

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, August 8, 2005 at 5 pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Carroll, Gaines, and Linde present. Councilman Burns was absent. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and reporter Bonsack. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by all present.

The minutes of the July 25th council meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed next. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved paying the bills in the amount of \$267,070.08. The Balances/Receipts & Revenue/Expenditure Statements were also approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

Fifteen Building Permits were brought before council for approval. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved the building permits for July.

Public Works and the Police submitted Departmental Reports for this month. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved the Departmental Reports as presented.

Miscellaneous Reports consisted of the following; Community Center, Liquor Store, quarterly building permits, Library automation, employee comp-time & over-time, and Pool. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports for July.

The minutes from the Street/Sewer Committee Meeting were reviewed next. The City has received funds from FEMA to replace the siding on the shelter at Half Moon Park. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried accepted the bid of \$6650 from Bryan Schultz Construction. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the minutes from the Street/Sewer Committee Meeting.

The Wells Public Utilities Commission minutes for July and August were in the packet for informational purposes.

Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved the minutes from the Flame Theatre Board.

Council members welcomed Officer Timothy Brenegan to a full-time position on the Wells Police Department. Mayor Jacobson administered the "Oath of Office".

The City Attorney's legal opinion concerning "conflict of interest" for council members and HRA board members participating in the Small Cities Development Grant was in packet for information only.

The next item on the agenda was the animal ordinance wording, pertaining to "cats". Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved notifying the League of Minnesota Cities to add the word "cat" to the animal ordinance before they finish codifying the City's ordinances. Council also decided to have the Animal Catcher enforce the Kennel License and animal licensing effective September 1st. City Administrator Allis will have a notice in the local newspaper, on the city website, and placed in the utilities billing.

Lucas Belgard has resigned from the Wells Police Department. Chief Herman is recommending Kurt Zehnder to replace Lucas as a part-time officer for the police. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the resignation of Lucas Belgard and the hiring of Kurt Zehnder.

The Wells Chamber of Commerce is requesting permission to have a Black Hawk Helicopter at Thompson Park on Sunday of Kernel's Days. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved the Chamber's request.

The United South Central Schools would like the elementary students, along with the high school students, to gather at the Flame Theatre in case of an evacuation emergency. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved the request for their emergency procedures.

A letter of appreciation concerning the Airport and Officer Stephanie Bednar was in the packet as a refreshing bit of information. Mayor Jacobson would like "camping at the airport" checked into.

There was a request from the residents living on 4th Street Southwest and 10th Avenue Southwest to have their streets paved in the year 2006.

The preliminary 2006 budget was in the packet for review. More time is needed to review all this information. Council will work on the budget at the next council meeting scheduled for August 22nd.

Old Business: The 2006 street improvements were discussed. The recommendation from the Street Committee was as follows; 3rd Avenue Southeast, 4th Street Southeast, 7th Street Southeast (1 block), North Broadway, 3rd Street Northwest, Half Moon Road, Circle Drive, 8th Street Southwest, and 10th Avenue Southwest. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved the list of street improvements as presented.

Public Comment: Bill Parriott was present to inquire about paving 10th Avenue Southwest and if Ervin Pietan's property would be involved.

City Administrator Allis reminded council that Councilman Burns needs to schedule his NIMS training and also Bill Kalis from Utilities.

Mayor Jacobson checked to see if council members had received their invitation to the "Salute" in Blue Earth.

Councilman Carroll would like the Police Committee to revisit the "junk car" policy and it's enforcement.

The next council meeting is Monday, August 22nd.

With no further business to bring before council, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk