

Minutes:

The Wells City Council met Monday, May 23, 2005 at 5 pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns and Gaines present. Councilmen Carroll and Linde were absent. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack.

A continuation meeting of the Board of Review was the first item on the agenda. Ken Skaare, Faribault County Assessors Office, reviewed the follow up information on the Dennis O'Rourke property. The land value will stay the same at \$6100, but the structure value will change to \$93,100 for the year 2005 only. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the Estimated Market Value of \$99,200 for the Dennis O'Rourke property for the year 2005. The EMV for this property will go back to \$110,300 for the year 2006.

The regular scheduled council meeting began at 5:05 pm with the group saying the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes of the May 9th Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried.

The rest of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$182,413.39 on a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

The Police/Fire Committee Meeting Report was the next item on the agenda. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Police/Fire Committee Meeting minutes as written.

Steve & Duane Johnson and Dan Huper were present to discuss an issue they had with the new sewer interceptor project. Both parties are claiming to have problems with water draining from their properties. Bill Sayre and Contractor's Edge were also present to help determine a solution. After much discussion, council decided to have Mayor Jacobson, Councilman Burns, City Administrator Allis, Street Supervisor LaVallie, Bill Sayre, Contractor's Edge, the Johnson brothers, and Dan Huper meet Tuesday morning at the site to view the problem.

Miscellaneous Reports submitted for council approval was as follow: Ambulance Board, Fire Department, HRA, and EDA. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved all the miscellaneous reports listed.

The Small Cities Development Grant Administration Contract is for \$81,700. The HRA is recommending Pettipiece & Associates for \$76,700 and Community Development Director Zoa Heckman for \$5,000. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the HRA's recommendation.

City Administrator Allis will be attending the League of Minnesota Cities Regional Meeting in Lake Crystal on July 20th. Any council members wanting to attend need to let her know.

The Wells Zoning Commission has been working on a new comprehensive plan to replace the 1971 original plan. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the adoption of the 2005 Wells Comprehensive Plan.

The Wells EDA request that the southeast section of the North Industrial Park be rezoned Service Commercial and the northwest section be rezoned Industrial. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the rezoning of the North Industrial Park.

The Wells Zoning Commission has also been updating Zoning Ordinance #239. Motion by Gaines, second Burns and carried approved the recommendations by the Zoning Commission to amend the Zoning Ordinance.

The Wells Zoning Commission recommends Conditional Use Permits for (4) parcels with dwellings in the Central Business District. The Zoning Commission also recommends a Conditional Use Permit for Weber Construction to operate a construction business, for Morgan Building & Equipment to operate a building & equipment business, and for Karl Kimpton to operate a vehicle repair shop. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved Conditional Use Permits for George Berg Jr, Arnold Groskreutz, JoAnn Giese, Audrey Wittmer, Gene Weber, Dennis Morgan, and Karl Kimpton.

L.L. Johnson Law Firm of Savage is offering to provide the City of Wells unlimited legal "question & answer" consultation for \$69.95 per month.

The email from Anne Mosser's guardian was in the packet as information only.

The next item on the agenda was the renewal of various liquor licenses. Mary's Cookin is requesting a Sunday Liquor License & an On-Sale Liquor License, the Liquor Store, the VFW, and the Legion are requesting Club On-Sale Liquor Licenses. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved all the Liquor Licenses from July 1, 2005 thru June 30, 2006.

Four people have given notice of their intent to resign from the Flame Theatre. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the resignation of Brandon Masyga, Beth Druffel, Deb Thoe, and John Yarum. The Theatre Board is recommending the following people be hired to help replace the others: Sylvia Conger as ticket person and Micaiah Becker & Ty Warmka for concessions. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved hiring these people to work at the Flame Theatre.

The Wells Volunteer Fire Department is requesting a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Kernel's weekend for their annual dance. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Fire Departments request.

Resolution 2005-06; a resolution approving the transfer of land from the City of Wells to Wells Truss Manufacturing Company Inc was approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

There was no "Old Business" or Public Comment at this meeting.

City Administrator Allis informed council NIMZ training would be on Thursday, July 14th at 6:30 pm at a site to be determined later. The training would be about 3 hours in length and would involve the Fire Department, Police, Wells Public Utilities, Street Department, City Administrator Allis, and the Council Members.

The next scheduled council meeting is set for Monday, June 13, 2005.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk