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# COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

## MINUTES

### Regular Session of City Council City of Wells

The Wells City Council convened in regular session on Monday, November 28, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. until 5:15 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: 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 28, 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.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on November 14, 2011 were reviewed with Councilmember Schuster making a motion to accept the minutes with one correction. The minutes should read "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 Seedorf 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 \$72,001.47. 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 to approve minutes for Fire Department meetings held on October 11, 2011 and October 25, 2011; and for a Library Board meeting held on October 19, 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.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve a request from the Library Board to purchase two Desktop Veriton X275-UD5800Ws and two 19-inch wide screen monitors for a total of \$1,050.00. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from

Councilmember Burns. Discussion held on the Library Board technology replacement plan. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve requests for 2012 cigarette licenses from Casey's General Store (two locations), Wells Marketplace Foods, and the Wells Municipal Liquor Store. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, 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 maintaining the new system at the Wells Recycling Center for 2012; supplying city council with updated numbers for short-term & long-term recycling commitments; scheduling department head reviews with city council for January 23, 2012; changes in local property taxes due to the elimination of the state homestead credit.
<i>Mayor Gaines:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Burns:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Durfee:</i>	Nothing
<i>Councilmember Schuster:</i>	Discussed a recent ad hoc meeting to discuss community development director position.
<i>Councilmember Seedorf:</i>	Nothing

### **ANNOUCEMENTS:**

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for Monday, December 12, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers. A public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the 2012 Budget & Local Levy. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Ron Gaines

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Administrator Jeremy Germann