

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, April 24, 2006 in Council Chambers at 5 pm. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Gaines, and Linde present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. Councilman Carroll was absent. The group said the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes from the April 10th Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried.

The rest of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$78,117.30 on a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

The Committee Reports were the next item on the agenda. The Police & Fire Committee Meeting minutes were approved as presented with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried. The Street & Sewer Committee Meeting minutes had several items for council to act on. Street Supervisor LaVallie would like more help at the Recycling Center. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved advertising for one more employee. Rick would also like two students for part-time help this summer. Council would like the Street Committee to discuss this item in more detail at their next meeting and bring it back to council in May. The residents living on County Road 29 who were annexed in 2004 would like new street signs updating their addresses. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved purchasing 2nd Avenue NW signs. The Street Department needs to replace one of their cell phones. Ronda is to check into buying out the contract. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved replacing Kurt's phone. Street Supervisor LaVallie has found a Sewer Camera and wishes to purchase. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved buying the camera for \$15,119.81, which was in his 2006 budget. The Recycling Center is in need of more gaylords. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved purchasing 120 gaylords from Con Agra in St. James. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the Committee Meeting minutes as written.

Miscellaneous Reports submitted for council approved was as follows; the HRA, the Ambulance Board, and the Fire Department. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as submitted.

Rick Meyer, representing the Southern Minnesota Family Dirt Works, came before Council requesting permission to hold a "Mud Run" on Kernel Days Weekend. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

The Wells Fire Department has received 2 bids for truck maintenance for Council to consider. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved awarding the bid to S & H Diesel Inc. for the amount of \$1,539.47, which includes DOT Inspections.

The letter from Arnie Groskreutz was information concerning the Wells Baseball Team.

The basement lease with Cindy Crable, dba Spotlight Dance is up for renewal. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried to renew her lease for another year at \$175.00 a month.

The Wells Fire Department has submitted a request to use the Municipal Parking Lot for their annual street dance during Kernel Days. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved their request. Also, the Department would like to purchase 5 new pagers with cases. They have received a \$500 matching grant from the DNR. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved purchasing the pagers from Alpha Wireless.

Four "Notice of Violation" documents were in the packet for council to review and set a date for a hearing for determination of a nuisance. Chief of Police Herman served a nuisance violation and Officer Ratelle has served two junk vehicle violations and one junk ordinance violation. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved having the hearing on Monday, May 8th.

City Administrator Allis submitted a request to attend the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in St. Cloud on June 28-30, 2006. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved her attending the conference. She also encouraged any councilman to attend.

Manager, Lindholm is requesting permission to hire one more part-time bartender at the Liquor Store. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved his request to hire Angela McCormick.

Public Comment:

Shirley Rumsey, Jim Thofson, Mike Weber, Matt Klocek, and Mark Stenzel were a few of the visitors present to discuss with council the water problem which exist on the corner of 7th Street Southwest and 9th Avenue Southwest. Street Supervisor LaVallie will examine the area and report back to the Street Committee. A recommendation will be made to council at their next meeting.

Jeanne & Robert Stuerman were also present to discuss the water issue on their property. City Administrator Allis will research the area in question and report back to council whether this is a civil matter between property owners or the City's obligation.

Lynda Korman and Walter Stenzel would like council to consider connecting 8th Street Southwest to the City Storm Sewer.

Old Business:

The Sewer Access Charge was brought back to council for further discussion. There will be two options offered to property owners. 1) \$300 fee will be charged to the property owner to connect to the city sewer with the property owner handling the installation expenses; or 2) \$7,500 fee will be charged to the property owner with the City handling the installation expenses. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the SAC fees and City Administrator Allis will draft a letter to be sent to Mike Weber informing him of Council's decision.

Discussion was held about street improvements for the year 2007. Council felt 3rd Street Southwest should be considered. Street Supervisor LaVallie and the Street Committee will discuss different areas of the City and bring a recommendation back to the next council meeting.

City Administrator Allis informed the council members that the VFW donated 2 flags, one flag for the Community Center and one for City Hall. The railroad informed Ronda they will be installing the cross arms on Broadway in May and putting the new tracks down in July.

The next scheduled council meeting is set for Monday, May 8th. The Board of Review is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th at 5 pm.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk