



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, September 9, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 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 Ashley Seedorf, and Councilmember Ann Marie Schuster. 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 September 9, 2013 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Schuster making a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

FARMLAND LEASES BID OPENING:

Mayor Gaines opened sealed qualifying bids submitted by Paul Kalis, Charlie Klocek, and Dan Treptow, for the option to lease city farmland in 2014 and 2015.

Mayor Gaines began the bidding for 46.6 acres of farmland located within the northeast quarter of section seven in Clark Township and the land located within the southwest corner of southeast quarter of section six of Clark Township, abutting the Wells Rifle Range and located west of the driveway to the wastewater treatment facility at \$180.00 per acre. Dan Treptow was awarded the lease with the top bid of \$235.00 per acre.

Mayor Gaines began the bidding for 24 acres of tillable farmland of the EDA located within the east half of section five in Clark Township, northeast of Highway 22 at \$180.00 per acre. Dan Treptow was awarded the lease with the top bid of \$235.00 per acre.

Mayor Gaines began the bidding for 15 acres of farmland located within the east half of section 12, township 103, range 25 and excluding those areas utilized as an airport or accessories to the airport, at \$175.00 per acre. Paul Kalis was awarded the lease with the top bid of \$175.00 per acre.

Mayor Gaines began the bidding for the five acres (with 3 acres as tillable land) of the HRA farmland located at the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section eight, township 103, range 24. Charlie Klocek was awarded the lease with the top bid of \$40.00 per acre.

Councilmember Schuster made a motion to award each farmland lease to the highest bidder with a second from Councilmember Robbins. **Motion carried.**

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on August 12, 2013 were reviewed with Councilmember Robbins making a motion to accept the minutes as written. Councilmember Herman seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

PAYMENTS:

The lists of bills for August and September 2013 were reviewed with Councilmember Robbins making a motion to pay the bills totaling \$643,432.37 for August and \$250,389.85 for September. Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Discussion held on bills for Douglas Wenker, Wells Federal Bank, Frundt & Johnson, and Valley Chemical LLC. **Motion carried.**

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve the Park Board meeting minutes of August 19, 2013, the Library Board meeting minutes of July 17, 2013, and the Swimming Pool 2013 spreadsheet. Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve the minutes/spreadsheet as presented. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

INFORMATION:

A Letters of Recognition for Officer Steve Seipp. Mayor Gaines commented it was nice to receive good comments about City Employees.

Councilmember Ashley Seedorf arrived.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to adopt the United South Central School District Traffic Study Draft. City Engineer Travis Winter reviewed the existing roadway system with the proposed improvements. Councilmember Schuster made a motion to adopt the USC School District Traffic Study as printed. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve Pay Estimate #4 to GM Contracting for the CSAH 62 Reconstruction Project. Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve payment of \$358,380.88 with a second by Councilmember Robbins. Discussion held.

Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve Pay Estimate #2 to JJD Companies for the 2nd Avenue Northwest Project. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to approve payment of \$97,024.45 with a second by Councilmember Schuster. Discussion held.

Motion carried.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2013-20; a Resolution for Hearing on Proposed Assessments. Councilmember Robbins made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-20 as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Discussion held. **Motion carried.**

CITY REPORTS:

City Administrator Leslie – street laborer position, union contracts, DEED – Singleteary, city code enforcement, recycling, Drug Task Force meeting, Airport CIP, MPCA regulations, Safety Committee, Library, committee meeting schedule, and 7 year street improvement update.

Mayor Gaines – email addresses for residents of Wells

Councilmember Herman – City Administrator doing a good job for such a short period of time.

Councilmember Robbins – administrative offenses procedure, Half Moon Park bathrooms, Thompson Park ball diamond, and Golf House.

Councilmember Schuster – City Hall Committee, HRA project

Councilmember Seedorf – sidewalks, storm water retention

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUE: (6PM)

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2013-21; a Resolution Adopting the Preliminary 2013 Tax Levy Collectible in 2014. Councilmember Seedorf made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-21 as presented. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion. Discussion held. **Motion carried.**

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for September 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers.

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

Mayor Ronald Gaines

Deputy City Clerk Debra Redman