



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, October 24, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. until 5:30 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, 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 24, 2011 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Durfee making a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

The list of bills was reviewed with Councilmember Schuster making a motion to pay the bills totaling \$80,188.54. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Discussion held on a \$850.00 bill from Abdo, Eick & Meyers, LLP and a \$849.99 bill from Streicher's Police Equipment. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Chief Ratelle gave a status update for the Wells Police Department. Discussion held on hiring additional part-time officers and adjusting the rate-of-pay for part-time officers.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to adopted RESOLUTION 2011-26:
AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT MAINTENANCE AND
OPERATION. Councilmember Durfee 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 adopt RESOLUTION 2011-27: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN FOR THE WELLS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (68Y) AND SUBMITTING THE DOCUMENT FOR FORMAL REVIEW BY MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF AERONAUTICS. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve applications for temporary gambling permits submitted by Freeborn American Legion Post 552 and Wells Senior Nutrition. Councilmember Durfee made a motion to approve two permits with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Roll call taken with Burns, Gaines, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

City council discussed a grain bin located on Broadway which is owned by Frank Brothers Freed & Grain, Inc.

CITY REPORTS:

<i>Administrator Germann:</i>	Discussed a resident request to pay a portion of tree removal. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to deny the request with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.
<i>Mayor Gaines:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Burns:</i>	Discussed downtown benches.
<i>Councilmember Durfee:</i>	Discussed the final outcome of the 2011 Street Improvement Project.
<i>Councilmember Schuster:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Seedorf:</i>	Discussed the Wells Recycling Center.

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 Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried. Administrator Germann and Chief Ratelle remained present for the closed session.

(CLOSED SESSION)

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

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve AGREEMENT FOR DISCIPLINE AND REMEDIAL ACTIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA AND POLICE OFFICER ALEX C. THOSTENSON. Councilmember Durfee made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Seedorf and Schuster voting yea. Motion carried.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for Monday, November 14, 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 Germann