



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, June 28, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 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, Councilmember Ashley Seedorf and Councilmember Mike Weber. Employees present: City Attorney David Frundt, 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 June 28, 2010 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Gaines making a motion to approve the agenda with two corrections: moving the agenda item Northland Securities, Dick Asleson (Go Improvement Bonds) / Resolution 2010-19: Issuance & Sale of GO Improvement Bonds to after the listed closed session; and Street Supervisor (Job Description) / Street Supervisor (Background Reports) to after the listed guests. Councilmember Weber seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

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.

(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.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on June 12, 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.

Dick Asleson, of Northland Securities, presented city council with bonding information for the 2010 Street Improvement Project. Discussion held. Councilmember Burns made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2010-19: PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2010A, PLEDGING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF

AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEROF. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to amend the agenda to list City Attorney David Frundt after agenda item Northland Securities, Dick Asleson (Go Improvement Bonds) / Resolution 2010-19: Issuance & Sale of GO Improvement Bonds. 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.

Mayor Savick made a motion to deny a request from Councilmember Weber to make investigation reports concerning two employees conducted by Setter & Associates to be made available to city council in their entirety. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Weber voted nea. Motion carried.

Councilmember Weber distributed and read a letter addressed to fellow council members and other city officials.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to deny a request from Councilmember Weber to have the city reimburse expenses he has and will incur in defending himself in a legal matter involving Jim Heckman and Zoa Heckman. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Gaines. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Weber abstained. Motion carried.

The bill list was reviewed in the amount of \$68,563.58 with Councilmember Gaines 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.

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 Gaines 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 meeting held on June 15, 2010.

City council reviewed a draft of the minutes submitted by the Planning & Zoning Commission for a meeting held on June 16, 2010.

City council reviewed drafts of minutes submitted by the Housing & Redevelopment Authority for meetings held on June 10, 2010 and June 17, 2010.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to award a project to replace 285 feet of curb and gutter as part of the 2010 Street Improvement Project to Northside, Inc for a bid of \$9,975.00.

Councilmember Gaines 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 the minutes submitted by the Infrastructure Committee for a meeting held on June 17, 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 Police Department report for the month of June as presented. 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.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to hire Christopher Elvebak for the position of Community Development Director pending a background check. 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 grant a temporary liquor license to the Wells American Legion for August 21, 2010. 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.

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to grant a noise variance to the Wells Historical Society for August 21, 2010 at the Wells Depot. 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.

City council reviewed the minutes submitted by the Wells Community Ambulance Service Board of Directors for a meeting held on May 10, 2010.

City council reviewed the minutes submitted by the Wells Public Utilities Board for a meeting held on May 4, 2010.

City council reviewed a letter submitted by Bolton & Menk, INC concerning a frozen waterline at the 400 block of Ninth Street SW. Discussion held.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Woolverton – Commended the efforts of volunteers, staff and the entire community for their efforts during recent storms. Read a passage from the Bible concerning freedom.

GUESTS:

Brent Crump – Brent Crump was interviewed for the position of Street Supervisor.

Janie Whim – Janie Whim was interviewed for the position of Street Supervisor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Savick asked for a motion to hire Janie Whim for the position of Street Supervisor. Councilmember Gaines made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick and Seedorf voting yea. Weber voted nea. **Motion carried.**

EMPLOYEES:

Administrator Germann: Thanked all the volunteers and employees that helped during the cleanup of recent storms in the community. Read a letter prepared by the Wells Public Library requesting city council consider hiring Serena Sorenson for the position of part-time library clerk, pending a background check. 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.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

Mayor Savick: Nothing
Councilmember Burns: Thanked the city administrator for setting up recent interviews and providing city council with information.
Councilmember Gaines: Nothing
Councilmember Seedorf: Made a motion to advertise a public thank-you to everyone that helped during the cleanup of recent storms. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Savick, Seedorf and Weber voting yea. **Motion carried.**
Councilmember Weber: Questioned the procedure council used to amend the agenda to have the city attorney become an agenda item.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for July 12, 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