



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, April 25, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers. Mayor Ron Gaines called the meeting to order with the following council members and employees present: Councilmember Steve Burns, Councilmember Jim Durfee, Councilmember Ann Marie Schuster, and Councilmember Ashley Seedorf. Employees present: Police Chief Jim Ratelle, Street Supervisor Janie Whim, City Attorney David Frundt, Deputy City Clerk Deb Redman and City Administrator Jeremy Germann. Mayor Gaines led the group in the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

AGENDA:

The agenda for the April 25, 2011 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of guest speaker Wes Brown of Bolton & Menk, INC. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on April 11, 2011 were reviewed with Councilmember Durfee making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

The list of bills was reviewed with Councilmember Seedorf making a motion to pay the bills totaling \$129,170.76. Discussion held on three bills from Toppers Plus and a \$500.00 bill from the League of Minnesota Insurance Trust. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster, and Seedorf, voting yea. Motion carried.

Monthly financial reports were reviewed including revenue & expenditures 2011 statement, and balances & receipts with Councilmember Schuster making a motion to accept as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Monthly financial reports were reviewed including overtime hours accrued, comp-time accumulated, building permits & report, and liquor store comparison with Councilmember Seedorf making a motion to accept the reports as presented. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ratelle gave a status report for the Police Department.

Street Supervisor Whim gave a status report for the Street Department.

Councilmember Burns made a motion to approve the purchase a 1987 Hyster S40XL forklift for a price of \$2,351.25 and trade in the city's 1986 model. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2011-14: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA TO BE A PARTY TO (MnWARN) MINNEOSTA WATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK. Councilmember Durfee made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2011-15: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS (FOR THE 2011 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT) and awarding the project to W.W. Blacktopping. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Discussion held with Bolton & Menk engineer Wes Brown. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Burns abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to extend alcohol sales by state licensed businesses from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. as requested by the Wildcat Bar & Grill. Councilmember Durfee made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion regarding the city website. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to approve a proposal (Option 3) from Bevcomm to develop a new website for the City of Wells and host the site. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to terminate the city's current maintenance and hosting contracts in sixty days. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion regarding a request from representatives involved with the State Health Improvement Program (SHIP) to donate an ice rink to the City of Wells and for the city to maintain the ice rink with a minimal expense. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the Parks Board recommendation to hire Ashley Wermedal as Pool Manager and Joseph Miller as Assistant Pool Manager. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve a request from the Wells Area Chamber of Commerce to host a fireworks display on August 19, 2011. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

City council reviewed a letter dated April 20, 2011 from Community Development Director Chris Elvebak informing elected officials, appointed officials, and staff of a land-use training seminar scheduled for May 23, 2011 at the Community Center.

City council reviewed a letter dated April 25, 2011 from Administrator Germann informing city council the County of Faribault intends to clean the county ditch on the northwest section of town. The county will assess the city and affected property owners when the project is completed.

CITY REPORTS:

<i>Administrator Germann:</i>	Informed city council lights may need to be replaced in various city buildings because they will no longer be made. Administrator Germann will collect estimates on the labor and information on available rebates.
<i>Mayor Gaines:</i>	Discussed limited liability of Waste Management garbage bags.
<i>Councilmember Burns:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Durfee:</i>	Updated city council on the recent Street & Sewer Committee meeting and 2012 county road project.
<i>Councilmember Schuster:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Seedorf:</i>	Discussed past issues involving lifeguards at the public pool. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to conduct one-year evaluations on the Street Supervisor, Community Development Director, and Municipal Liquor Store Manager during the June regularly scheduled council meeting. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCENMENTS:

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for Monday, May 9, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Ron Gaines

Administrator Jeremy R. Germann