

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, July 24, 2006 in Council Chambers at 5 pm. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Carroll, and Gaines present. Councilman Linde was absent. Also present were City Administrator Allis and Deputy Clerk Redman. The Pledge of Allegiance was said after the meeting was called to order.

With Council's indulgence, Mayor Jacobson started the evening's business with several Chamber of Commerce requests. The first request from the Chamber was to hold the Kernel Days fireworks on Friday, August 18th with the fireworks being shot-off at the Compost Site. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the Chamber using the Compost Site. Their second request was to allow skydivers to land in Half Moon Park prior to the firework on Friday. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved the skydivers as long as they were self-insured and the City has no liability for the event. The Chamber also presented Council with a list of requests in preparation of Kernel Days. Some of the items on the list include, but not limited to, use of the "Warming House" as a Chamber Information Center, traffic control from the Police Department, use of park picnic tables, and setup/takedown help from the Street Department. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the list of requests with one request added and one request taken out. The last request was for the City to waive the fee to rent the Theatre for a "Sheriff's Debate" on Wednesday, August 30th. Motion by Carroll, second Burns and carried approved waiving the fee for the use of the Theatre.

Darin Magnuson, on behalf of the Wells Area Jaycees, requested the time of the Noise Ordinance which is 10 pm, be extended to 12 midnight on Friday, August 18th. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved their request.

The minutes from the July 10th Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

The rest of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$602,715.99 with a motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried.

Street Supervisor LaVallie submitted the Public Works Departmental Report for the month. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved his report as presented.

The Police/Fire Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved sending Fire Department Chief Mike Pyzick for training on the use of the Thermal Imaging Camera, which the Fire Department received a CEDAP grant for.

Miscellaneous Reports were the next item on the agenda. Reports were submitted from the Ambulance Board, Wells Public Utilities, HRA, and the EDA. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved all the Miscellaneous Reports submitted at this time.

Council approved the sale of the Street Department's 1984 1 ton truck to Howard Brandt for the purchase price of \$800 on a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

Council discussed the Wells Manufactured Home Park at much length. The members felt more details were needed as to how the other parties involved felt about the figures presented. The City Employees are maintaining the property to date. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved bringing this item back to Council with the requested extra information.

The TIF 1-1 project (LaHaciendita) is completed with a prospective lease in place. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved a 3 year lease agreement with an option to buy with Frundt and Johnson LTD.

Community Development Director Heckman submitted a Small Cities Development Program update of transaction with Disbursement #11. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved payment of disbursement and program updates.

There were 2 letters of information in this packet. The first one was from the Minnesota State Demographer with the 2005 City of Wells population estimates. The second was a letter to the EDA from City Administrator Allis regarding the TIF 1-1 funds.

Old Business: Railroad Crossing

Council discussed the closer of the railroad crossing on 4th Avenue Northwest. Councilman Gaines informed Council he had many phone calls concerning the closing. Councilman Gaines made a motion to rescind the previous motion and keep the crossing open. Motion died for a lack of a second to the motion.

Public Comment:

Arnie Groskreutz informed Council the Baseball field at Thompson Park looked good after watering had begun.

City Administrator Allis informed Council that the LGA payment had been received in July. She also informed Council that the PFA Sewer Project had about \$60,000 to \$70,000 yet to come.

Councilman Burns gave Council members a handout about Public Libraries. He also commented on the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference. He saw several community leaders with Polo shirts with their City logo on them. Councilmen Burns and Gaines would like to see the City of Wells have a new logo designed.

The next scheduled Council meeting is set for Monday, August 14, 2006.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk