

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, February 28, 2005 at 5 pm in Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Jacobson, Councilmen Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde, City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and reporter Bonsack. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by all.

Mayor Jacobson started the meeting with Old Business, which was the "Heritage Preservation Commission". The group was present to add comments to their previous request to be established by ordinance. Much discussion was had on issues such as; 501C3 status, funding, how much of a part the city would play, and the "what if" situation. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the next step necessary to establish the Commission. This step would be to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Ordinance on March 14th prior to the council meeting. City Administrator Allis will take care of posting the public hearing.

Steve Kloos addressed the council with the request to accept the bid from Boyer Trucks Inc for the fire truck chassis. In the council packet were the spec sheets off State Contract. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved purchasing the fire truck chassis from Boyer Truck Inc. for \$65,179. Steve also spoke about the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS is a set of concepts, principles, terminology, and organizational process applicable to any and all hazards. NIMS will be mandatory by Federal Fiscal year 2006 to be eligible for Federal assistance. Tim Orbell could be the trainer for us after he has had training through the Vo-Tech. The Fire Department, Police, Street Department, Public Utilities, Ambulance personal, Council members, and Office Staff should be trained within a three-year period. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved Resolution 2005-03; a resolution adopting the National Incident Management System.

The minutes of the February 14th meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The rest of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$247,611.14 with a motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried.

The Police/Fire Committee meeting minutes were the next item on the agenda. The committee recommended offering Lucas Belgard and Stephanie Bednar part-time police officer positions with the option of moving Lucas to full-time status once Adam Schumann gives his two week notice. At that time, committee recommends offering Tim Brenegan a part-time officer position. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved the Police/Fire Committee recommendations. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved purchasing new digital PBT at a cost of approximately \$500. The Police/Fire Committee Meeting minutes were also approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

Miscellaneous Reports were submitted by the Library Board, Ambulance Board, HRA, and the HRA Annual Meeting. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved all the Misc. Reports.

Street Supervisor LaVallie is requesting repairs to the Street Snow Blower, which will amount to \$1200 to replace the running shoes and cutting blade. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved the repairs to the City Snow Blower.

Next on the agenda was the Wells Firefighters Relief Association Annual Reports. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the reports as written for the year 2004.

City Administrator Allis updated the council on the Labor Agreement with the Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 278. Revisions include the following: 1) 1 year contract, 2) wage increase of 40 cents per hour, 3) employer paid insurance, 4) uniform allowance increase, 5) no retirement insurance, and 6) department to provide ammunition for the officers. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Police Union Contract with the new revisions.

Mediacom had a letter in the council packet informing council of a price adjustment effective April 2005.

Also in the council packet was a letter from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust pertaining to a Berkley Risk Administrators Co. issue.

The Library is requesting permission to purchase 2 new computers. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the bid from Dell Computers for \$1,857.16.

There was no additional comment from the public.

City Administrator Allis informed council she had additional copies of the "Board of Review" training manual on hand if anyone was interested. She also informed council about two issues that were in the "Friday Fax" from the League of Minnesota Cities. One was to dissolve all Municipal owned Liquor Stores. The second was that cities would become responsible for extra curricular activities of the school district. More information to follow. Ronda also reminded council to attend the meeting at the Community Center on Wednesday pertaining to the new Faribault County Jail.

Councilman Carroll requested an update on the cost to rewire City Hall.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14th.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk

