



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, July 12, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. until 5:30 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: City Attorney David Frundt, Police Chief Jim Ratelle and City Administrator Jeremy Germann. Mayor Savick led the group in the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

CONSENT ITEMS:

The agenda for the July 12, 2010 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Jeff Zalasky, of the League of Minnesota Cities, gave the public further details on why city council went into closed session on June 28, 2010 as deemed permissible by Minnesota Statute §13D.05 MEETINGS HAVING DATA CLASSIFIED AS NOT PUBLIC to discuss pending litigation.

The minutes of the special council meeting held on June 28, 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 June 28, 2010 were reviewed with Councilmember Weber making a motion to accept the minutes with one correction. The minutes should read:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation as deemed permissible by Minnesota Statute §13D.05 MEETINGS HAVING DATA CLASSIFIED AS NOT PUBLIC. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried. City Attorney Frundt, Minnesota League of Cities representative Jeff Zalasky and Administrator Germann were also present.

(CLOSED SESSION)

Councilmember Weber left the closed session.

(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. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns. No action was taken in closed session.

Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

The bill list was reviewed in the amount of \$205,447.08 with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to accept minutes submitted by the Fire Department for meetings held on June 8 & 22, 2010 as presented; and the Fire Department report for the month of June as presented. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Weber. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2010-13: LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held on correcting the language of the original resolution passed April 26, 2010. Roll call taken with Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to approve a request from the City of Easton to fog for mosquitoes for an estimated charge of \$750.00. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Discussion held on researching and/or obtaining proper licensing to fog for mosquitoes before spraying. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick presented information concerning the Municipal Liquor Store. Discussion held. Councilmember Weber made a motion to have the Safety Committee contact the League of Minnesota Cities to have an advisor make recommendations. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES:

Administrator Germann: Requested city council consider hiring Joseph DesMarais for the position of Recycling Helper with the Street Department. Councilmember Weber made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Savick: Nothing
Councilmember Burns: Nothing
Councilmember Gaines: Discussed a state requirement to update an ordinance allowing the city to conduct background checks for employment purposes.
Councilmember Weber: Questioned if members of city council are considered city employees.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for August 9, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center. Councilmember Gaines made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Burns. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Shannon Savick

Administrator Jeremy R. Germann