

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, August 22, 2005 in Council Chambers at 5 pm. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by all.

The minutes from the August 8th Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

The remainder of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$128,078.30 on a motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried.

The next item on the agenda was the minutes from the Police/Fire Committee Meeting. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the meeting minutes.

Community Development Director Heckman presented a request to attend the Community Systems Grant Workshop in Mille Lacs on September 12-15th. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved her request to attend this workshop.

Miscellaneous reports were submitted to council for approval by the following departments; EDA, Ambulance Board, and Community Development Office. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the miscellaneous reports.

Six (6) Bin site rentals were submitted for council approval. They are as follows; Leo Kastenmeier, Chirpich Family Farms, Dan Hart, Gene Kauffmann, Jay Corbin, and Donald Wilder. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the bin rental fee of \$120.00 for one year to the people listed above.

The request to waive the clean-up fees at the trailer park was discussed and council decided they should have a signed purchase or developer agreement in place before any decision could be made. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved sending the interested party a letter informing them of the council's decision.

A request from Schrader Enterprises to have the mowing contract revisited was the next item on the agenda. The airport acres were reported as 20, but are closer to 30. Also the increase in fuel prices was not expected. Council decided to have this item brought back after an accurate measurement has been taken of the airport acres.

Improvements need to be made to the baseball field at Thompson Park. The estimated project cost is \$11,500. Donations to date are totaling \$9,800, which leaves a balance of \$1,700. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved making the improvements to the baseball field with the City funding the balance if no more donations are made.

Community Development Director Heckman has been working on an amendment to Ordinance #231 (Rental Housing) and an amendment to Ordinance #247 (Sump Pump). Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved the changes made to these two ordinances as written. An updated version will be on file in the Community Development Office.

City Administrator Allis provided council with the notice of Truth In Taxation dates if needed.

The City can raise their proposed levy for 2006 by 5.0776% (\$543,629) and not have to hold a Truth In Taxation Hearing. This would involve cutting the presented 2006 budget by \$21,190. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the proposed budget being cut, leaving the increase below 5.0776% to avoid a Truth In Taxation Hearing.

The Wells Fire Department received a FEMA Grant in the amount of \$75,269. The application included 15 Facemasks, 15 spare Cylinders, and 10 Face Pieces. Congratulations on receiving this grant!

Public Comment: none

Old Business: Budget will be reviewed again and finalized the first meeting in September.

City Administrator Allis reminded council members about the "Salute" in Blue Earth and they should RSVP soon. She also updated the council on the number of animal licenses city hall has issued this year to date. Ronda informed the council about the League of Minnesota Cities Conference in December. She is planning on attending and invited any council member to attend also.

Mayor Jacobson also encouraged all council members to attend the "Salute" next week. It would be very beneficial to all.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2005.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk