



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

MINUTES

Regular Session of City Council City of Wells

The Wells City Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:30 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, 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 October 11, 2011 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Schuster making a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Gaines opened the hearing scheduled and posted for the issue of street assessments collectible for the 2011 Street Improvement Project. Russell Bathke discussed concerns he had with the project. Mayor Gaines closed the hearing after no further public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on September 26, 2011 were reviewed with Councilmember Burns 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 \$216,060.04. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Discussion held on weed control in the parks, internet ordinance renewal, a road barrier for school traffic on Third Street SW, and additional postage due to the state shutdown. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

The monthly financial statements including revenue & expenditures, balances & receipts, liquor store comparison, building permit quarterly, employee overtime & comp-time, and the pool report were reviewed with a motion by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Seedorf to approve the statements as presented. Discussion held on the

Municipal Liquor Store. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the minutes for a Parks Board meeting held on September 8, 2011. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Northland Securities representative Monte Eastvold discussed a proposal to issue a bond at a lower interest rate to pay off GO Improvement Bond 2004-A and GO Improvement Bond 2006-A for an approximate savings of \$60,000.00. Mayor Gaines asked for a motion on RESOLUTION 2011-25: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL ON THE NEGOTIATED SALE OF \$865,000 GERNARL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2011B, PLEDGING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF. Councilmember Burns made a motion to adopt the resolution with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee and Gaines voting yea. Councilmember Schuster and Councilmember Seedorf abstained. Motion carried. Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to enter into an agreement with Northland Securities for the sale of the bond. Councilmember Durfee made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee and Gaines voting yea. Councilmember Schuster and Councilmember Seedorf abstained. Motion carried.

Russell Bathke asked why the lights at the softball field were recently left on when no one was using the field.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to adopted RESOLUTION 2011-24: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Councilmember Burns abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion concerning the request for final payment on the 2011 Street Improvement Project. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to table the issue until Bolton & Menk had an opportunity to discuss multiple concerns with the contractors. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Discussion held with Bolton & Menk representative Wes Brown. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Councilmember Burns abstained. Motion carried.

CITY REPORTS:

<i>Administrator Germann:</i>	Nothing
<i>Mayor Gaines:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Burns:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Durfee:</i>	Discussed issues with barking dogs with Chief Ratelle.

Councilmember Schuster:

Discussed lights at the softball field with Chief Ratelle.

Councilmember Seedorf:

Nothing

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of performance review as deemed permissible by Minnesota Statute §13D.05 MEETINGS HAVING DATA CLASSIFIED AS NOT PUBLIC. Councilmember Durfee made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried. City Attorney Frundt, Administrator Germann, Chief Ratelle, Police Officer Alex Thostenson and legal representative from Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) remained present for the closed session.

(CLOSED SESSION)

(COUNCLMEMBER SEEDORF EXCUSED HERSELF FROM THE MEETING)

(CLOSED SESSION)

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to reopen the council meeting. Councilmember Burns made a motion to go into open session as required under Minnesota Statute §13D. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee and Schuster voting yea. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for Tuesday, October 24, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers. Councilmember Durfee made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilmember Burns. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Ron Gaines

Administrator Jeremy Germann