



**City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 10, 2014, 4:00 pm
Wells Community Center**

The Wells City Council convened on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 4:00 pm in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Ron Gaines called the meeting to order with the following councilmembers present: John Herman, Ann Marie Schuster, Ashley Seedorf and David Braun. Also present: City Administrator Robin Leslie, City Attorney David Frundt and Deputy City Clerk Megan Boeck.

AGENDA

The agenda for the November 10, 2014 meeting was reviewed. Motion by Herman and second by Schuster to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Schuster and second by Herman to go into closed session. Motion carried.

CLOSED WORKSESSION (MN Stat 179 A.01-.25 Labor Negotiations)

Motion by Herman and second by Seedorf to go back into open session. Motion carried. The Council discussed union contracts. No action taken.

Motion by Schuster and second by Herman to go into closed session to discuss employee misconduct allegations. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION (MN Stat 13D.05 Subd. 1(d) 2(b) Employee Misconduct Allegations)

Motion by Herman and second by Schuster to go back into open session. Motion carried. City Attorney David Frundt stated he gave an update to the Council on the progress of the ongoing investigation and that no action was taken. Frundt stated a decision will most likely be made at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dangerous Dog Declaration Appeal, Gina Carillo (aka Cervantes)

Ms. Leslie informed Council that this particular dog “Lady” bit a passerby on the sidewalk, was then impounded and then bit the vet. Denying this appeal would require the homeowner to comply with the statutory requirements for dangerous dogs.

Motion by Herman and second by Seedorf to deny dangerous dog appeal. Motion carried.

Municipal Elections Canvass Board

Motion by Schuster and second by Seedorf to declare 2014 election results as listen on page 1 one of the council packet. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes

Motion by Seedorf and second by Herman to approve October 22, 2014 special meeting and October 27, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Payments

Motion by Herman and second by Schuster to approve payments in the amount of \$409,258.06. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Street Foreman Pyzick stated they have been busy getting snow equipment ready and are working with Wells Public Utilities on a few different water valve replacements.

City Administrator Leslie updated the council on the current work list.

Board Reports/Minutes

Motion by Herman and second by Schuster to approve Library Board meeting minutes from September and October 2014. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Resignation, Gary Robbins- Motion by Herman and second by Schuster to accept the resignation from Councilmember Robbins. Motion carried.

Council Appointment & Oath of Office- Dave Braun- Mayor Gaines stated after a close election, the Council was unanimous on appointing David Braun to fill the remainder of Gary Robbins' term. Motion by Herman and second by Seedorf to appoint David Braun to the remaining two years of Gary Robbins' term. Motion carried.

Report of Special Assessments- Motion by Schuster and second by Herman to approve Report of Special Assessments as listed on pages 19-21 of the council packet. Motion carried.

Partial Pay Estimate #4 (Ulland Brothers) 2014 Street Improvement Projects- Motion by Schuster and second by Herman to approve Partial Pay Estimate # 4 in the amount of \$66,707.61. Motion carried.

2014 Pay Equity Report- Motion by Seedorf and second by Braun to approve 2014 Pay Equity Report as required by the State of Minnesota. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Gaines- none.

Herman- none.

Schuster- On behalf of the post prom committee, Schuster thanked the Wells Police and Street Departments for their help with the color run and stated it went well.

Seedorf- Seedorf asked for an update on the Singletary site. Ms. Leslie stated it is still available through private auction with a minimum bid of 3.5 million dollars.

Braun- none.

Mayor Gaines reminded Council that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Herman and second by Schuster to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Mayor Ronald Gaines

Deputy City Clerk Megan Boeck