



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, March 25, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 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: Deputy City Clerk Deb Redman and City Engineer Travis Winter. Mayor Gaines led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

AGENDA:

The revised agenda for the March 25, 2013 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Seedorf making a motion to approve the new agenda as printed. Councilmember Robbins 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 March 11, 2013 were reviewed with Councilmember Herman making a motion to accept the minutes as written. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

PAYMENTS:

The lists of bills for March 2013 were reviewed with Councilmember Robbins making a motion to pay the bills totaling \$68,131.39. Councilmember Herman 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. 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 Theatre Board minutes from their February 21, 2013 meeting. Councilmember Schuster 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 March 14, 2013. Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines brought the topic of the 2012 Deputy Registrar Review to the table. This was information only, no approval needed.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve hiring Brenda Harms as a part-time library clerk. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to approve hiring Brenda Harms. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gaines brought the topic of the Library lighting upgrade to the table. Councilmember Robbins informed Council Library Director Treptow will be acquiring a second bid and presenting to Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve promoting Tami Beto to Assistant Library Director. Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve promoting Tami Beto to Assistant Library Director with a pay raise to \$10.00 per hour. 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 Fire Department minutes from their February 12 and February 26, 2013 meetings. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to approve as presented with a second by Councilmember Herman. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Milt Peterson addressed the Council asking for them to research the conditional use permit obtained by Dulas' and also the weight restriction for garbage trucks during street postings season.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2013-06; a Resolution Approving the Final Plat of USC School Addition. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-06. Councilmember Robbins 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 brought the topic of the Grinder Pump System request to the table. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to table this until the next meeting so more information can be obtained. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION:

The Board of Adjustments minutes were in packet for information only. No action taken.

CITY REPORTS:

Mayor Gaines
Councilmember Herman
Councilmember Robbins – Library Board Meeting update
Councilmember Schuster – EDA, Singleteary
Councilmember Seedorf

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for April 8, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of Unions negotiations and complaint against City Administrator 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 Robbins. 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.

Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to terminate City Administrator Stephen Bloom immediately based on lack of job performance, failure to improve on performance after review of February 21, 2013, and the written complaint received Monday night. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Herman, Robbins, Schuster, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

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

Mayor Ronald Gaines

Deputy City Clerk Debra Redman