

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met for the first time in 2006 on Monday, January 9th at 5 pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilman Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy City Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by all present.

The Council Meeting minutes from December 27, 2005 were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the total amount of \$175,955.75 on a motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried. The Balances/Receipts and Revenues/Expenditures Statements for 2005 were also approved with a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

One Building Permit was submitted for council approval. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the December building permit.

Public Works, Police, Community Development, and the Library submitted Departmental Reports. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Departmental Reports as submitted.

Miscellaneous Reports were the next item on the agenda. Miscellaneous Reports consisted of the following; Community Center, Liquor Store, quarterly building, Library Automation, Employee Over-time & Comp-time, Pool, and Theatre. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as submitted.

The Fire Department, Library, and Library Board submitted Commission Reports. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved these reports as submitted.

The 2006 list of appointments for the City of Wells was reviewed next. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the appointments as presented.

Gene Kauffmann's letter of retirement from the Street Department was approved on a motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried. Gene's retirement is effective February 14, 2006. A coffee hour will be planned to honor Mr. Kauffmann on his 32 years of service.

The Street Department's options on a new hire will be discussed at the next Street/Sewer Committee Meeting. A recommendation from the committee will be presented at the next council meeting.

The Wells Historical Society's request for a "silent auction" donation was discussed next. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved donating Theatre tickets for the auction.

City Administrator Allis supplied council with information on the current fees for storm sewer and sanitary sewer. Council needs to review the information and be ready to discuss necessary increases for the coming years. Council would also like to see a comparison with other cities. This item will be held until the next council meeting of January 23rd.

There were 2 FYI letters in the packet. The first one was a letter of approval for the JOBZ Subzone Modification. The second letter was from the Minnesota Department of Transportation District 7 on their "long range plan".

Old Business:

The letter from Community Development Director Heckman was reviewed. City Administrator Allis contacted the League of Minnesota Cities regarding pay equity. After further discussion, Carroll made a motion, second by Linde and carried to leave the Community Development Director's salary as is for 2006.

There was no public comment at this meeting.

City Administrator Allis reminded council member of the Holiday Gathering at the Liquor Store on Thursday, January 12th at 5 pm.

Councilman Linde reported some people had approached him on the condition of the gravel alley and cartway by Neubauer Oil and Wells Concrete Ready Mix.

The next regular scheduled council meeting is set for Monday, January 23, 2006.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk