



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, November 14, 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, 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 November 14, 2011 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Durfee making a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Burns 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 Wells Municipal Liquor Store as required under §340A.602. Bob Schultz discussed concerns he had with the liquor store. Tracy Bohm discussed concerns she had with the hearing. Mayor Gaines closed the hearing after no further public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on October 24, 2011 were reviewed with Councilmember Seedorf 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 Durfee making a motion to pay the bills totaling \$244,094.86. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Discussion held on buying products locally and splitting the installation cost of a road barricade with United South Central School District. 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, and employee overtime & comp-time report were reviewed with a motion by Councilmember Seedorf and seconded by Councilmember Durfee 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 Fire Department meetings held on September 14, 2011 and September 27, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Prairie Land Compost Plant representative Mark Bauman proposed changes to services at the facility which will affect both Faribault County and Martin County. Discussion held.

Chief Ratelle asked city council to authorize the Police Department to hire Scott Dilorenzo as a part-time officer on the condition he passes all required background checks and with a six-month probationary period. Councilmember Durfee made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to authorize payment of the final pay estimate for the 2011 Street Improvement Project. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held on the two-year construction warranty and status of the contractor's bond. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion concerning Police Department request for wage increases for part-time police officers. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to set the rate of pay for part-time police officers to \$15.25 per hour starting January 1, 2012 with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

City council reviewed information concerning the finances of the Wells Municipal Liquor Store. Discussion held.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion concerning a request by auditing firm Abdo, Eick & Meyers to provide Wells with a five-year financial plan at a fee of \$6,000.00. Councilmember Durfee made the motion to table the request 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 concerning a request by Administrator Germann to solicit estimates to demolish a grain bin on Broadway which has been declared a public hazard by city council and the owner has taken no action. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to solicit estimates with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Discussion held on potential costs. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

CITY REPORTS:

<i>Administrator Germann:</i>	Discussed the Recycling Center would be closed on Christmas Eve due to the holiday.
<i>Mayor Gaines:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Burns:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Durfee:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Schuster:</i>	Set November 21, 2011 for a meeting of an ad hoc committee to discuss the issue of community development director position.
<i>Councilmember Seedorf:</i>	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 Schuster made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

(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 Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Seedorf and Schuster voting yea. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for Monday, November 28, 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