

The 2006 Proposed Street Improvement Public Hearing was held at the Flame Theatre at 5 pm on Monday, November 14, 2005. Bill Sayre from Bolton & Menk explained each street project to a group of eleven in attendance. He also figured in a 15% increase because of the uncertainty of petroleum prices and the effects of Hurricane Katrina. After a few questions were answered, the public hearing closed at 5:20 pm.

The Wells City Council held their first meeting of the month on Monday, November 14, 2005 at 5:30 pm in Council Chamber. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy City Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack.

The first item on the agenda was Resolution 2005-26; a resolution ordering improvement and preparation of plans. After the discussion at the public hearing, council made two changes to the street improvements. Circle Drive will be changed from bituminous overlay to concrete and the one block of 7th Street Southeast will be changed from bituminous overlay to reconstruction blacktop with curb and gutter. Motion by Burns and second by Carroll and carried approved Resolution 2005-26 with the two changes.

Bill Sayre was also present at the council meeting to discuss with council a problem with some private wells and the new sewer interceptor. Contractors Edge and Bolton & Menk had received letters from the Minnesota Department of Health concerning a notice of violation. The sewer line runs within 50 feet of two private wells. Bill Sayre is in contact with the state and is trying to work out a compromise before the December 15th deadline. He will keep City Administrator Allis and the council posted.

The minutes from the October 24th council meeting were approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The monthly bill were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$449,902.69 on a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried. The Balances/Receipts and Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also approved with a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

Twelve Building Permits were submitted for council approval for the month of October. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved all the building permits.

The Police Department and the Community Development Office presented departmental reports. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved both reports as submitted.

Miscellaneous reports were next on the agenda. The following reports were submitted; Community Center, Liquor Store, building permits quarterly, library

automation, Employee over-time & comp-time, and pool. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports listed.

The unapproved Wells Public Utilities Commission meeting minutes were for information only.

The minutes from the Street/Sewer Committee meeting were approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried. Street Supervisor LaVallie's request to keep using part-time employee LeRoy Kuster and add Bucky Brandenburg as needed for the winter months was approved with a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried. Duane Johnson submitted a bill to Contractors Edge for the clean-up work the Johnsons did after the sewer interceptor project was completed. He also gave copies to the Street Committee councilmen.

Other Commission Reports submitted were from the EDA and the Ambulance Board. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the minutes from these boards as presented.

Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital has equipped a regional Disaster Response Trailer. This trailer will be housed at the Wells Ambulance Garage and Police Chief Rick Herman will be in charge of any deployment needed. The City would be responsible for any routine maintenance and insurance on the trailer but not the contents. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved the City's part in this Disaster Response Trailer.

The letter from Arnie Groskreutz was discussed next. A veteran's memorial at the Depot is not a council matter. He should talk to the Wells Historical Society.

The "old" bills received from Attorney Randy Bichler were reviewed next. After some discussion, motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved paying the invoices. City Administrator Allis will send Mr. Bichler a letter informing him of the council's concerns with the dates of these invoices.

The Capital Asset Policy was reviewed and City Administrator Allis' recommendation to lower the threshold from \$25,000 to \$10,000 was approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The City of Wells does not have an "Out of State" Travel Policy for employees and council members on file. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the draft policies for employees and elected officials.

The City receives state aid for the operation and maintenance of the municipally owned airport. Resolution 2005-24; authorization to execute Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for Airport maintenance and operation was approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The council also approved the Grant Agreement for Airport maintenance and operation with the same motion as above.

Resolution 2005-25 is a resolution approving a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premises Permit application for the Wells Lions Club. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the resolution and LG215 Lease for Lawful Gambling Activity.

The following items were in the council packet as information.

1. A letter from the Wells Historical Society
2. An email from Blue Earth's Community Development Director,

showing support for the Telex employees
3. League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference reminder

Old Business: none

Public Comment: none

City Administrator Allis reminded council about the "open house" at the Liquor Store on Friday, November 18th. Everyone is encouraged to go see the remodeling of the Off-sale. She also informed council about the issue with Mike Weber's sewer line. Council instructed Ronda to ask Dulas Excavating for a bid.

Councilman Burns informed council there would be an informational packet coming out from the school answering questions about the school referendum which is scheduled for vote on December 7th.

At 6:45 pm council went into "closed" session to discuss union contract negotiations with Local #49 (Street Department and City Office Staff).

Council moved back into open session and the union contract for Local #49 was approved on a motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried. All council members voting in favor.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2005.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk

