

## MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their first meeting of the month on Monday, December 11, 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 City Clerk Redman, 2007 Councilwoman Savick, and Reporter Bonsack.

After the meeting was called to order, Mayor Jacobson led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The first order of business was to hold a Public Hearing concerning granting the Wildcats Bar & Grill an On-Sale and Sunday Liquor License. With no public comment, motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved the Liquor Licenses for Wildcats Bar & Grill.

Gene Kauffmann representing himself, Max Kuechenmeister, and Larry Gamradt owner of the Dairy Queen requested permission from Council to update their sewer line by adding new to the south and closing the old line to the east. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved their request. This would be at the property owners expense.

The minutes from the regular Council Meeting of November 27<sup>th</sup> and the minutes from the Truth-N-Taxation Hearing were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed next. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved paying the bills in the amount of \$188,518.13. The Balances/Receipts and Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also approved as presented on a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

Nine Building Permits were issued for the month of November. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the Building Permits as presented.

Departmental Reports were the next item on the agenda. The Police, Public Works, Community Development, Library, and the Fire Department submitted reports. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Departmental Reports as submitted. Community Development Director Heckman submitted the Small Cities Development Program Disbursement #20 for approval. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved her request.

Miscellaneous Reports were submitted from the Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library Automation, Employee comp-time & over-time, and Pool. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved all the Miscellaneous Reports submitted.

The Commission Reports consisted of the following; HRA Meeting minutes, EDA Meeting minutes, Board of Adjustments & Appeals Public Hearing, and the Library Board minutes. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the Commission Reports as submitted.

The 2007 budget was reviewed for one last time. Council had no final changes to make to this budget. Motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried approved the 2007 budget as is.

Resolution 2006-20; a resolution approving the 2006 Tax Levy collectible in 2007 was approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

The Building Permit fee schedule was put on hold until later next year. Council was given additional information concerning different building code fees. Nate Nasinec is preparing to be a Building Official and will have a "limited license" in early 2007. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved revisiting the fee schedule in March of 2007

Council revisited the City's license, permit, and fee schedule for 2007. The animal license was changed to one single fee of \$5, no matter what sex the cat or dog is. The sewer access charge of \$300 was added to the schedule and the building permit fee schedule was left as is for now. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved Resolution 2006-21; a resolution setting fees and rates for the City of Wells for 2007.

Five businesses in Wells wish to renew their license to sell cigarettes and tobacco products for 2007. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved licenses for Wells Market Place, Wells Liquor Store, Casey's General Store, Twin Cities Stores, and Nu-way Coop.

The Wells American Legion is requesting a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Sunday, December 31, 2006 in observance of New Year's Eve. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved their request.

Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, full-time City employees were granted a 4-hour holiday for Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

The Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) is wishing the City of Wells to be members for 2007. The dues assessment for the City would be \$3,824. After much discussion, Council decided to waive the opportunity to be members for 2007 on a motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried.

Lawrence Cooper has decided to resign as janitor at the Flame Theatre. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried accepted Mr. Cooper's letter of resignation as of December 13, 2006. Chuck Nowak is interested in the position. Motion by Burns,

second by Linde and carried approved hiring Mr. Nowak temporarily until the hiring process has been completed.

The Wells Area Chamber of Commerce uses the Community Center during Wells Does It Bright. Because of the lack of participation, the Chamber would like to move the events to City Hall in 2007. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved moving the Chamber sponsored event to City Hall.

The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) is requesting a donation for 2006 and 2007 from the City of Wells. The EDA has not participated since 2002 is not planning on anything for the future. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried denies a contribution to SMIF at this time.

Two items were in the packet for information purposes. The first one was a letter from Nutrition Services Inc and the second one was a notice of a meeting on the proposed Law Enforcement Center.

The EDA has approved a \$32,500 gap financing loan from the Revolving Loan Fund to Wildcat's Incorporated. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved the gap financing for the Wildcat's Sports Bar & Grill.

Old Business:

John Frank nuisance update – Dulas Excavating is handling the demolition of the building.

Council & Mayor salaries – Council members will receive \$2,400 per year, the Mayor will receive \$3,000, and any special meeting attended each person will receive \$30. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the salaries effective January 2009.

Public Comment: none

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for December 27, 2006.

With no further business to discuss, Council went into "Closed Session" to establish employee wages for 2007 and perform the City Administrator's review.

Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk

