



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

MINUTES

Regular Session of City Council City of Wells

The Wells City Council convened in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers. Mayor Ron Gaines called the meeting to order with the following council members present: Councilmember John Herman, Councilmember Gary Robbins, and Councilmember Ann Marie Schuster, and Councilmember Ashley Seedorf. Employees present: City Administrator Stephen Bloom, Deputy City Clerk Deb Redman, City Engineer Travis Winter, and City Attorney David Frundt. Mayor Gaines led the group in the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

AGENDA:

The agenda for the February 25, 2013 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Schuster making a motion to approve the agenda with 1 addition, which was to add St. Casimir School Gambling Permit to New Business. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on February 11, 2013 were reviewed with Councilmember Herman making a motion to accept the minutes as written. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

PAYMENTS:

The lists of bills for February 2013 were reviewed with Councilmember Robbins making a motion to pay the bills totaling \$99,774.40. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

The financial statements of revenues & expenditures and balances & receipts and the financial reports of the monthly building permits and employee overtime & comp-time were reviewed with Councilmember Herman making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Discussion held on Theatre rebate. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

COMMISSION, BOARD & COMMITTEE:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the Library Board minutes from their January 16, 2013 meeting. Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the Park Board minutes of February 7, 2013. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.** Councilmember Robbins made a motion to approve repairing the pool drains (gutter grates) that are in need at a cost of \$700 at Mankato Industrial Coating. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.** Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to approve increasing the pool staff wages for the 2013 season as presented; Manager - \$10 per hr, Assistant Manager - \$9 per hr, WSI Instructors - \$8 per hr, and lifeguards - \$7.25 per hr. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the Chief of Police request to purchase more radios. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to approve Chief Ratelle's request to purchase 3 portable radios and 1 mobile radio at a cost of \$11,257.86 from the Police Equipment Reserve Fund. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the Street Department request to purchase a wire feed welder. Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve purchasing a Lincoln #216 welder from Praxair. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the City Hall request. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to approve purchasing a new Server from Bevcomm for \$6,514.45 installed. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Bill Groskreutz informed Council there would be a County Animal Control Meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in Blue Earth. He suggested Wells have a representative in attendance. Chief Jim Ratelle will be attending the meeting for Wells.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the Pay Estimate Final for the 2012 Street Improvements. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to pay Ulland Brothers Inc. \$11,954.80 for the 2012 Street Improvement Project. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Discussion held with City Engineer Travis Winter. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2013-03; a Resolution Approving County Project Within Municipal Corporate Limits. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-03. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2013-04; a Resolution Approving Plans & Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-04 with a second by Councilmember Robbins. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the 3.2 Liquor License renewals. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to approve 3.2 Liquor License for Jake's Pizza and Casey's General Store. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the St. Casimir School Gambling Permit request. Councilmember Robbins made a motion to approve the gambling permit dated March 23, 2013. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION:

The New School Public Hearing Notice was in packet for upcoming information only. Councilmember Schuster informed Council about new information needed for the new school conditional use permit conditions. Deputy City Clerk Redman will email Brad Potter with the information needed for the Planning & Zoning meeting.

CITY REPORTS:

City Administrator Bloom – available grants, weekly updates

Mayor Gaines

Councilmember Herman

Councilmember Robbins – Safety Committee & City Hall Committee updates

Councilmember Schuster – city budget, intern request

Councilmember Seedorf – animal control, Safety Committee update

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for March 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers. New School Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing prior to City Council Meeting.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of Union negotiations as deemed permissible by Minnesota Statute §13D.03 MEETINGS HAVING DATA CLASSIFIED AS NOT PUBLIC. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

(CLOSED SESSION)

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to reopen the council meeting. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to go into open session as required under Minnesota Statute §13D. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.** No action was taken in closed session.

City Attorney David Frundt gave a synopsis of the unions negotiations discussion.

Councilmember Seedorf made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilmember Robbins. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Ronald Gaines

Deputy City Clerk Debra Redman