

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, May 22, 2006 in Council Chambers at 5 p.m. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack.

The Council went into "Closed Session" immediately at 5 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. The meeting was open to the public at 5:30 p.m.

The minutes from the May 8th Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried. The Board of Review minutes were also reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

Council reviewed the rest of the monthly bills presented. Motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried approved payment in the amount of \$70,112.39.

The Police/Fire Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented on a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

Miscellaneous Reports were the next item on the agenda. The Wells Public Utilities Commission Meeting minutes, Wells Community Ambulance Board Meeting minutes, Flame Theatre Board Meeting minutes, EDA Public Hearing minutes, EDA Meeting minutes, and the 2005-06 Snow Emergency Ticket Report were approved as presented on a motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried. Council would like City Administrator Allis to look at past wage increases for the Theatre employees. This item will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Mary Johnson, Chairperson of Special Projects, came before Council to request a monetary donation and City Staff help for Kernel Days. She made a comparison with the city of Blue Earth and Winnebago. Council would like some time to further investigate funding.

Darin Magnuson, Wells Jaycees, came before Council to request a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License. The Jaycees would like the license for the 3- day celebration of Kernel Days in August. They will have a fenced in tent area at Half Moon Park. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the Liquor License for the Jaycees.

The Wells Fire Department also requested a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for their Street Dance of Saturday, August 19, 2006. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the Fire Department Liquor License.

The Faribault County Sheriff's Office is requesting payment for the support costs incurred for the year 2005 CIS Computer Consortium Project. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried. Councilman Gaines abstaining.

Community Development Director Heckman submitted a letter informing Council of the decision made by the Board of Adjustments and Appeals at their Public Hearing. The variances were for Michael & Elaine Hernandez and Hal & Debbie Becker.

Resolution 2006-06 is a resolution approving a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premises Permit for the Wells American Legion Club Post 210. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the Legion's permit.

The Flame Theatre Board is requesting to hire Tara Gleisner as Ticket Salesperson and the following people as Concession Workers; Jessica Redman, Naomi Rath, Michael Todd Milks, and Chelsea Hernandez. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved all of the new employees for the Theatre.

Resolution 2006-07 is a resolution entering into an agreement with the Iowa, Chicago, and Eastern Railroad for the closing of a crossing at 4th Avenue Northwest. After some discussion, Council approved the resolution with the following stipulations; 1) hold the paper work until the railroad has started construction on the railroad crossing on north Broadway, and 2) add a cover letter to the resolution explaining this document is contingent on the railroad completing the repair work on north Broadway first. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved Resolution 2006-07 with the added conditions.

The letter from Homeland Security informing Chief Herman he had received a CEDAP grant was in the packet as information only. The Police Department will receive a Video Detective Image Processing System.

Dick Asleson, Northland Securities, was here to finalize the 2006 Street Improvement Bond. The interest rate had rose slightly, but was still low. With no further discussion, motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried approved Resolution 2006-08; a resolution providing for the issuance & sale of \$875,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, pledging special assessments for the security thereof and levying a tax for the payment thereof.

Old Business: Nuisance violation updates

Tina King: didn't sign letter of consent to remove, Attorney Randy Bichler has started the necessary paper work for the next step.

Jim Hassing: has a local contractor handling the clean up.

Bill Groskreutz informed Council about his concerns with the lack of land available in Wells for the purpose of constructing new homes on bare lots. Council was in agreement.

City Administrator Allis presented a request from the Fire Department. It is tradition to have a newly married couple sit on a swing hanging from the Snorkel. The Fire Department would like to honor Brian and Tammy Bullerman. Motion by Burns, second by Carroll and carried approved the Fire Department's request.

The next scheduled council meeting is set for Monday, June 12, 2006.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk