



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, January 25, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 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, Councilmember Ashley Seedorf and Councilmember Mike Weber. Employees present: City Administrator Jeremy Germann. Mayor Savick led the group in the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

CONSENT ITEMS:

The agenda for the January 25, 2010 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on January 11, 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 \$135,692.83 with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Discussion held on two bills from S & H Diesel both for \$203.06. 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 Burns making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

City council reviewed a draft of the minutes submitted by the Economic Development Authority for a regularly scheduled meeting and the annual meeting both held on January 20, 2010.

City council reviewed a letter from the City Administrator updating council on the condition of a roof located at the city garage which is a safety hazard.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve a request from the Municipal Liquor Store to purchase a new cash register at a quoted price of \$2,467.74 from Northern Lights Retail. 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 regarding a recommendation from the Wells Public Library Board to enter into the PUBLIC ROTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT with Faribault County. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held on expectations of the contract, financial responsibilities and the City Attorney's recommendation. Faribault County Library Service representative Mary Bielke answered questions concerning the agreement. 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 Faribault County Republican Party to waive the Wells Community Center rental fee for its annual convention on March 6, 2010. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with Councilmember Seedorf giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to authorize the administrative staff to waive the Wells Community Center fee for nonprofit entities. 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 adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2010-01: A RESOLUTION ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT (FEASIBILITY STUDY). Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to purchase a Total Restaurant Supply dishwasher, model number UC65E at a price of \$3,127.69. 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 remove Community Development Director Austin Bless from his six-month probation as outline in the personnel policy and the labor agreement with AFSCME (Local #3953). 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 reviewed a letter from the City Administrator updating them on the 2009 budget.

City council reviewed the minutes submitted by the Wells Community Ambulance Board of Directors for a meeting held on December 14, 2009.

City council reviewed the minutes submitted by the Wells Public Utilities Board for a meeting held on December 14, 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *Dolores Weber* – Explained why she believed city council should attempt to keep the city administrator from leaving.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations as deemed permissible by Minnesota Statute §13D.03 MEETINGS FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

(CLOSED SESSION)

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to reopen the council meeting. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion to go into open session as required under Minnesota Statute §13D with a second from Councilmember Burns. No action was taken in closed session.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion concerning the contract negotiations. Councilmember Weber made a motion to have Mayor Savick contact the City Attorney concerning a salary offer to the City Administrator. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES:

Administrator Germann: Nothing

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Savick: Thanked council for supporting the community center by replacing the dishwasher.

Councilmember Burns: Nothing

Councilmember Gaines: Nothing

Councilmember Seedorf: Nothing.

Councilmember Weber: Asked the audience to remember to drive safely.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for February 8, 2010 at 5:00 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