

## MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 5 pm in Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Jacobson, Councilmen Burns, Carroll, and Linde, City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and reporter Bonsack. Councilman Gaines was absent. Mayor Jacobson led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

The rest of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$103,845.42 on a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried.

Miscellaneous Reports were submitted to council by the following: Fire Department, HRA, EDA, WPU unapproved minutes, and the Library. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved all the Miscellaneous Reports.

Police Officer Mark Lacher requests permission to attend the Pursuit Driving Class on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Mankato. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved Mark attending this class.

Officer Adam Schumann has accepted a job in Mankato and is giving notice of his resignation effective April 10, 2005. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the resignation of Officer Schumann.

The Library would like to hire Melissa Colwill for the position of Assistant Library Director. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the Library's request to hire Melissa Colwill.

Street Supervisor LaVallie had several request brought before council. They are as followed; 1) start-up chemicals for the pool at a cost of \$3500, 2) sweeper repair at a cost of \$3000, 3) weed kill for this summer at a cost of \$1000, and 4) Rick would like to attend the Mosquito Control Conference on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Clearwater. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved his requests.

Officer Alex Thostenson has had an accident, which has caused him to be off work for 10 to 12 weeks. Many City employees have asked to donate vacation or sick leave hours to Alex to help out. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved City employees donating accumulative leave to Alex. Councilman Linde praised the city employees for such a great show of support for another employee.

The next item on the agenda was the "Downtown TIF District". After some discussion and reviewing of documents associated with this district, council would like to pursue the (5) five projects listed. Council would like to get started by having the Community Development Director Zoa Heckman put together cost estimates for each project.

Councilman Carroll enter the meeting.

Council reviewed the complaint from Dennis Morgan about the water problem on 10<sup>th</sup> Street Southeast. Unfortunately the property owners are not doing anything illegal, even if this water in the street is a nuisance. Council directed City Administrator Allis to send the affected property owners a letter of concern with this matter.

Old Business:

Council reviewed the Community Center energy retrofit. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the following bids for work at the Community Center. Jim & Dudes for (2) rooftop units, KRI of Mankato for roofing work, and Schroeder Electric for the electrical work. Total project cost of approximately \$28,079.96.

Reminder that the Board of Review is set for Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Councilman Burns will be unable to attend, he has a previous commitment.

Public Comment:

Members of the "Heritage Preservation Committee" were present because they thought a representative of the Railroad would be attending the council meeting. No one from the Railroad attended the council meeting. Mike Beckman informed council the group had spoke to Roger Smalley, a member of the Wells Historical Society, about this group taking over the Historical Society since they were no longer active.

Alan Olson approached the council with a complaint about the snow removal in his alley during the last big snowfall. This matter will be taken to the Street Committee for review.

Ann Marie Tibodeau requested the city do something about the railroad tracks on north Broadway. City Administrator Allis informed Miss Tibodeau and council that she received a phone call that morning informing the City that the Railroad would be redoing that track in the year 2006.

City Administrator Allis passed out a notice from the Wells Public Utilities informing the public about drinking water requirements. She also informed council about a "Retirement Party" for Street Department employee Don Jespersen.

Mayor Jacobson expressed his appreciation to Community Development Director Heckman for her work in getting one of the Minnesota Small Cities Development Program grants.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2005.

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

Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman