

## MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, July 11, 2005 at 5 pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Carroll, and Gaines present. Councilman Linde was absent. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and reporter Bonsack. Mayor Jacobson led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The first item on the agenda was Dick Asleson from Northland Securities. Dick was present to discuss amending the Downtown TIF District 1-1. The first step is to call for a public hearing. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved Resolution 2005-17; Calling for Public Hearing. The next step council needs to take, is designating amounts to the 2005/2006 projects listed for TIF District 1-1. This step will be discussed at the next council meeting.

The minutes from the June 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$153,205.65 on a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried. The Balances/Receipts and the Revenue/Expense Statements were also approved with a motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried.

Twelve Building Permits were presented for council approval. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved June's building permits.

Departmental Reports were the next item on the agenda. Reports were submitted by Public Works, Community Development, Police, and Library. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved the departmental reports listed.

Miscellaneous reports were also submitted from various departments. These reports consisted of the following: Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library Automation, employee over-time & comp-time, Pool, and Theatre. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the miscellaneous reports listed.

The Street Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed by council and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried. The committee recommended that all city employees should wear their seat belts while in city-owned vehicles due to safety concerns & work-comp issues. Furthermore, if an employee is found to not be wearing his/her seat belt, then the employee could be personally liable if something were to happen. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the committee recommendation on seat belts.

Other Committee Reports were submitted from the Flame Theatre and Library Board. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved these reports also.

The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation's request for a \$1,000 donation for the year 2006 was tabled until a later date. Council would like to see where the city's budget is for 2006 first.

Community Development Director Zoa Heckman submitted the Small Cities Development Program "Conflict of Interest Determination Request" letters submitted by individuals who might be involved in doing business with the SCDP projects. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved sending these letters to the City Attorney for an opinion, which will be forwarded to the Project Director.

The Wells Fire Department Relief Association's annual audit was in the council packet for review. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved the audit as written.

Resolution 2005-09; a resolution for Parallel Parking Only is an amended resolution to extend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Southwest to the Railroad crossing near 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southeast. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved Resolution 2005-09.

The Wells Historical Society has requested to be an independent body, not associated with any form of government. Councilman Burns made a motion to reconsider the establishing of the Wells Heritage Preservation Commission, second by Councilman Carroll and carried. After some discussion, Councilman Gaines made a motion to rescind the motion establishing the Wells Heritage Preservation Commission, which was seconded by Councilman Carroll and carried.

At a prior meeting, council approved Conditional Use Permits for some businesses located in the Garlock Addition and permits due to rezoning in that area. The County Recorder needs these Conditional Use Permits passed as resolutions. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved the following resolutions:

2005-10; Eugene & Delores Weber

2005-11; Dennis & Joan Morgan

2005-12; Karl M. Kimpton

2005-13; Arnold C. Groskreutz

2005-14; JoAnn Giese

2005-15; Audrey Wittmer

2005-16; George Jr & Dianne Berg

The letters from Mediacom (notice of rate increase) and Waste Management (notice of fuel surcharge increase) was in the packets as information only.

Old Business: none

No Public Comment at this meeting.

City Administrator Allis reminded council members to attend the NIMS meeting on Thursday evening at the Community Center. She also reminded council to read the article in the "Minnesota Cities" magazine that talks about the changes being made for marking utilities on private property. Ronda gave handouts to each councilman on PERA deductions.

Mayor Jacobson reminded council members the need to get bids on "Security Cameras" for the downtown area.

Councilman Burns discussed the need for the city to do some repair work to the baseball diamonds. This item will be looked into further.

Councilman Gaines had concerns about a property on the southwest side of town having water standing at the end of the driveway. He also has heard complaints about semis driving on the residential streets.

Councilman Carroll brought up the discussion of "cats". City Administrator Allis remarked about how the number of animal licenses has increased this year.

The next scheduled council meeting is set for Monday, July 25, 2005.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk