

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their first meeting of the month on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 5 pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde in attendance. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy City Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by all present.

Ann Marie Schuster, representing the Wells HRA, was present to inform Council on the HRA's standing on the Wells Manufactured Home Park. Discussion was held on the estimated clean-up cost, ownership, what the HRA has done and can do, and finally what options the City might have.

Minutes of the January 23, 2006 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$201,575.90 on a motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried. The Balances/Receipts and Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also approved with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

Two Building Permits for the month of January were submitted for Council approval. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the building permits as listed.

The Departmental Reports were the next item on the agenda. The following departments submitted reports for January; Public Works, Police, Community Development, Library, and the Fire Department. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the Departmental Reports as submitted.

The Community Center, Liquor Store, building report quarterly, Library automation, and Employee comp-time and over-time reports were the Miscellaneous Reports submitted for January for Council approval. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as listed.

The first Committee Meeting listed under the Commission & Committee Reports was from the Street & Sewer Committee. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the minutes from the Committee Meeting as written. Several items were discussed and brought forward for Council approval. 1) Bill Barr is asking for up to \$50 for watering sod cost after the CSAH 32 Project is completed. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved Mr. Barr's request. 2) Street Supervisor LaVallie is requesting approval to use part-time employee LeRoy Kuster throughout the year to assist with trucking needs when his staff is busy. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved this request.

3) "Street Maintenance No Parking 12 am to 6 am" signs would allow the Street Department to use them any time of the year and make parking downtown more

assessable. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved ordering 40 signs at a cost of \$ 402.40 from Earl F. Anderson. 4) Street Supervisor LaVallie would like to purchase a 1996 Ford F350 from Wells Automotive and replace the dump box. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the purchase and adding the dump box with other safety equipment. 5) The vac truck is in need of a new nozzle. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved purchasing the nozzle, which spins as it travels through the pipe for a better job of cleaning. 6) Kurt Niebuhr to attend the Wastewater School in March. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved Kurt's registration and hotel costs. 7) Faribault County is scheduling 2006 citywide clean-up dates. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved the county coordinating the city's clean up providing they change the date to May 20th like it has been in the past.

The Police/Fire Committee Meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried. The request from Officer Tim Brenegan to attend the SOTA training in March for 12 POST credits was approved on a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried. Chief Rick Herman is requesting permission to attend the Internal Affairs Investigation Meeting in Rochester in March was approved with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

The Wells Public Utilities Commission Meeting (with attachment), the Fire Department January Meetings, and the Joint Board Meeting minutes were approved as submitted on a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

Deb Redman is requesting to upgrade her computer, which is used primarily for Deputy Registrar work, to an 80 gigabytes hard drive. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved purchasing a new computer at a cost not to exceed \$700 plus sales tax.

The Fire Department is requesting council approval on the resignation of Mike Weber from the department and also requesting approval to advertise to fill the opening. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried to accept Mr. Weber's resignation and to advertise in the local paper to fill the position.

Chief of Police Rick Herman would like to purchase two more Tasers. The Tasers were included in this years budget and holsters are now included in the purchase price. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved the purchase of two Tasers.

The Airport Lease renewals were next on the agenda. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved renewing the Airport Leases for Minnesota Lake Flying Club, Harry's Hawk Flying Club, and John Thisius.

The Board of Review notice was in the council packet as information only. The Board of Appeal is set for Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 5 pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson reminded council a quorum is needed.

Old Business: none

Public Comment: County Commissioner Bill Groskreutz Jr. informed council on upcoming County Meetings for February. There will be a Storm Water Meeting on February 14th and a County Bus Transit Meeting on February 23rd.

Councilman Linde explained to council the reason for wanting an ad in the paper for the firemen's position done early.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is Monday, February 27th.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk