

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their first meeting of the month on Monday, August 14, 2006 in Council Chambers at 5 pm. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. Following the call to order, the group said the "Pledge of Allegiance."

The first item on the agenda was the bid opening for the 2003 Ford Squad Car. Three bids were received as follows; Karl Kimpton bid \$1,050, Tinker Mosser bid \$1,200, and Asia Motors bid \$3,200. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved awarding the bid to Asia Motors in Chicago, IL.

The minutes from the July 24, 2006 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$370,322.82 with a motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried. Also, the monthly Revenue/Expenditure Statements were approved on a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

Eleven Building Permits were submitted for the month of July for Council approval. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the Building Permits as submitted.

The Police, Public Works, Community Development, Library, and Fire Department submitted Departmental Reports for July. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved all the reports for July.

The Miscellaneous Reports for July consisted of the following; Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library Automation, Employee over-time & comp-time, and Pool. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports.

The minutes from the Street & Sewer Committee Meeting were reviewed next. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved the minutes as written.

The Liquor Store Committee Meeting minutes were also reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried. The low bid for the Air Exchange System at the Liquor Store went to Honeywell. The cost is estimated at \$7,400, which has already been approved by Council.

The Ambulance Board meeting minutes and the Theatre Board meeting minutes were approved as submitted on a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried. The Theatre Board is looking at replacing the curtain rope this year.

Lena Cooper submitted her letter of resignation from the Library Board. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved her resignation request. The Library Board is also recommending Sue Dundas to replace Lena Cooper on the Library Board. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved Sue Dundas's appointment to the Library Board.

The Library and the Library Board request Council approval to hire Mary Olson as the new Assistant Library Director. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved Mary Olson starting immediately.

The Local 49 Union request to participate in a Central Pension Fund was tabled until the next meeting. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved tabling this matter until it is further researched.

Small Cities Development Grant Disbursements #12 and #13 were submitted for Council approval. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved payment.

The proclamation declaring August 19, 2006 Mavis Wright Day was in the packet as information.

Six Bin Renewals and one Lease Agreement were presented for Council approval. The Bin Renewals were for Leo Kastenmeier, Chirpich Family Farm, Dan Hart, Gene Kauffmann, Jay Corbin, and Don Wilder. The Lease Agreement is with Tony Adams. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the Bin Renewals and Lease Agreement for one year at \$150 and \$1 respectively.

Resolution 2006-09; a resolution nullifying a JOBZ Business Subsidy Agreement between the City of Wells and Wells Co-Pack Foods Inc. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved Wells Co-Pack request to withdraw from the JOBZ program.

Resolution 2006-10; is a resolution appointing Election Judges for the Primary Election of September 12th. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved Ronda Allis (Head Election Judge), Deb Redman, Lil Buesing, JoAnn Ovrebo, Lori Stenzel, Joyce Hansen, Jan Carlson, Doris Wood, and Kathy Bruss (sub) as election judges for 2006.

The letter from the Wells Ambulance Service concerning the 4th Avenue Railroad Crossing was in the packet as information.

The request from the Wells Area Chamber of Commerce to be put in the 2007 City Budget was tabled and to be discussed with the budget. It was recommended the EDA receive this information also.

Several items were put in the packet for Council information. They were as follows; the notice of meeting to discuss the Road Safety Audit for Faribault County, the press release about Winnebago's Biodiesel Refinery, the United Funds donation for the

backstop fence & dugouts at Half Moon Park, and the Contract Performance Review from Honeywell.

The 2007 Working Budget was discussed. Mayor Jacobson advised Council Members to work with their committees to determine necessary line items. The budget will be discussed at the August 28th meeting.

Old Business: TIF 1-1 Update

City Administrator Allis updated Council on TIF money. All TIF money needs to stay in the TIF fund until decertification. Keeping a TIF fund open after the sale of the property until decertification could be a long period of time. Legislation is being reviewed at this time.

Public:

Gene Kauffmann updated Council on the Classic Car Show. He also had an individual who wanted to donate the needed amount of money to install a urinal in the Men's Bathroom at Thompson Park. Ronda will present this to the Park Board at their next meeting.

Randy Anderson had several questions and comments about the City of Wells animal ordinance and kennel license.

Cliff Blank came before Council to make a complaint about the property north of him not being mowed. He also voiced concerns about the vehicles in town not in running condition and having expired tabs.

County Commissioner Bill Groskreutz Jr. informed Council on the following; A) congratulations to Mavis Wright and the HRA Board, B) Wells has two intersections involved in the Road Safety Audit, C) there will be a county meeting on August 15th in Blue Earth to discuss the Water Plan draft, and D) the Lions Club has donated \$18,000 to various organizations and groups in Wells this year.

Councilman Steve Burns requested permission for the Historical Society to put up 4 signs at various locations to inform the public of the "Open House" at the Wells Depot. This is not a Council matter and needs to be addressed by the DOT.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for Monday, August 28th.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk

