



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 22, 2014, 5:00 pm
Wells Community Center

The Wells City Council convened on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 5:00 pm in the Wells Community Center Council Chamber.

Mayor Ron Gaines called the meeting to order with the following councilmembers present: John Herman, Ann Marie Schuster and Ashley Seedorf. Councilmembers absent: Gary Robbins. Also present: City Administrator Robin Leslie, Deputy City Clerk Megan Boeck, Street Foreman/Fire Chief Mike Pyzick and Chief of Police Jim Ratelle. Mayor Gaines led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

AGENDA

The agenda for the September 22, 2014 meeting was reviewed. Motion by Schuster and second by Hermanto approve the agenda as presented with the addition of City Administrator. Motion carried.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on September 8, 2014 were reviewed. Motion by Seedorf and second by Herman to approve as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brenda Weber was present and stated she feels adding two more feet of setbacks in the alley is excessive. Weber stated she feels instead of taking two more feet from property owners the City should just have people move the stuff that encroaches on the alley right-of-way.

CONSENT ITEMS

Payments

Motion by Seedorf and second by Schuster to approve payments in the amount of \$546,580.63. Motion carried.

Financial Statements

Motion by Schuster and second by Herman to approve the financial statements as listed on pages 6-7 of the council packet. Motion carried.

Pool/Building Permits/Overtime/Comp Time Reports

Motion by Herman and second by Schuster to approve all reports as listed on pages 8-11 of the council packet. Motion carried.

Board/Committee Reports

Motion by Herman and second by Schuster to accept the Wells Area Ambulance Service Board of Directors meeting minutes. Motion carried.

City Administrator

Ms. Leslie stated she has copies of the Well Head Protection Plan in her office for review. Included is an organized work plan. Ms. Leslie also stated she would like to begin working on a policy that addresses living in dwellings without proper running water and sewer as well as electric utilities.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-12 Declaring Costs for 2014 Street Improvements

Motion by Schuster and second by Herman to approve Resolution 2014-12 Declaring Costs for 2014 Street Improvements in the amount of \$1,355,764.01. Motion carried.

Resolution 2014-13 Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Assessment for 2014 Street Improvements

Motion by Seedorf and second by Herman to approve Resolution 2014-13 Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Assessment for 2014 Street Improvements. Motion carried.

Resolution 2014-14 Enrolling Part Time Officers in the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota

Motion by Herman and second by Schuster to approve Resolution 2014-14 Enrolling All Current and Future Part Time Officers in the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota. Motion carried.

Resolution 2014-15 Adopt Preliminary Tax Levy

Ms. Leslie presented the Council with a proposal preliminary levy of \$960,000 which was a 24% increase over last year. Ms. Leslie stated the debt service makes up a large percentage of the levy increase due to new street projects and the city not retiring any debt. The increase in the capital equipment fund is due to several city buildings needing roof repairs.

Schuster suggest a 7% increase to the general fund instead of 10% plus \$60,000 for the Safe Routes to School Grant match.

Leslie stated she can try to work with those numbers and try to get it closer to 5% for the final budget.

Motion by Herman and second by Schuster to approve the Resolution 2014-15 Adopting the Preliminary 2014 Tax Levy Collectible in 2015. Amounts are as follows:

General Revenue	\$530,000
Library	\$70,000
Debt Service	\$230,000
<u>Capital Equipment</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>
Total	\$910,000

The above sums of money constitute a preliminary increase of 17.75 percent. Motion carried.

Wells Area Chamber of Commerce Gambling License- Vegas Night, November 1st

Motion by Herman and second by Schuster to approve the gambling license for the Wells Area Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried.

Dangerous Dog Declaration

Motion by Herman and second by Seedorf to declare “Kale” owner by Matthew Boyes , a dangerous dog due to a recent incident where the dog had been running at large and cornered a neighboring property owner and its previous potentially dangerous declaration in 2013. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Recycling Program

Ms. Leslie stated there was about 50% return on the commercial recycling survey sent, however; there were no obvious results.

Billee Rabbe was present and stated the county has agreed to pay \$1,000 a month to keep the recycling site open and manned.

Schuster asked if the commercial business were going to be allowed to opt out.

Leslie stated under the county's proposal it's an all or nothing deal. All commercial businesses would be charged \$10.00 a month.

Seedorf stated her thought is that if the recycling site is kept open for businesses and townships it should just be kept open and continue to run as it has been.

Herman stated he thinks curbside recycling will work as long as there is a tiered system implemented for the commercial businesses.

Motion by Herman and second by Schuster to implement the curb side recycling system and negotiate with Faribault County on a tiered system for commercial businesses and permit townships to use drop site as proposed by Faribault County. Motion carried 2-1 (Seedorf voting against).

COUNCIL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Gaines- none

Councilmember Herman- none

Councilmember Robbins- none

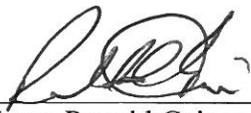
Councilmember Schuster- Schuster asked for a street project update noting it is still behind its completion date.

Councilmember Seedorf- none

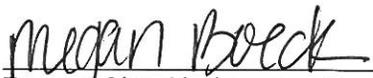
Mayor Gaines reminded the Council that the next meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 5:00 pm at the Wells Community Center Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Seedorf and second by Herman to adjourn the meeting at 7:14. Motion carried.



Mayor Ronald Gaines



Deputy City Clerk Megan Boeck