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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, March 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: Street Supervisor Janie Whim, 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 March 14, 2011 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Schuster 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 28, 2011 were reviewed with Councilmember Durfee making a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilmember Seedorf 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 \$138,657.63 with Councilmember Burns making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Discussion held on a \$135.00 bill from Deanna Yokiel and a \$175.00 bill from Wells Federal Bank. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented which were submitted by the Flame Theatre Board meeting held on December 15, 2010; Library Board meeting held on January 19, 2011; Fire Department for meetings held on February 8 & 22, 2011. 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 to accept the minutes submitted by the Street & Sewer Committee for a meeting held on March 10, 2011 as presented. Councilmember Burns the motion with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Faribault County Commissioner Bill Groskreutz, Jr. discussed city options for the Second Street Improvement Project tentatively scheduled by the county for 2012 and cooperating with the city to create a permanent electronic disposal site.

Alan Olson discussed the new speaker system used by city council and asked questions regarding rates with Tri-City Sewer.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to determine if city council would prefer to proceed with awarding the mowing bids per individual parcel or as one project. Councilmember Durfee made a motion to award the projects on an individual parcel basis 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 to award two acres located near Casey's General Store and Food N' Fuel to Rebbly's Handyman for \$400.00 in 2011, \$412.00 in 2012 and a mutual option for \$424.36 in 2013. Councilmember Durfee made the motion 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 to award 26 acres located at the Wells Municipal Airport to Schrader Enterprises for \$5,995.00 in 2011, \$6,295.00 in 2012 and a mutual option for \$6,605.00 in 2013. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to award four acres located near the wastewater lift station on Minnesota State Highway 109 to Wells Lawn & Sport for \$1,572.00 in 2011, \$1,730.00 in 2012, and a mutual option for \$1,640.00 in 2013. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Discussion held with a representative from Wells Lawn & Sport. Roll call taken with Burns and Seedorf voting yea. Gaines, Durfee and Schuster voted nea. Motion failed.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to award four acres located near the wastewater lift station on Minnesota State Highway 109 to Schrader Enterprises for \$1,595.00 in 2011, \$1,645.00 in 2012 and a mutual option for \$1,695.00 in 2013. Councilmember Burns made the motion. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to award 30 acres located at Half-Moon Park to Schrader Enterprises for \$7,995.00 in 2011, \$8,395.00 in 2012, and a mutual option for \$8,815.00 in 2013. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to award 45 acres located at Thompson Park and the Wells Municipal Golf Course to Customized Landscape for \$17,550.00 in 2011,

\$17,550.00 in 2012, and a mutual option for \$17,550.00 in 2013. Councilmember Schuster made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Discussion held with representatives from Customized Landscape and Wells Lawn & Sport. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to have four acres located near the wastewater lift station on Minnesota State Highway 109 to be mowed by the Wells Street Department. Councilmember Durfee made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns voting yea. Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voted nea. Motion failed.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to table the issue of awarding the final four acres located on Minnesota State Highway 109. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2011-10: A RESOLUTION RECEIVING REPORT AND CALLING HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT. Councilmember Burns made the motion with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Discussion held. Councilmember Burns made a motion to amend the motion on the table by retracting it. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2011-10: A RESOLUTION RECEIVING REPORT AND CALLING HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT. Councilmember Durfee made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Burns abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion for the City of Wells to accept real property from the County of Faribault legally described as parcel No. 30.238.1731 North 233.50 feet of Lot Thirteen (13) in Block Nine (9) of Butternut Farm Addition to the Village of Wells, Faribault County, Minnesota. Councilmember Burns 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 for the City of Wells to transfer real property to the Wells Housing & Redevelopment Authority legally described as parcel No. 30.238.1731 North 233.50 feet of Lot Thirteen (13) in Block Nine (9) of Butternut Farm Addition to the Village of Wells, Faribault County, Minnesota. Councilmember Durfee made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to authorize a request from the Wells United Methodist Church to host the third annual Jammin' Jamaican Run fundraiser on the morning of July 16, 2011 and block the necessary streets. 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 to approve a Off-Sale Liquor License for Casey's General Store at a second location of 31 Second Avenue NW from April 1, 2011 until March 31, 2012; and a License to Sell Cigarettes at the same location from April 1, 2011 until December 31, 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.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve licensing pets inside city limits for two-years at a time beginning January 1, 2012. Councilmember Durfee made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

City council reviewed an estimate from Electric Service Co to retrofit lamp fixtures at the Wells Fire Hall. City council took no action.

City council reviewed a letter from Loren Lein requesting support for a moratorium on any drainage into the Blue Earth River. City council took no action.

#### **EMPLOYEES:**

*Administrator Germann:* Nothing

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Mayor Gaines:* Nothing

*Councilmember Burns:* Discussed his appreciation of having the United Board Meeting results readily available in council packet.

*Councilmember Durfee:* Discussed the success of the annual Wells rifle show and discussed the positive economic impact it had. Councilmember Durfee handed out information on hangar rates from surrounding airports.

*Councilmember Schuster:* Stated good comments she had received concerning council's decision to publish council minutes. Councilmember Schuster asked if the Street & Sewer Committee could meet to discuss the Second Street Improvement Project.

*Councilmember Seedorf:* Nothing

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve a verbal request from the Wells Car Club to hold its annual car show on Broadway during Kernel Days, as it has done in the past. Councilmember Durfee made the motion with a second from Councilmember Burns. Roll call taken with Burns, Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for April 11, 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