

## MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their first meeting of 2005 on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilman Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde present. Also present were City Administrator Allis and Deputy Clerk Redman.

Mayor Jacobson led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The first item on the agenda was to administer the "Oath of Office" to the two new council members Stephen Burns and Scott Linde. A round of applause welcomed the gentlemen to the council.

Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the minutes of the December 27, 2004 meeting as written.

The rest of the December 2004 departmental bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$365,151.16. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved payment. The Balance/Receipt and Revenue/Expenditure Statements were also approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

One Building Permit was presented to council for the month of December. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the building permit.

The Departmental Reports were next on the agenda. Reports were submitted from the Public Works, Community Development Director, Police, Library, and Fire Department. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved all the department reports as listed.

Miscellaneous Reports consisted of the following: Community Center, Liquor Store, quarterly building permits, Library automation, Employee comp-time, Employee over-time, Pool, and Theatre. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved all the miscellaneous reports listed.

The Wells Public Utilities Commission unapproved minutes was in the packet as information only.

The 2005 appointments were reviewed next. Mayor Jacobson made one change to the list. Councilman Stephen Burns was appointed to the Library Board. With this change made, council approved the appointments for 2005 with a motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried.

The 2004 recap of the Motor Vehicle, Drivers License, and DNR was in the packet as information for council to review the amount of fees brought into the city revenue.

Steve Kloos representing the Fire Department came to council to discuss the upcoming renewal of Township Fire Department Contracts. After some discussion on neighboring Fire Department fees, council suggestion was to keep the fee per section for 2006 the same as 2005 which was \$135. Increase \$5 per section for each year of 2007 and 2008. The Fire Department Officers are

planning on meeting with the township on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved the fee schedule for the next (3) years.

The appreciation letter from the Minnesota Workforce Center was also in the packet as informational.

Roberts Rules of Order "Cheat Sheet" was in the packet to help the new council members with procedures and also to remind the existing council members proper procedure.

There was no "Old Business" to bring before council at this time. Ronda reminded council she and Jay Corbin were still working on the heating & cooling system at the Community Center.

During "Public Comment" Arnie Groskreutz had questions from the ladies of the Senior Dining group. Hopefully everyone understands who gets to use what.

City Administrator Allis reported to council that the League of Minnesota Cities is putting on a seminar about Fire Departments. She asked if any council members or members of the Fire Department were interested in attending. She would be attending the meeting scheduled for Rochester. Bob Schultz gave Ronda a newspaper article about sewer connecting fees in the Mankato area. Ronda also spoke with the new council members about convenient times for the committees they are on to meet. Both councilmen thought mornings would work out fine.

Councilman Gaines approached the council with an idea about a new "logo" for the City of Wells. The EDA has been reviewing this idea also. Gaines suggestion was to hold a contest for the public to enter their ideas. Ronda will work with Zoa and bring this item back to council at a later date.

Councilman Burns wondered if the newspaper could publish email addresses with the telephone numbers of councilmen.

The next scheduled council meeting is January 24, 2005.

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

Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman