

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, July 10, 2006 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilman Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde present. Also present were City Administrator Allis and Deputy Clerk Redman. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said after Mayor Jacobson called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the June 26th Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$210,808.76 with a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried. Also the Balances/Receipts and Revenues/Expenditures Statements were approved as presented on a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

Twenty-two (22) Building Permits for the month of June were presented to Council for approval. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved all the Building Permits as presented.

Departmental Reports were the next item on the agenda. The Police, Community Development, Library, and Fire Department submitted monthly reports for Council to review. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the Departmental Reports as submitted.

Miscellaneous Reports consisted of the following; Community Center, Liquor Store, Building Permit quarterly, Library Automation, Employee Comp-time & Over-time, and Pool. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as presented for the month.

General Business:

Bill Groskreutz Jr. spoke to Council about the "Closing of 4th Avenue Northwest" by the Railroad crossing. He mentioned several key elements he wanted Council to consider. Gene Kauffmann, Max Kuechenmeister, Larry Gamradt, and Jay Corbin also spoke on this matter. Council tabled this to have further time to consider the information presented to them.

The Notice of Assignment of Aquila Inc. Gas Franchise to Minnesota Energy Resources Corp. (MERC) and Attorney Randel Bichler's letter of review was in the packet as information. Also in the packet for information purposes were the Faribault County Libraries Circulation Stats from 1995 thru 2005. A copy of Life Style Property Management's "In Lieu of Taxes" payment for the Broadway Apartments and Park Place Townhouse was also in the Council packet.

Chief Herman is requesting permission to send Officer Tim Brenegan to Tactical Officer Training. The cost is \$550 and is part of the certification

necessary for Tim to participate in the South Central Tactical Team.
Motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried approved Tim's training request.

Old Business: EDA Request

Nothing to report at this time, Ronda is checking with Dick Asleson.

Public Comment:

Arnie Groskreutz was present to voice several concerns about the baseball field at Thompson Park. He had an issue with the new sod not being watered, the 3rd base line backstop, and the electric meters not secured to something.

City Administrator Allis requested the Council consider hiring Amy Gackstetter as a substitute lifeguard at the pool. It is the time of year when vacations start. Motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried approved the new hire.

Councilman Burns inquired about the time line of working on the City's 2007 budget.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for July 24, 2006.

With no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk