

## MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, February 27, 2006 in the Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. Mayor David Jacobson presided with Councilmen Ron Gaines, Scott Linde, and Jack Carroll present. Councilman Stephen Burns was absent. Also present were City Administrator Ronda Allis and Reporter Laurie Bonsack. Deputy Clerk Redman was absent. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by all present.

Bill Sayre, with Bolton and Menk, was present to discuss the 2006 Street Improvement Projects. Estimated project cost will be \$747,000.00. Bid letting is scheduled for Friday, March 31, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll to pass Resolution No. 2006-02, Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids. Motion carried.

Mr. Sayre also updated the council on the status of the CSAH 32 (3<sup>rd</sup> Street) project. This project is also schedule for bid letting on March 31, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. Total project cost is expected to be approximately \$232,628 with the city's share coming in at approximately \$6,000.00.

Michael Milks presented the council with bids for updating the sound system at the theatre. Michael noted that the current sound system is approximately 20 years old and is in need of replacement. The theatre has recently raised fees for popcorn as well as their fees for advertising. This has brought in additional revenues. The theatre received two bids for the sound system upgrade. The bids, from Premiere Theatre Services and Midwest Cinema Service, were \$14,257.71 and \$16,404.40, respectively. Motion by Carroll, second by Linde to approve awarding bid to Premiere Theatre Services in the amount of \$14,257.71. Motion carried.

Minutes from the February 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried.

The bills were reviewed next. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved paying all the bills totaling \$130,852.31.

The Miscellaneous Reports included minutes from the Flame Theatre Board and the Wells Community Ambulance Board of Directors. These reports were approved as presented on a motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried.

The council received one cable franchise application. The application was submitted by Bevcomm, Inc. Council member Gaines made a motion to accept the cable franchise application from Bevcomm, Inc, and call for a public hearing, to be held on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.. The motion was seconded by council member Carroll. Upon calling for a vote the following council members voted in favor: Gaines, Carroll and Jacobson. The following voted against the motion: None. Council Member Linde abstained from voting.

Police Chief Rick Herman submitted training requests for Officer Kurt Zehnder. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll to approve the training request. Motion carried.

City Administrator Allis presented a memo to the council regarding the fee paid by the Senior Citizens for their use of the community center. The fee of \$500.00 has been set by the council in their annual resolution setting fees and rates. The senior citizens cannot afford the \$500.00 fee, due to declining enrollment, and have paid \$300.00 for the 2006 calendar year. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines to accept the \$300.00 payment and to remove this fee from the annual resolution. In the future the council will accept payment based on the senior citizens ability to pay.

The city received notification from the chamber that the amateur baseball team has been approved for acceptance into the league. This was provided to the council for information purposes only.

Old Business: Reminder of the Board of Review date to be held on Wednesday,

May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Citywide cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The county will be the sponsor of this event.

Public Comment: Tinker Mosser was present to discuss the Hassing property. The council noted that they continue to work on this issue and it is being addressed by the Police Committee. Mr. Mosser also raised concerns about the trailer park. City Administrator Allis provided what information she had on the status of the bankruptcy proceeding filed by the trailer park owner, Kevin Eckel. Allis again stated that the city continues to monitor this situation.

Administrator's Report: None.

Mayor's Report: None.

Council Member reports: None.

The next scheduled council meeting is set for Monday, March 13, 2006.

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

Ronda C. Allis, City Administrator