

## MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, January 23, 2006 in Council Chambers at 5 pm. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Gaines, and Linde present. Councilman Carroll was absent. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy City Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said at this time.

The minutes from the January 9, 2006 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

The remaining monthly bills were reviewed next. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved paying these bills in the amount of \$136,627.09.

The minutes from the Street/Sewer Committee Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried. The Committee recommended advertising for a full-time Street Department employee. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the recommendation to advertise for 2 weeks for a full-time Street Department employee. Council discussed the idea of replacing the "street sweeping" signage with "street maintenance" signs. Street Supervisor LaVallie will check into this and report back to the Street/Sewer Committee.

The minutes from the Police/Fire Committee Meeting were reviewed next. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the Police/Fire Committee Meeting minutes as written.

The Ambulance Board, the EDA, a Joint Board meeting, the HRA Annual Meeting, and the Wells Public Utilities Commission submitted Miscellaneous Reports. The EDA (December 20<sup>th</sup>) minutes need to have "State Highway 29" changed to "County Road 29". Also, council would like WPU to include any attachments with their minutes. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports with these changes.

Chief of Police Herman's request to replace the Ford Squad Car with a 2006 Dodge Charger was approved with a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried.

Officer Tim Brenegan has completed his probationary period. Chief of Police Herman is recommending he be taken off probation at this time. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved removing Officer Brenegan from probation.

Resolution 2006-01; a resolution related to Tax Increment District 2-5, Wells Truss Project was approved with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried. This resolution contains the correct figures for decertification of TIF District 2-5.

Bill Sayre, from Bolton & Menk enclosed information regarding pedestrian ramps for the 2006 street improvement projects. After discussing both styles, council decided to stay

with the "Double Ramp" on a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried. The double ramp is what the City is currently using.

The Minnesota Deputy Registrar Association dues for 2006 are \$173. This is based on the transaction counts for Motor Vehicle, Drivers License, and ½ DNR. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved paying the 2006 membership fee.

Arnie Groskreutz was present to request that the council waive the Community Center's rental fee for 2 occasions. The first one is January 30<sup>th</sup>, when Senator Julie Rosen will speak on "methamphetamine drugs" The second occasion is March 7<sup>th</sup> when the Republican Precinct Caucus is planned. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved waiving the rental fee for both occasions.

Officer Dale Kauffmann's request to attend the "Long, Hot Summer 2006" Conference was approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried. This conference will go toward his required post credits. The Conference will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.

There were 2 items for council information in this packet. The 2005 Deputy Registrar Recap and a complimentary letter on 3 Police Officers actions.

Old Business: Storm & Sanitary Sewer Rates

After reviewing the comparison chart City Administrator Allis provided council, it was decided the dollar amount for the Sanitary Sewer flow rate should be increased. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved raising the flow rate charge per 1,000 gallons to \$2.00.

There was no "public comment" or report from any member of the council at this meeting.

The next scheduled council meeting is set for Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk