



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, October 28, 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, Councilmember Ann Marie Schuster, and Councilmember Ashley Seedorf. Employees present: City Administrator Robin Leslie, Deputy City Clerk Deb Redman and City Engineer Travis Winter. Mayor Gaines led the group in the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

AGENDA:

The agenda for the October 28, 2013 council meeting was reviewed. Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve the agenda with one change, which was to remove Resolution 2013-23; a Resolution of Support (SRTS) from the agenda. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

GUEST:

Mayor Gaines introduced John Dettloff of Elder Care of Minnesota. Mr. Dettloff gave a short presentation on the hopes of an Assisted Living Facility in Wells.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on October 15, 2013 were reviewed with Councilmember Seedorf making a motion to accept the minutes as written. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

PAYMENTS:

The list of bills for the rest of October 2013 were reviewed with Councilmember Robbins making a motion to pay the bills totaling \$130,222.49. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. Discussion held. **Motion carried.**

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Mike Pyzick updated Council on things the Street Department were working on this fall. Some of the items discussed included; the truck hoist, the airport, and fixing the street area on Broadway where the railroad tracks were removed.

Police Chief Jim Ratelle updated Council on the activities of the Police Department such as animal control, new squad, and budget for 2014.

The Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting minutes for September 19, 2013 were reviewed and approved with a motion by Herman and a second by Robbins. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

City Engineer, Travis Winter, from Bolton & Menk was present to review with Council the new program Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) which replaces the Safe Routes to School Program. This time there is an 80/20 split of the cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2013-23; Resolution of Support (SRTS) was removed from the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines brought the topic of the Impound Agreement with All Pets Clinic to the table. Discussion held. This item will be brought back to Council on November 12th.

INFORMATION:

A recap of the “storm damage” building permits from June through September.

CITY REPORTS:

City Administrator Leslie – working on administrative fine procedure, code enforcement, Frank Brothers Elevator, 2014 street improvements, snow removal notices, Airport, insurance, seasonal workers, City Attorney, budget, union negotiations, committee meetings, etc.

Mayor Gaines

Councilmember Herman

Councilmember Robbins

Councilmember Schuster

Councilmember Seedorf

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Wells Community Center Council Chambers.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of Union negotiations and personnel issues 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 Robbins. **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. **Motion carried.** No action was taken in closed session.

Mayor Gaines stated the closed session was to discuss union negotiations and personnel issues including the BCBS Insurance renewal.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to renew the Blue Cross Blue Shield Policy for 2014. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Councilmember Schuster made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilmember Robbins. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ronald Gaines

Deputy City Clerk Debra Redman