

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Gaines, and Linde present. Councilman Carroll was absent. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by all present.

Mayor Jacobson started the meeting with the Public Hearing to consider the application of Bevcomm, Inc. for Cable Television Franchise. Councilman Burns asked about channels and service packages. There was no other public comment.

The Planning & Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing at 4 p.m. on March 13, 2006 in Council Chambers to consider an application by Hutton Company to rezone parcel number R30.238.0050 from Industrial to General Business. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of the rezoning amendment. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the rezoning for Hutton Company.

Brad Heggen, President of the Wells Area Chamber of Commerce was present to inform Council that the Chamber was considering moving a majority of the Kernel Days activities to Half Moon Park. Rick Herman also informed Council a new parade route was being considered. The Chamber is being reminded there is considerable street construction going on this summer and to keep the Council informed of any changes. The Chamber of Commerce Board will be taking action on this at their next meeting.

The minutes from the February 27, 2006 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The monthly bills for all departments were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$112,075.32 on a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried. The Balances/Receipts and Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also reviewed and approved with a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried.

Six (6) Building Permits were brought before council for approval. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the building permits for February.

The next item on the agenda was the Departmental Reports. Reports were submitted by the Public Works, Police, Community Development,

Library, and Fire Department. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the Departmental Reports as presented.

Miscellaneous Reports reviewed by council were as follow; Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library Automation, and Employee over-time & comp-time. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as listed.

Commission Reports submitted to Council for approval came from the EDA, EDA Annual Meeting, and the Wells Public Utilities. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the Commission Reports as written.

Chief of Police, Rick Herman requested permission to attend the Chief of Police Conference in St. Cloud on April 24-28th. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved his request. Rick could receive up to 20 POST credits while attending the conference.

Gene & Dolores Weber submitted a request for a streetlight to be located at the corner of 3rd Avenue Southwest and 11th Street Southwest. After some discussion Council decided to approve a street light at this corner and consider a light at the corner of 3rd Avenue Southwest and 12th Street Southwest at a later date. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved notifying Wells Public Utilities to place a street light at the corner of 3rd Avenue Southwest and 11th Street Southwest.

Community Development Director Heckman submitted a Small Cities Development Program Funds Report for Council approval. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved her report as presented.

It is time to renew 3.2 Liquor Licenses. Jake's Pizza has a 3.2 On-Sale Liquor License. Nuway Coop, Twin Cities Stores, and Casey's General Store have 3.2 Off-Sale Liquor Licenses. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved all the 3.2 Liquor Licenses for renewal.

Jack Carroll submitted a letter of resignation as a part-time bartender at the Wells Municipal Liquor Store. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved Mr. Carroll's resignation effective March 8, 2006.

The Southern Minnesota Family Dirt Works ATV Group has requested a Gambling Permit to hold a raffle on August 19th during Kernel Days. The group will be raffling off an ATV as first prize. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved their request for a Gambling Permit.

A new full-time employee on the Street Department was discussed next. It was the recommendation of the Street Committee to hire Richard

Brandenburg to fill that position. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved hiring Richard Brandenburg.

The following items were in the packet as information only:

1. Wells Firefighters Relief Association
2. "Thank You" for Police Officer Alex Thostenson
3. Prairieland 2006 summer collection schedule
4. Memo from Fire Department concerning new hire
5. Notice of Hearing for Conditional Use Permit for Tom Staloch from Faribault County P & Z

There was no Public Comment at this meeting.

City Administrator Allis informed Council about the status of the Trailer Park. After much discussion, Council decided the City was not interested in purchasing the property. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried denies purchasing the Trailer Park property.

City Administrator Allis also informed Council that a family member of Ervin Pietan's was in to speak to her about connecting to the City water and sewer. After some discussion, Council decided to hold this item until the next council meeting.

Councilman Linde presented papers to Council he had received from Anthony Mosser concerning the Hassing property. City Administrator Allis will bring this to the next Police Committee meeting. Chief Herman and Ronda are working on the necessary steps to continue the clean-up process.

The next scheduled council meeting is set for Monday, March 27, 2006 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk