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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, November 24, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. in the Wells City Building, Council Chambers. Mayor Dave Jacobson called the meeting to order with the following council members and employees present: Councilmember Steve Burns, Councilmember Scott Linde, and Councilmember Shannon Savick. Absent: Councilmember Ron Gaines. Employees present: City Administrator Jeremy Germann, Deputy Clerk Debra Redman and Development Director Zoa Heckman. Mayor Jacobson led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 10, 2008 were reviewed with Councilmember Savick making a motion to accept the minutes without correction. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. Motion carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed in the amount of \$56,883.72 with Councilmember Burns making a motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Savick seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the Housing & Redevelopment Authority from meetings on September 25, 2008; October 16, 2008; October 23; and the Wells Public Utilities Commission on October 14, 2008 as written. Councilmember Linde made the motion with Councilmember Savick giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission from October 14, 2008 as written. Councilmember Burns made the motion with Councilmember Savick giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. Motion carried.

Wells City Council gave the first of three readings of proposed Ordinance No. 8 by the Planning & Zoning Commission: **ORDINANCE NO. 8, SECOND SERIES – AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE BURNING OF SOLID FUELS IN EXTERNAL SOLID FUEL-FIRED HEATING DEVICES AND SOLID FUEL STORAGE.**

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from the City Hall Committee to use the evaluation form, titled Appendix 1 in the November 24, 2008 Wells

City Council packet, in the evaluation of the city administrator after completing his six-month probationary period. Councilmember Burns made the motion with Councilmember Savick giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the City Hall Committee from November 24, 2008 as written. Councilmember Linde made the motion with Councilmember Savick giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from the Police & Fire Committee to increase the cost of service calls for the Wells Fire Department. The committee recommends raising service calls from \$250 to \$750 for minor incidents and \$1,000 for major structure fires, with both prices having officers' discretion. Councilmember Linde made the motion with Councilmember Burns giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from the Police & Fire Committee to create a hiring committee to oversee the selection of a new police chief. Discussion held on who should be on the committee. Councilmember Burns made a motion to go ahead and invite an officer from the Minnesota State Patrol and an officer from the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office. Councilmember Savick gave a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the Police & Fire Committee from November 20, 2008 as written. Councilmember Burns made the motion with Councilmember Savick giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the Economic Development Authority from October 21, 2008 as written. Councilmember Linde made the motion with Councilmember Burns giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the Street & Sewer Committee from November 18, 2008 as written. Councilmember Linde made the motion with Councilmember Burns giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from the Flame Theatre Board for the termination of an employee as presented in the November 24, 2008 Wells City Council packet. Councilmember Linde made the motion with Councilmember Savick giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. **Motion carried.**

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from the Wells Library Board for the purchase of two new computers. Councilmember Burns made the

motion with Councilmember Savick giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept the Dee Yokiell's request to increase her fee to \$300 per pay period starting January 1, 2009 for her cleaning services provided to the City of Wells. Councilmember Savick made the motion with Councilmember Linde giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Jacobson asked for a motion to accept a request to close city offices on December 26, 2008 for full-time employees who elect to use a vacation day or comp time. Councilmember Savick made the motion with Councilmember Burns giving a second. Roll call taken with Burns, Linde and Savick voting yea. **Motion carried.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- *Anthony Mosser* – Discussed the pending vacancy on council in 2009.
- *Mike Weber* – Stated his opposition to Ordinance No. 8; asked about the Planning & Zoning Committee minutes from June 21, 2008; asked about personnel and oversight by administrator; asked if Economic Development Agency had received a response from Region 9.
- *Angela Hernandez* – Asked about Ninth Street and Sixth Avenue access.
- *Brenda Weber* – Talked about poor workmanship on Ninth Street and Sixth Avenue project; asked city to notify vehicle owners of street sweeping.
- *Cindy Weber* – Asked council about minutes in the Wells Mirror; requested information on the Street Department's current snow plow.
- *Milt Peterson* – Requested to be on the December 8, 2008 Wells City Council agenda; asked how the public could appeal a decision made by council.
- *Bob Waack* – Informed council about a future Faribault County Humane Society meeting.
- *Lori Bonsack* – Spoke to the audience about her decisions on what public comments to publish and her displeasure with the audience's comments.

#### **VISTORS:**

*Martin Dylla* – Asked council if they were going to make a decision about a letter he submitted in August requesting compensation for a sewer line on his property. Mayor Jacobson said when City Council voted to accept the Street & Sewer Committee minutes from November 18, 2008, council also accepted the committee's recommendation not to take action.

#### **EMPLOYEES:**

*Administrator:*

- Asked council to consider purchasing certificates of deposit with a portion of the revenue currently invested in a money market account to increase the city's return on investment. Administrator passed out potential bid rates that were submitted to the city.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Councilmember Burns* – Nothing.  
*Councilmember Linde* – Nothing.  
*Councilmember Savick* – Discussed open council seat.  
*Mayor Jacobson* – Nothing.

The next meeting was set for December 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells City Building, Council Chambers. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Dave Jacobson

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Administrator Jeremy Germann