee for a meeting held on February 9, 2010 as presented. 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 a draft of the minutes submitted by the Economic Development Authority for regularly scheduled meetings held on February 1, 2010; February 12, 2010; and February 16, 2010.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the public hearing held on February 16, 2010 as presented. The hearing was to take public comment on the city's application to Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), for a Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) grant to Singleteary Food Solutions, and the \$150,000.00 loan the Wells EDA will be making to the Singleteary Food Solutions. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Weber. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion regarding a request from the Economic Development Authority for the City of Wells to transfer 17 acres of the South Industrial Park (parcel No. 30.009.0540) into the authority's legal holdings. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Discussion held on what entity purchased the land and who would be responsible for future development. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, and Seedorf voting yea. Weber abstained. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the submitted by the Infrastructure Committee for a meeting held on February 17, 2010. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held on city garage roof repairs and the purchase of cold mix. 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 Housing & Redevelopment Authority for a regularly scheduled meeting held on February 18, 2010.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept the Police Department report for the month of January as presented. 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 regarding a request from the Police Department to send an officer to the Highway Drug Investigations for Patrol class held in Iowa from July 12, 2010 through July 16, 2010. Councilmember Gaines made a motion to approve the request with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion for the City of Wells to enter into a Business Subsidy Agreement (BSA) with Singleteary Food Solutions under the Job Opportunity Business Zone (JOBZ) program as required by DEED. 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 schedule a special council meeting for February 25, 2010 to discuss the governor's proposed Local Government Aid (LGA) cuts. 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 grant liquor license renewals to Casey's General Store, Jake's Pizza, and Nuway Coop for 2010. 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.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to grant a lawful gambling permit to Church of Saint Casimir Wells for April 17, 2010. 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 appoint David Tatge to the Wells Community Ambulance Board as requested by the board. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Weber. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve the 2010 airport hanger agreement renewals for Harry's Hawks/John Thisius (\$200.00), Minnesota Lake Flying Club/Robert Jimmy (\$200.00), and Wells Aviation (\$300.00). Councilmember Gaines 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 by the Wells Senior Citizen Nutritional Program to purchase a new refrigerator for the Wells Community Center at a cost of \$150.00. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Discussion held on legal issues and funds collected through donations. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea.

Motion carried.

City council reviewed the minutes submitted by the Wells Community Ambulance Board for a regularly scheduled meeting held on January 11, 2010.

City council reviewed a report submitted by Development Director Bless concerning the purchase of video equipment for the purpose of recording council meetings.

Councilmember Weber made a motion to earmark a portion of the community center capital funds each year for the future purchase of video equipment. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

City council reviewed a letter from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Office of Aeronautics on February 8, 2010 that a funding request for a feasibility study & ALP was approved at an estimated total cost of \$30,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *Milt Peterson* – Requested to be placed on the agenda for the February 25, 2010 special council meeting.
- *Sandy Schindler*- Stated she was not in favor of tax revenue being spent on video equipment to record council meetings.

EMPLOYEES:

Administrator Germann: Informed council the Wells Area Chamber of Commerce requested the City of Wells act as the fiscal agent for a grant offered through the Minnesota Festival Support FY 2010 Grant Program. Councilmember Burns made a motion to approve the request with a second from Councilmember Weber. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf, and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Informed council the League of Minnesota insurance policy will pay a portion of the bills incurred to repair the city garage roof and approved payment to Kim Lau Construction for temporary repairs. Councilmember Gaines made a motion to release payment to Kim Lau Construction at a cost of \$1,564.96, with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf, and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Savick: Nothing
Councilmember Burns: Nothing
Councilmember Gaines: Requested to know if there was any information available concerning the investigation timeline.
Councilmember Seedorf: Nothing
Councilmember Weber: Nothing

City Attorney Frundt: Recommended council let the Leagues of Minnesota Cities insurance respond to previous requests from Gene Weber.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting and public hearing was set for March 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center. A special council meeting was scheduled for February 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Burns. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Shannon Savick

Administrator Jeremy R. Germann