

## MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, July 25, 2005 at 5 pm in Council Chambers with Mayor Jacobson presiding. Councilmen Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde were in attendance. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. The "Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Mayor Jacobson moved Bill Sayre from Bolton & Menk to the top of the agenda. Bill gave a presentation on Faribault County's plan for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street thru the City. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Southeast (by Fire Station) need the most work done. The City's portion is approximately \$6,015 with an estimated completion date of July 15, 2006. A temporary construction easement is needed for the Bill Barr property. Resolution 2005-18; a resolution approving County Project Within Municipal Corporate Limits was approved with a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried. Bill also updated council on the Sanitary Sewer Project stating the roads in the Garlock Addition were being put back together now.

The next item on the agenda was Bob Waack concerning the Animal Ordinance. After much discussion on cats in town, it was council's wish to have a City Attorney review the ordinance to see if the word "cat" could be added, so the ordinance would read dogs or cats etc. Being the Animal Catcher, Bob can also give people a "warning" if they are walking their pets within city limits without a pet license. The Frank buildings (elevator) were also discussed. Bob is catching many "creatures" at the City's expense. Ronda will check into seeing whose expense this should be.

The minutes from the July 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion from Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

The rest of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$192,127.02 on a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried.

The Police/Fire Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed next. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Police/Fire Committee Meeting minutes as written. Chief Herman requested permission to attend the Emergency Management Annual Conference at Breezy Point in late September. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved Rick's request. Part-time Officer Lucas Belgard is unable to put in any hours for the Wells Police Department and has decided to quit.

Miscellaneous Reports were submitted from the following departments; Library Board, HRA, Ambulance Board, and the Fire Department. These reports were approved with a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried.

The Golf Board would like the Golf Course sprayed for weeds. They are requesting a contribution from the City. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved

paying \$348.50 toward the Schrader Enterprises bid of \$697.00 for spraying the fairways and tee boxes.

The back stairway to the basement at City Hall is in need of replacement runners. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved awarding the bid to Nordaas for a cost of \$717.14.

Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the resignation from Carl Forderer from the Summer Rec Tennis Program. Council wishes to thank Carl for his many years of service to the tennis program.

There was an update on the Jim Hassing case in the packets as information.

The Wells Historical Society would like to meet at the Community Center monthly as a nonprofit organization. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Historical Society's request.

The next item on the agenda was various projects recommended for improvements to the Downtown TIF. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the following projects; 2 alley improvements, the Guerra building, the La Haciendita building, and streetlights on Franklin. Dick Asleson from Northland Securities will prepare the Downtown TIF Amendment for the Public Hearing set for September 12, 2005.

The following were informational items to keep council member updated on future issues; LGA figures for 2006, State Demographer population estimate for 2006, and the Faribault County Clandestine Drug Lab Ordinance.

Old Business: It was the consensus of the council to work on the 2005-06 street project list at the August 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Public Comment: Arnold Groskreutz had concerns about the alley behind Mary's Cookin and True Value Hardware. He also had a concern with the condition of the baseball diamond.

City Administrator Allis informed council the LGA payment had been received.

She also reminded council members about the upcoming Faribault County Elected Officials meeting scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The "Salute" is coming up the end of August in Blue Earth.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk