

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their first meeting of the month on Monday, March 14, 2005 at 5 pm in the Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor Jacobson, Councilmen Carroll, Burns, Gaines, and Linde. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and reporter Bonsack. Mayor Jacobson led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The Public Hearing for the proposed Ordinance to create a Heritage Preservation Commission was the first item on the agenda. Several people spoke on behalf of creating a Heritage Preservation Commission by ordinance. Mayor Jacobson also addressed the group with concerns he had about the language in the ordinance. It was the consensus of the council that a Heritage Preservation Commission should be established, but not by ordinance. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved establishing the Wells Heritage Preservation Commission. The group is going to look into being incorporated. The Public Hearing was then closed.

The minutes for the February 28th council meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

Monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$125,228.06 on a motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried. Balances/Receipts & Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

Three Building Permits were submitted for council approval for the month of February. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the permits.

Departmental Reports were the next item on the agenda. The following departments submitted reports: Public Works, Community Development, Police, and Fire. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved all the monthly departmental reports.

Miscellaneous Reports followed. These reports consisted of the following: Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library automation, employee comp-time, and employee over-time. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved all the Miscellaneous reports as submitted.

The Police/Fire Committee meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

The minutes from the Wells Park Board were approved as written on a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the following swimming pool fee increases: swimming lessons to \$25, family pass to \$85, individual pass to \$45, and pool parties to \$75.

The unapproved Wells Public Utilities Commission meeting minutes were in the packet as information.

Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the minutes from the Economic Development Authority.

Council approved the "Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation" with a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

Because the Street Committee Meeting was postponed, Street Supervisor LaVallie had several requests in the council packet. The 1991 Ford needs the clutch replaced. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the clutch replacement at a cost of \$1809.11. Weber Construction will demolish, dispose, and level the site of the old bathroom at Thompson Park for a cost of \$500. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved the quote to remove the old bathroom. The sanitary & storm sewers need to be televised for the feasibility study for the proposed street improvements for this year. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved having Pipe Service Corp. televise at a cost of \$2785. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved having Professional Mosquito Control inspect the fogger and purchase 130 gallons of chemicals for this summer. Spring clean-up day in Wells was once again approved by council with a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried. Street Supervisor LaVallie will set a day in May that will work with Waste Management and Steve Kauffmann for handling the big appliances. The curbs and parking stalls in Wells have not been painted for 3 years and need to be done. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved spending \$1600 to paint curbs and parking stalls in the residential and downtown areas this year.

A request from St. Casimir Church to move the entrance to the cemetery on Half Moon farther south at their expense was approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

Pete Hartman has made a request to plant a tree in Thompson Park in honor of his wife, Marian. Council has approved his request as long as Street Supervisor LaVallie and the Park Board okay the place and procedure.

The Wells Cub Scouts would like permission to plant 8 pine seedlings near the Scout House in Thompson Park. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved their request with approval also be done by the Park Board.

After the inlet valve in the wading pool is fixed, the Street Department would like to apply a protective coating at a cost of \$550. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved trying the protective coating in the wading pool.

This is the time of the year to renew the Airport Lease Agreements between the City of Wells and John Thisius, Minnesota Lake Flying Club, and Harry's Hawks Flying Club.

Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the agreements for the Airport Leases.

There is 1 renewal of 3.2 Malt Beverage On-Sale License for Jake's Pizza and 3 renewals due for 3.2 Malt Beverage Off-Sale Licenses for Nuway Coop, Twin Cities Stores, and Casey's General Store. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved renewing the 3.2 Malt Beverage Licenses for another year.

The City of Wells is required to implement Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement #34. The Capital Asset Policy is necessary in reporting the City's capital assets and the capital assets depreciation. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the Capital Asset Policy specific to the City of Wells.

The notice of the upcoming informational presentations at different locations for the purpose of the new school bond referendum was in the packet as information.

No "Old Business" at this meeting.

Public Comment: Fran Wilder

Mr. Wilder had concerns about the time and way the snow in the downtown area was removed. City Administrator Allis will bring this matter to the attention of the Street Committee at the next meeting.

City Administrator Allis revisited the "Friday Fax" issues. The issue concerning cities being responsible for school extra curricular activities died. The other issue concerning municipal owned Liquor Stores is still on going. She also updated council on her efforts to reinstate some of the City of Wells LGA money. Ronda informed council of the fact that Aquila is selling their Minnesota based services.

Councilman Carroll revisited the need to improve City Hall. There is TIF money available to use for the right purposes. City Administrator Allis will get the rules governing TIF money ready for the next council meeting.

The next council meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2005.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk