



The Wells City Council convened on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Gaines called the meeting to order with the following councilmembers present: David Braun, Steve Burns, John Herman and Whitney Harig. Also present: City Administrator Robin Leslie, Deputy City Clerk Megan Boeck, City Engineer Travis Winter, and Chief of Police Tim Brenegan.

AGENDA

The agenda for the October 26, 2015 meeting was reviewed. Motion by Harig and second by Braun to approve as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Herman and second by Harig to approve the consent agenda as listed on pages 1-8 of the Council packet. Motion carried.

Minutes, October 12, 2015 & October 19, 2015

Board Reports

-Wells Community Ambulance, Sept 2015

Seasonal Snow Removal Appointments – Brad Heggen, Paul Herman and Rick Herman

Authorize Repair to WFD #1 Pumper

BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-22 Selecting Responsible Bidder for Contracted Services and Making a Recommendation to the Faribault County Commission to Award Selected Bid & to Enter into Contract with Selected Contractor for the 2014-2016 Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Sidewalk Improvement Project- Leslie updated the Council on her recent conversation with MNDOT regarding the federal match dollars. She stated that because the bids were higher than the estimated project cost and because there isn't a guarantee that additional funding will be available, she wants to make sure the Council understands that there is going to be a significant increase in costs to the City. She said the best case was a match of approximately \$140,000, of which \$92,000 was already approved and the worst case would be approximately \$260,000 if no additional grant funds were secured. She also said she needed a motion tonight that MNDOT could be directed to request additional funds. Without the approval of this resolution, the City cannot move forward. In addition, she stated the resolution could be rescinded if additional grant funds were not secured.

Burns stated that the SRTS project is an important addition to the overall sidewalk and trail plan.

Motion by Burns and second by Harig to approve Resolution 2015-22. Motion carried.

Award Airport Snow Removal Contract- Motion by Harig and second by Herman to award the airport snow removal contract to Land Preparation LLC at \$75 per hour for the 2015-2016 winter season. Motion carried.

HRA Requests for Old School Site - Re-establish 3rd Ave SW- Motion by Braun and second by Herman to approve request from the HRA for the City to negotiate a new easement for 3rd Ave SW including all 80x401 feet of ROW and to maintain residential zoning. Motion carried.

Budget Discussion- Leslie reiterated that the potential full-time street laborer position will not affect the general fund because an enterprise fund was created for the Flame Theatre and their general funds will be reallocated. Leslie also stated that she continues to work on the capital improvement numbers as well as accounting for miscellaneous expenditures. She stated the Council will get an opportunity to review the line item budget at a future Council meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Gaines- None.

Braun- stated that a reminder is needed about placing recycling/garbage contained in the street.

Burns- asked for an update on the junk ordinance.

Herman- None.

Harig- stated that she appreciates the curbside recycling program and that it is great to see so many community members utilizing it. She also stated that she would be writing an article for the paper to get people interested in serving on City Boards.

Chief Brenegan stated that a few property owners removed their vehicles or brought them into compliance on their own accord but that about three or four vehicles had to be towed by the City.

CLOSED SESSION- PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

Motion by Harig and second by Braun to go into closed session to discuss the purchase of real property as deemed permissible by Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subds 1(d), 3(a). Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Braun and second by Harig to go back into open session. Motion carried. No action was taken on item during closed session.

Motion by Harig and second by Herman to submit a proposal for property at the old USC School site. Motion carried.

RECAPITULATION OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REVIEW

Motion by Harig and second by Burns to go into closed session to discuss recapitulation of City Administrator's Review as deemed permissible by Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subds 1(d), 3(a). Motion carried.

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Motion by Braun and second by Harig to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Mayor Ronald Gaines

Deputy City Clerk Megan Boeck