

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their first meeting of the month on Monday, May 9, 2005 in Council Chambers at 5 pm. Mayor David Jacobson presided with Councilmen Stephen Burns, Jack Carroll, Ron Gaines, and Scott Linde present. Also present were City Administrator Ronda Allis, Deputy Clerk Deb Redman, and Reporter Laurie Bonsack. The "Pledge of Allegiance " was said by all present.

Minutes from the April 25th Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

The May bills were reviewed next. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved paying all the bills totaling \$137,761.98. The account balances and the revenue/expenditure statement were also approved on a motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried.

Twenty-six Building Permits were brought to council for approval. Motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried approved the Building Permits for April.

Departmental Reports submitted at this meeting consisted of the following: Public Works, Community Development, Police, and Library. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved all the Departmental Reports as listed.

Miscellaneous Reports were also submitted from the Community Center, Liquor Store, building report quarterly, library automation, and employee over-time & comp-time. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as submitted.

Commission & Committee Reports were the next item on the agenda. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved the minutes from the Theatre Board, Wells Public Utilities Commission, EDA, and Library Board.

The Street/Sewer Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed next. The committee made a couple of recommendations. The first one is related to Gene Kauffmann returning to work for the Street Department. Mayor Jacobson reminded council members to 1) be fair to the individual, 2) be fair to the other employees in the department, and 3) be fair to the public for which he is working for. The committee recommended bringing Gene back to work with the following conditions; 1) must perform all responsibilities assigned or he will be reprimanded as provided in his union contract, 2) the city will not tolerate any future extended absences, and 3) vacation will be approved by the Supervisor as work schedule and other leave requests allow. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved bringing Gene back to work after he agrees to the conditions by signing a confirmation letter and it is given to City Administrator Allis. The committee also recommended hiring (2) youth for weekends this summer in the Recycling Center only. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried to

hire two youth at the Recycling Center. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the Street/Sewer Committee Meeting minutes as written.

The minutes from the Board of Review, held on Thursday, May 5th were approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The Preliminary Engineering Report for the 2005 Street Improvements was reviewed next. This report is being held until the next Council Meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd. All the information in the packet needs to be reviewed at length by the council members before making a decision. Mayor Jacobson would also like the Street Committee to look at adding more streets to the list for "seal coating" if there are no street projects completed this year.

Community Development Director Heckman has hired an intern for the summer with the Federal Home Loan Bank Grant she received. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved hiring Nathan Bichler as the Community Development Intern.

The Park Board has recommended hiring a Manager, an Assistant Manager, 18 Lifeguards, and 3 Substitute Lifeguards for the 2005 Swimming Pool season. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the list as presented to council.

The following items were in the packet for informational purposes only; A) Frundt & Johnson Informational Session, B) Wells Ambulance Open House, C) EDA Business Survey, D) Traffic count, and E) Housing Sales.

Old Business: Ronda informed the council about the progress at the Community Center. Every thing is going well!

Public: Dennis Morgan approached the council with questions regarding the location of the "new school". He had concerns with a higher level of traffic on 10th Street Southeast.

City Administrator Allis had a request given to her by the Classic Car Show Group. They would like to hold their Car Show on Kernels Weekend on Broadway again this year. The council thought the show went over very well last year and gave their approval with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried. She also gave council members an invite to the Faribault County Mayors Meeting in June.

Mayor Jacobson reminded council members of the "Open Meeting" Law.

Mayor Jacobson then left the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Acting Mayor Gaines presided over the rest of the meeting.

Resolution 2005-05; a resolution related to Tax Increment District No. 2-5 (Wells Truss Project) was introduced. After Dick Asleson reviewed the payoff, council approved the resolution with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

Councilman Burns inquired about the property at 147 South Broadway. He will speak with Zoa at a later date.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk