



**City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2016, 5:00 pm
Wells Community Center**

The Wells City Council convened on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chamber.

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

AGENDA

The agenda for the January 25, 2016 meeting was reviewed. Motion by Herman and second by Braun to approve with the addition of Resolution 2016-02 Approving Support of Increasing LGA in the 2016 Legislative Session and 2016-04 Resolution Approving MN Lawful Gambling and Lease and Liquor License for Wells VFW. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Herman and second by Braun to approve the consent agenda as listed on pages 1-23 of the Council packet. Motion carried.

Minutes, January 11, 2016

Board Minutes

- Wells Flame Theatre Board, Nov 2015
- Wells Community Ambulance, Dec 2015
- Wells Library Board, Dec 2015
- Wells HRA, Dec 2015
- Wells EDA, Dec 2015
- Wells Historical Society, January 2016

Probationary Employees-Remove from Probation- Megan Kruegar

Seasonal Street Laborer Appointment – Chad Klocek

2015 Fire Department Report/2016 Officers & Roster

2016 City Council & Board Meeting Revised Schedule

Board Resignations

- EDA- Kim Sorenson
- HRA-Zoa Heckman

2015 All Pets Impound Record

BUSINESS

Wells Pistol & Rifle Club Update and Parking Request- Donn Browne from the Wells Pistol & Rifle Club was present and updated the Council on the construction project. Browne stated that they are hoping to have trees planted and concrete work finished by June. Browne also requested temporary parking on one side of 11th Ave SW and 6th Ave SW for the Gun Show, which is set to take place March 12th and 13th.

Motion by Herman and second by Braun to approve temporary one-sided parking on 11th Ave SE and 6th Ave SW (same as 2015) on March 12th and 13th. Motion carried.

2016 FCDC Contract for Services-

Motion by Braun and second by Herman to approve a one year contract with FCDC in the amount of \$25,000. Motion carried.

EDA Enabling Resolution Amendment/Public Hearing Discussion- Herman stated that the EDA had a discussion at their last meeting about operating with five members instead of seven and that the consensus was that a five member Board would be more productive.

Motion by Herman and second by Braun to rescind the motion to hold a public hearing to change the enabling. Motion carried.

Seasonal Street Laborer Nighttime Wage Discussion- Leslie stated that she would like to increase the wage for the Nighttime Seasonal Street Laborer in order to make the position more marketable and attractive for those who have full-time day jobs. Leslie also stated that the wage could be posted as a range and be determined by experience.

Motion by Herman and second by Braun to increase the Nighttime Season Street Laborer position wage range from \$12.00-\$18.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Review if 2015 Goals/2016 Goals- No action taken. Leslie stated that this item should be discussed with the full Council.

Resolution 2016-02 Approving Support of Increasing LGA in the 2016 Legislative Session- Leslie stated that the purpose of this resolution is to encourage the legislature to increase LGA appropriations to help with unfunded mandates and increased costs to the City.

Motion by Braun and second by Herman to approve Resolution 2016-02. Motion carried.

Resolution 2016-04 Approving Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premises Permit and Lease and Liquor License for Wells VFW Post 1778- Boeck stated that the VFW underwent a construction project and due to the need for extensive repairs and lack of funding to complete the project, they are unable to reopen at their 25 South Broadway location. Boeck also stated that the VFW has reached a lease agreement with Ben Musser (Wildcats) for 34 1st Street SE, which is set to commence on February 1, 2016. In addition, Boeck stated that in order for the VFW to relocate their Club license they would need approval of the following:

- 1) Application for Club On Sale Retail Liquor License
- 2) MN Lawful Gambling Premises Permit Application (LG214) and Lease (LG215)
- 3) Resolution 2016-04
- 4) Rescinding current liquor licenses for "Wildcats 2".

Motion by Herman and second by Braun to approve the above requests effective February 1, 2016. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION WITH WELLS HRA- PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

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

CLOSED SESSION

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Braun- none.

Harig- none.

Herman- questioned if the recycling center was still open for commercial users.

Leslie stated that commercial users will be allowed to use the drop site until January 30th but after that each business has to make their own arrangement with a hauler.

Gaines- stated that he has heard from residents that the North recycling gate has been locked in the mornings.

Leslie stated a few times the North gate was forgotten but other gates were open.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Braun and second by Harig to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Mayor Ronald Gaines

Deputy City Clerk Megan Boeck