

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their last meeting of 2006 on Wednesday, December 27, 2006. Mayor Jacobson presided with Council Members Burns, Carroll, Gaines, Linde, and Savick present. Also present were City Administrator Allis and Deputy City Clerk Redman.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacobson. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by all present.

The minutes from the December 11th Council Meeting and the minutes from the result of the closed session were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The remainder of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$ 148,148.56 on a motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried.

The first Committee Report was from the Police & Fire Committee. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the minutes from their December meeting.

The Street & Sewer Committee Meeting minutes were also reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried. The committee recommends purchasing a chop saw for \$1,000 from the 2006 budget, carbide blades at \$2,600 from the 2007 budget, and a water fountain for Thompson Park. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved Street Supervisor LaVallie's requests.

The last Committee Report was submitted by the Liquor Committee. The Liquor Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried.

The Miscellaneous Reports were the next item on the agenda. Reports were submitted from the EDA, HRA, Ambulance Board, Tri-City Joint Sewer Board, and the Public Utilities Commission. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as submitted.

Jim Heckman submitted his letter of resignation from the EDA. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved his resignation with regrets. A "thank you" will be sent to Jim for his many years of service.

The Theatre Board recommends hiring Michael Beckmann as a part-time projectionist. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved the new projectionist.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota was awarded the senior nutrition program contract for 2007. With that contract, they are asking for a Site Use Agreement from the City of Wells. Three changes were made to the contract. They are as follows; 1) Fire inspecting must be completed by the Wells Fire Department Chief, 2) the League of Minnesota Cities will determine the insurance information request and coverage, and 3)

dates and times for one year be filled in for the Nutrition Program at the Community Center. With the 3 changes added, motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the agreement.

City Administrator Allis requested the City Council agree to a change in the health insurance plan. The insurance coverage will remain the same, but by switching to a cooperative, the City will save about \$4,500 in 2007. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the insurance change for 2007.

An informational letter was in the packet from Mediacom.

Old Business: none

Public Comment: none

At this time the Council went into "closed session" to discuss pending litigation with Frundt & Johnson LTD.

Mayor Jacobson opened the meeting back up to the Public.

City Administrator Allis informed Council that the 2nd half of the 2006 Local Government Aid was in.

Councilman Linde inquired who was paying for the pigeon control on West Franklin. Ellis Carpet would be paying for the materials and the City would be paying for staff time.

Councilman Carroll stated how much he has enjoyed working with the Council the past eight years.

Mayor Jacobson thanked Councilman Carroll for his years of service to the City of Wells. With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

The next scheduled council meeting is set for January 8, 2007.

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk

