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# COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

## MINUTES

### Regular Session of City Council City of Wells

The Wells City Council convened in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:15 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, Councilmember Ann Marie Schuster, and Councilmember Ashley Seedorf. Employees present: City Administrator Stephen Bloom, Deputy City Clerk Deb Redman, and City Engineer Travis Winter. Mayor Gaines led the group in the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

Newly elected officials Ron Gaines, Mayor (2013-2014); John P. Herman, City Councilmember (2013-2014); Gary Robbins, City Councilmember (2013-2016) took their oath of office. Incumbent Ashley Seedorf, City Councilmember (2013-2016).

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Sewer Improvement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Northwest Public Hearing was conducted with one property owner (Anthony Mosser) speaking. City Engineer Travis Winter reviewed the project.

#### **AGENDA:**

The agenda for the January 14, 2013 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Seedorf making a motion to approve the agenda with one (1) addition under “New Business”. Councilmember Schuster 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 December 10, 2012 were reviewed with Councilmember Seedorf 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.**

#### **DESIGNATIONS:**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the 2013 Designations as listed. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to approve Acting Mayor, Ashley Seedorf; Official Newspaper, Wells Mirror; and Official Depositories, Paragon Bank, Peoples State Bank, & Wells Federal Bank. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

## **PAYMENTS:**

The lists of bills for December 2012 and January 2013 were reviewed with Councilmember Robbins making a motion to pay the bills totaling \$464,777.49. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

The Financial Statements consisting of Revenues/Expenditures & Balances/Receipts for November and December 2012 were reviewed with Councilmember Seedorf making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

The Financial Reports consisting of the Liquor Store comparison, monthly building permits, and employee overtime & comp-time were reviewed with Councilmember Schuster making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Discussion held on the Liquor Store comparison spreadsheet. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

## **COMMISSION, BOARD & COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the Library's recommendation to the Library Board. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to approve the appointment of Gary Hagen to the Library Board. 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 Fire Department meeting minutes. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to approve the Fire Department December 11, 2012 meeting minutes. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines brought the topic of the Deputy Registrar 2012 Report to the table. It was noted that there was a significant increase in revenue for the City through the Motor Vehicle Department.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Police Chief Ratelle informed Council he would like the following items discussed at a future Police & Fire Committee Meeting; animal control, new vehicle, and more radios.

Assistant Street Supervisor Pyzick had a written statement in packet informing Council on the projects the Street Department had been working on. Also, he was present to answer questions about snow removal.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Robert Schultz, Tri-City Sewer Board reviewed with Council the history of how the Tri-City Sewer Board came about and informed them of his retirement.

Russell Bathke inquired about Singleteary Foods and Frank Brothers Feed & Grain.

Lori Bonsack, Wells Mirror questioned Council's intent on publishing Council Meeting minutes in the paper.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Seedorf left the meeting at this time.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2013-01; a Resolution Ordering Improvement of Preparation of Plans. Discussion held. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to table this resolution until the next meeting. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster, voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2013-02; a Resolution to Authorize Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-02 as stated. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines brought the topic of the New School Construction Project Request to the table. Councilmember Robbins made a motion to have Brad Potter, I & S Group attend the next meeting concerning the school request. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Discussion held appointing Gary Robbins as the Council Liaison for the school project. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the St. Casimir Church Gambling Permit application. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to approve the gambling permit with a second by Councilmember Robbins. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.**

#### **CITY REPORTS:**

*City Administrator Bloom* – Public Works Director, Intern City Planner

*Mayor Gaines* – Region 9 Board

*Councilmember Herman*

*Councilmember Robbins*

*Councilmember Schuster* – Labor negotiations

*Councilmember Seedorf*

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for January 28, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers.

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

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Mayor Ron Gaines

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Deputy City Clerk Debra Redman