

## MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, December 12, 2005 at 5 pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde present. Also in attendance were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by all present.

Arnold Groskreutz was present to entertain a request for the Wells American Legion Baseball Team and the Wells Baseball Club (not yet organized) to use the baseball field at Thompson Park. Council believes this matter should go to the Park Board first, which is going to meet on Tuesday night. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the request, if it is approved by the Park Board. Mr. Groskreutz would also like permission to put a sign up on the street directing the public to Thompson Park for the Baseball Game. This matter will be discussed at the Police/Fire Committee Meeting, which is being held on Tuesday morning.

Mike Weber was present to discuss with council the sewer project. After some discussion, council and Mr. Weber came to an agreement. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the City hiring Denny Swehla to do Mike Weber's Sewer line at a cost of \$7,600 and to pay Mr. Weber \$1,031 to do the restoration on his own property.

Mike Beckmann representing the Wells Historical Society was also present to make a request. He informed council that the group was applying for a grant to help restore the Depot and that they would have better luck if a form of transportation were added, such as a bike/walking trail. Council informed Mr. Beckmann that more information is needed such as easements.

The minutes from the November 28<sup>th</sup> council meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed next. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved paying the bills listed in the amount of \$127,725.34. The Balances/Receipts and Revenue/Expenditure statements were also approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

Seven Building Permits were brought to council for the month of November. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved all the building permits.

Departmental Reports were submitted by the following; Public Works, Police, Community Development, and Library. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the departmental reports submitted.

Miscellaneous Reports included the following; Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library automation, employee comp-time & over-time, and Pool.

Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved the miscellaneous reports listed.

The Street/Sewer Committee meeting minutes were approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried. Supervisor LaVallie requested permission to close the Recycling Center on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and extend the hours for Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved his recommendations.

The Fire Department submitted meeting minutes for September, October, and November. The Theatre Board submitted minutes for October and November. The Housing & Redevelopment Authority submitted minutes from their October meeting. All of the meeting minutes listed were approved with a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

The proposed alley vacation was the next item on the agenda. With no Public comment, the Mayor asked for a motion. Resolution 2005-29; a resolution for Vacation of Alley Located in Block 3 of Leland & Andrews Addition was approved on a motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried.

TIF District 2-5 and District 2-3 decertification was prepared by Dick Asleson of Northland Securities for council approval. Resolution 2005-32; a resolution related to Tax Increment District 2-5 the Wells Truss Project was approved with a motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried. Resolution 2005-33; a resolution related to Tax Increment District 2-3 the Karl's Body Shop Project was approved on a motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried.

The budget for 2006 was the next item on the agenda. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved Resolution 2005-30; a resolution approving the 2005 Tax Levy Collectible in 2006.

The fee schedule for 2006 was set to stay the same as the fees for 2005. One exception was the Township Fire Contracts, which will increase \$5 per section per year for a three-year contract. Motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried approved Resolution 2005-31; setting fees and rates.

Five businesses will renew their Cigarette Licenses for 2006. They are the Wells Liquor Store, Wells Market Place, Casey's General Store, Twin Cities Stores, and Nu-way Coop. The VFW has decided not renew their license for the next year. Motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried approved the Cigarette Licenses for 2006.

Bolton & Menk has requested a "Change Order" to extend the sewer interceptor project completion date from December 1, 2005 to May 15, 2006. The ground was too wet to prepare the lawns for seeding after the sewer and water lines were constructed. Motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried approved Change Order #3 with no change in the Contract amount due.

Chief Herman has made a request to remain a member of the South Central Drug Investigation Unit for 2006. The Police Department has used the task force resources several times in the past and the cost is \$1366 for the year. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved the commitment to the South Central Drug Investigation Unit.

A letter from Ron & Lori Haefner owners of Wells Total Car Care Center was in the packet as information only, no action needed.

The letter from Gary Oppedal, Wells VFW Post 1778 was information pertaining to their interest in a Veterans Memorial in the future.

Laurie Bonsack asked if the parking on West Franklin on Friday from 2 am to 6 am could be reevaluated because of the limited parking in this area. Ronda will take this issue to the next Street Committee meeting for consideration.

City Administrator Allis informed council she had a copy of the Tri-City Sewer Budget for 2006 if any council member wanted a copy. Bolton and Menk have taken care of the well issue for the Cho and Lesto properties. The LaHaciendeta building has a party interested in purchasing. Council believes this building should be remodeled before any party can purchase. They also want this building issue to be handled by the EDA, which as worked so well in the past.

Mayor Jacobson invited council members to look at the sewer flow charts since the addition of the new sewer project.

Councilmen Gaines and Burns commented on how good the League of Minnesota Cities Conference was. Both are looking forward to going again.

Councilman Carroll voiced concerns on several issues such as the "junk car" ordinance with follow-up, the Hassing clean-up project, and a garage in his area.

The next scheduled council meeting is on Tuesday, December 27, 2005.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson had council go into closed executive session to perform the City Administrator's annual review and discuss employee wages for 2006.

Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman

