

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, January 24, 2005 in 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.

After the Mayor called the meeting to order, the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said.

The minutes of the January 10th meeting were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved payment of the bills in the amount of \$142,114.95 as presented.

The first Committee Report was from the Street/Sewer Committee. Street Supervisor LaVallie requested permission to use part-time help during this snow removal season. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved his request. The committee will have more information on staffing at the next council meeting. Council discussed the committee recommendations for 2005 street projects. With one change being made to the list (remove the 5th Street NW project and add 3 blocks to the 7th Street SE project), council approved sending the list of projects to Bolton & Menk on a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved the Street/Sewer Committee meeting minutes.

The next Committee Report was from the Park Board. Motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried approved sending the Pool grates to Karl's Body Shop to be sprayed at a cost of \$1883. Also the Wading Pool needs the broken floor inlet repaired. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the repair at an approximate cost of \$3,700. The minutes from the Park Board meeting were approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

The final Committee Report submitted was from the Police/Fire Committee. After reviewing the minutes, motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved the Police/Fire Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Miscellaneous Reports were next on the agenda. The following reports were approved as written with a motion by Carroll and second by Burns; HRA minutes, HRA Annual Meeting minutes, and Ambulance Board minutes.

The notice of a "Conditional Use Permit" Hearing by the Wells Planning & Zoning Commission was in the packet for council information because the city owns property near the applicant's location.

The letter from Karen Brandenburg regarding snow removal was reviewed and determined this issue should go to the Street Committee. Hattie Parker was also present to register a complaint about snow removal on her property. City Administrator Allis will visit with Street Supervisor LaVallie about a different alternative.

A letter from Tinker Mosser requesting additional and better speed limit signs on 2nd Avenue Northwest was reviewed and also sent to the Street Committee for consideration.

A letter was received from the Faribault County Assessor's Office requesting the City of Wells send 1 or 2 people for training for the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. Jack Carroll and Ron Gaines will be attending the course on Tuesday, February 15 in Blue Earth.

Police Chief Rick Herman has requested that Dale Kauffmann be able to attend a 2 day school in March for his continuing education hours needed to renew his license. The second request is for Chief Herman to attend a grant writing workshop and the Chief's Convention in April. The three requests were approved by council on a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

Friday Fax concerning Senator Pogemiller's bill to freeze property tax was in the council packet for your information only.

A sample "logo" for the City of Wells was introduced to council by Community Development Director Heckman. After review and discussion, it was decided to offer a contest to the public. City Administrator Allis will inform the public and school about the opportunity for them to design a new logo to be used by the City of Wells.

There was no Old Business to discuss at this meeting. The Community Center heating/cooling system is still being finalized.

Public Comment: A woman had concerns with the snowmobiles driving over her driveway which causes the snow pile on the side of her driveway to fall and harden in her driveway. Unfortunately, she lives on a state road and the city has no jurisdiction.

At 5:45 pm Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting and the council went into closed session to discuss Police Union negotiations.

The next scheduled council meeting is set for Monday, February 14, 2005.

Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman