



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, May 9, 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 and Councilmember Ashley Seedorf. Councilmember Ann Marie Schuster arrived with the meeting in progress. Employees present: Police Chief Jim Ratelle, Community Development Director Chris Elvebak, 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 May 9, 2011 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on April 25, 2011 were reviewed with Councilmember Durfee making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Councilmember Schuster arrived.

The list of bills was reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to pay the bills totaling \$123,758.70. Discussion held on new Municipal Liquor Store doors. Councilmember Seedorf 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, overtime hours accrued, comp-time accumulated, building permits & report, and liquor store comparison with Councilmember Schuster making a motion to accept the reports as presented. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Discussion held on building permits. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to accept Theatre Board minutes from a meeting on February 23, 2011; Fire Department minutes from meetings on March 8 & 22, 2011 and

April 12 & 26, 2011; Parks Board minutes from a meeting on April 20, 2011; Street & Sewer Committee minutes from a meeting on April 21, 2011; and a Safety Committee meeting on April 26, 2011. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Monte Eastvold, a representative from Northland Securities, discussed the bonding for the 2011 Street Improvement Project. Councilmember Durfee made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2011-16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$660,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2011A, PLEDGING FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND NET REVENUES AND LEVYING A TAX FOR PAYMENT THEREOF. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Burns abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for motion to enter into a contract with Northland Securities for the purchase of the \$660,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011A. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Wells Public Utilities Superintendent Jeff Amy discussed the 2011 Water Tower Restoration project.

Faribault County Solid Waste Coordinator Billeye Rabbe discussed setting up a county recycling and refuse site inside city limits.

Stu Fullerton discussed issues concerning barking dogs. City council requested the City Administrator look into noise ordinances used in surrounding cities.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to accept an April 26, 2011 report titled GRAIN BIN STRUCTURAL REVIEW - NORTH BROADWAY submitted by I&S Group. 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 to declare a hazardous public nuisance at 20 North Broadway, Wells, Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statute §463.15 and §463.261. Councilmember Seedorf 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 approve a request from the Street Department to spend \$30,501.16 with Pearson Bros. INC for seal coating. Councilmember Burns 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 Wildcats Bar & Grill for a noise variance on May 21, 2011 and June 25, 2011; and a request to sell beer, sandwiches and chips at Thompson Park during Wildcat home baseball games. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Discussion held. 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 Fire Department to spend \$1,375.00 with Med Compass for medical tests to clear each firefighter to wear respirators and/or Scott Air packs. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the resignation of Darin Magnuson from the Economic Development Authority (EDA). Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Discussion held about working with the EDA, Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA), and the Planning & Zoning Commission to reevaluate how boards work with city council. It was the consensus of city council to hold a United Board meeting on May 31, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss these concerns and others. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve a recommendation from the Flame Theatre to hire Brittany Pitcher as a concession worker. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve a recommendation from the Parks Board to hire the following lifeguards for the 2011 pool season: Ashton Staloch, Thane O'Rourke, Dianna Tatge, Erinn Hotzler, Christopher Melby, Lucas George, Allie Voigt, Tori Raimann, Skylar Peterson, and Seth Olson; to hire the following lifeguard substitutes for the 2011 pool season: Erik Melby and Justin Melby; and to grant authority to the City Administrator and Parks Board to hire lifeguards temporarily until the following council meeting. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

CITY REPORTS:

<i>Administrator Germann:</i>	Informed city council the Street Department and the Municipal Liquor Store was looking to hire part-time employees at the next council meeting.
<i>City Attorney Frundt:</i>	Notified city council of a potential conflict of interest involving the project at 20 North Broadway. All legal work for this project will be done by city attorney Randel Bichler.
<i>Mayor Gaines:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Burns:</i>	Updated city council on a recent Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) meeting.
<i>Councilmember Durfee:</i>	Nothing

Councilmember Schuster: Discussed mosquito spraying, barking dog ordinances, and United Board meeting.
Councilmember Seedorf: Nothing

ANNOUNCENMENTS:

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for Monday, June 13, 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