



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, January 28, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers. Acting Mayor Ashley Seedorf called the meeting to order with the following council members present: Councilmember John Herman, Councilmember Gary Robbins, and Councilmember Ann Marie Schuster. Employees present: City Administrator Stephen Bloom, Deputy City Clerk Deb Redman, City Engineer Travis Winter, and City Attorney David Frundt. Mayor Gaines was absent. Acting Mayor Seedorf led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

AGENDA:

The agenda for the January 28, 2013 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Herman making a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea.

Motion carried.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on January 14, 2013 were reviewed with Councilmember Herman making a motion to accept the minutes as written. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.**

PAYMENTS:

The lists of bills for January 2013 were reviewed with Councilmember Herman making a motion to pay the bills totaling \$244,430.62. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.**

COMMISSION, BOARD & COMMITTEE:

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

Acting Mayor Seedorf asked for a motion to approve the Library's recommendation to the Library Foundation. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to approve the appointment of Linda Penning and Dawn Erdner to the Library Foundation. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Acting Mayor Seedorf asked for a motion to approve the Library's request to hire Johnson Building Restoration to do the tuck pointing & painting project. Councilmember Robbins made a motion to approve Johnson Building Restoration for \$5,800.00. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Acting Mayor Seedorf asked for a motion to approve Police Chief Ratelle's request to attend the Police Chief's Conference in Duluth April 22 – 25, 2013. Councilmember Robbins made a motion to approve his request to attend the conference. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Acting Mayor Seedorf brought the topic of the HRA proposal to the table. HRA Commissioner David Braun was present to discuss with Council the option of the City purchasing the HRA lot at 68 1st Avenue NW. Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve the option of purchasing the lot, minus adequate space (approximately 8 feet) to be offered to the neighbor north of lot, at an agreeable purchase price. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Discussion held on the need for more parking in that area. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Acting Mayor Seedorf gave the floor to City Engineer, Travis Winter. Mr. Winter informed Council he met with the EDA and discussed the sewer improvement adding the North Industrial Park to the project. The EDA declined participating in the project.

Acting Mayor Seedorf asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2013-01; a Resolution Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-01 with the following language added; "as presented in the feasibility report dated November 20, 2012 except the scope of work shall be revised to exclude service extensions to the properties that did not respond favorably to letter dated August 17, 2012". Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Acting Mayor Seedorf brought the topic of the New School Construction Project Request to the table. Brad Potter, I & S Group was present to update Council on the progress of the new school project.

CITY REPORTS:

City Administrator Bloom – Career Day at MSU, KEYC interview

Mayor Gaines

Councilmember Herman

Councilmember Robbins – Safety Committee update

Councilmember Schuster – Travis Winter doing great job, Intern Position
Councilmember Seedorf - February 11th agenda add Library request & City
Administrator performance review

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for February 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers.

Acting Mayor Seedorf asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of Union negotiations & Public Works position as deemed permissible by Minnesota Statute §13D.03 MEETINGS HAVING DATA CLASSIFIED AS NOT PUBLIC.

Councilmember Schuster made the motion with a second from Councilmember Herman. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.**

(CLOSED SESSION)

Acting Mayor Seedorf asked for a motion to reopen the council meeting. Councilmember Schuster 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, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.** No action was taken in closed session.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to reopen the Public Works Director position and advertise in local newspapers stating “position open until filled”. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, and Schuster voting yea. **Motion carried.**

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

Acting Mayor Ashley Seedorf

Deputy City Clerk Debra Redman