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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, February 28, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 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 Clerk Deb Redman and City Administrator Jeremy Germann. Mayor Gaines led the group in the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

#### **AGENDA:**

The agenda for the February 28, 2011 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Schuster making a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of guest Jeffrey Zabel listed under Public Comment. Councilmember Durfee 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 February 14, 2011 were reviewed with Councilmember Durfee making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

The bill list was reviewed in the amount of \$82,159.93 with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Discussion held on a \$1,500.00 bill from South Central Drug Investigation. 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 Durfee making a motion to accept the reports as presented. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Chief Ratelle gave a status report for the Police Department.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mike Beckman, of MJ Laser, discussed the City of Wells website.

Milt Peterson discussed the Wells Municipal Airport.

Jeff Zabel discussed the possibility of building a hangar at the Wells Municipal Airport.

Anthony Mossier discussed the Wells Municipal Airport.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to remove Amy Wachlin from probation for the position of Part-Time Motor Vehicle Staff as outlined in the personnel policy. 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 concerning the Part-Time Motor Vehicle Staff rate of pay after being removed from probation. Councilmember Durfee made a motion to raise the rate of pay \$0.13 per hour. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the updated South Central Drug Investigation Unit Joint Powers Agreement. Councilmember Burns made a motion to enter into the agreement 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 publishing abbreviated 2011 council meeting minutes in the Wells Mirror for a flat rate of \$35.00 per meeting. Councilmember Schuster 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 enter into a renegotiated boiler maintenance agreement with Honeywell reducing the cost of the annual contract from \$19,289.00 to \$9,998.00 for 2011. 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.

**EMPLOYEES:**

*Administrator Germann:* Nothing

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Mayor Gaines:* Nothing

*Councilmember Burns:* Discussed getting results from United Board Meeting.

*Councilmember Durfee:* Nothing

*Councilmember Schuster:* Nothing

*Councilmember Seedorf:* Nothing

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for March 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center. Councilmember Durfee made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Ron Gaines

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Administrator Jeremy R. Germann