

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their first meeting of the month on Monday, June 12, 2006 in Council Chambers at 5 pm. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by all.

The minutes from the May 22nd Council Meeting 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 amount of \$314,052.04 on a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried. The Balances/Receipts and Revenues/Expenditures statements were also approved as presented with a motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried.

Nineteen Building Permits for the month of May were submitted for Council approval. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved the Building Permits as presented.

The Departmental Reports were the next item on the agenda. The Public Works, Police, Community Development, Library, and Fire Department submitted reports for May. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Departmental Reports submitted.

Miscellaneous Reports included in the packet were from the Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library automation, Employee comp-time & over-time, and Pool. Motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried approved all the Miscellaneous Reports.

The Wells Board of Adjustments and Appeals Public Hearing minutes was in the packet as information only.

The Street & Sewer Committee Meeting minutes were approved as presented with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried. It is the recommendation of the Committee to fill the open position at the Recycling Center with Matt Herman. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved this recommendation.

Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the minutes from the Wells Public Utilities Commission Meeting.

The Police & Fire Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried. The high bidder for the Fire Department's old tanker has not picked up the tanker and can not be reached.

The Community Development Director Heckman submitted a report updating Council on the Small Cities Development Program. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved the monthly report and Disbursement #9.

The Wells VFW Post #1778 is requesting a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Sunday, August 20, 2006. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved the Liquor License.

Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved paying the membership dues for the Minnesota Association of Small Cities for the 2006-07 year.

The application for the Gambling Permit for the Wells Area Chamber of Commerce was approved on a motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried. The permit is for the Kernel Days weekend for Bingo and a raffle.

Liquor Licenses were the next item on the agenda. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved the following liquor licenses; Sunday Liquor for Mary's Cookin', On-Sale Liquor for Mary's Cookin', and Club On-Sale Liquor for the Liquor Store, VFW, and Legion Club.

Council approved 3 resignations from the Liquor Store – Greg Hanson, Misty Spilde, and John Vogel. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved these resignations as presented. Council wishes to recognize John Vogel for his many years of service at the Municipal Liquor Store.

At the same time, Liquor Store Manager, Lindholm would like to hire additional help. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved hiring Amber Hubbard as part-time bartender at the Liquor Store.

A letter was received from Arnold Groskreutz informing Council he had arranged for Tammy Peterson and daughters to operate the Concession Stand at Thompson Park during the Wells Wildcat Baseball Games. He also informed Council he is soliciting funds from the Lions Club to pay the maintenance fee for the use of the baseball field.

Liaison Officer Gary Robbins submitted his Activity Report for the 2005-06 school year.

Council discussed the Theatre employees increase in wages. This was not a budgeted increase for this year. City Administrator Allis will inform the Theatre Board how the budget process works for future use. The recommendation was to increase the employees wages \$2.50 effective immediately and another \$2.50 at the first of the year. Motion by Gaines and second by Burns approved the two (2) wage increases. Voting in favor: Burns, Carroll, and Gaines. Voting against was Councilman Linde. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the Chamber's request for Kernel Days donations. There is no extra funds this year, could be considered at budget time for next year. Councilman Gaines

would like City Administrator Allis to put a dollar amount on the items that the City already does for Kernel Days and present that to the Chamber.

Public Comment:

Anthony and Peggy Mosser came before Council to voice concerns about all the other debris and various other old items all around the James Hassing property. Councilman Linde informed the Mossers every step in the process takes time, one step at a time.

County Commissioner Bill Groskreutz was in attendance to inform Council that there would be a "work session" concerning Tax Forfeited Property in the County.

Bill Barr voiced concerns about the closing of 4th Avenue NW and added that the Railroad should be repairing and adding crossing arms at the crossing on 3rd Street SE.

Councilman Linde informed the Council that the Fire Department would like to sell their used air packs with tanks to other Fire Departments in the area. They are estimating the price to be around \$30 each.

City Administrator Allis informed Council she had received a complaint about the Compost Site being very wet. She will speak to the Street Supervisor about this matter.

The next scheduled Council meeting is set for Monday, June 26th.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned.

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk