



The Wells City Council convened on Monday, May 20, 2014 at 4:00 pm at Wells City Hall.

Mayor Ron Gaines called the meeting to order with the following councilmembers present: John Herman, Gary Robbins, Ann Marie Schuster and Ashley Seedorf. Councilmembers absent: None. Also present: City Administrator Robin Leslie, City Engineer Travis Winter and Street Foreman Mike Pyzick.

### **AGENDA**

The agenda for the May 20, 2014 meeting was reviewed. Motion by Robbins and second by Herman to approve the agenda with the addition of three items. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Assistant Street Foreman Appointment**

Motion by Seedorf and second by Robbins to appoint Richard “Bucky” Brandenburg to the Assistant Street Foreman position based on the recommendation of the Public Works Committee with a pay increase of \$.50/hour and subject to a six month probationary period. Motion carried.

#### **Vacant/Boarded Property**

Ms. Leslie stated she was in the process of assessing all vacant properties to ascertain which needed to be secured and which needed to be sent orders. Specifically, she mentioned the Murphy property at 501 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW.

#### **Singleteary Food Solutions/MN Department of Revenue Waiver Request**

Ms. Leslie stated the City received notification from the Minnesota Department of Revenue that Singleteary Food Solutions was requesting a waiver from paying 2012 and 2013 property taxes since it was not in compliance with the JOBZ program. Motion by Schuster and second by Herman to oppose the waiver request. Motion carried.

#### **2014 Bevcomm Inc. PC/LAN Services Agreement**

Motion by Seedorf and second by Schuster to approve the 2014 Bevcomm Inc. PC/LAN Services Agreement. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution 2014-08 Accepting & Awarding Bids For 2014 Street Projects**

Jeff Carlson and Jill Thomas presented information to the Council regarding the advantages of going with the asphalt alternative for 11<sup>th</sup> St SW and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. The Council discussed the concrete and asphalt options. Due to the fact that Thorstad Companies was an unproven contractor and the City only received two bids, the Council stated they really wanted to go with concrete but could not. Motion by Herman and second by Robbins to approve Resolution 2014-08 Accepting & Awarding Bids for 2014 Street Projects to Ulland Brothers, Inc in the amount of \$1,175,764.01. Motion carried 3-1 (Seedorf voted no).

## **COUNCIL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Gaines - none

Councilmember Herman - none

Councilmember Robbins - none

Councilmember Schuster - none

Councilmember Seedorf - none

Mayor Gaines reminded the Council that the next meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 5:00 pm at the Wells Community Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Robbins and second by Herman to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm.

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Mayor Ronald Gaines

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City Administrator Robin Leslie