

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, November 13, 2006 in Council Chambers at 5 pm. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Burns, Carroll, Gaines, and Linde present. Also present were City Administrator Allis and Deputy City Clerk Redman. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said at this time.

Dick Asleson presented Amendment #5 to TIF District 1-1 for Council approval. Dick informed Council that the money in TIF 1-1 needs to be addressed by the end of 2006. City Administrator Allis told Council that 5 blocks in the downtown area will be receiving new light poles with lights, banner brackets, hanging flower basket brackets, and garbage containers. The services have been contracted for this year, but will not be paid until 2007. Resolution 2006-17; a resolution amending the Tax Increment Financing Plan for Downtown Development District #1 was approved as drafted with a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

The minutes from the October 23rd Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried. The minutes from the Special Council Meeting of October 30th were also reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$247,954.01 with a motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried. The Balances/Receipts & Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

Sixteen Building Permits were presented to Council for the month of October. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved the building permits as presented.

Departmental Reports were the next item on the agenda. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the reports submitted by the Police and Public Works. Community Development Director Heckman submitted the Small Cities Development Program Disbursements 14 – 19 for approval. Motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried approved these disbursements. The Council also approved the reports submitted by the Library and the Fire Department with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

Miscellaneous Reports consisted of the following; Community Center, Liquor Store, building report, library automation, employee over-time, employee comp-time, and Pool. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as presented.

The September and October minutes from the Wells Public Utilities Commission were approved on a motion by Linde, second by Carroll and carried.

The summary of the General Election results were approved as presented with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

Police Chief Herman is requesting permission to send Liaison Officer Robbins and Officer Ratelle to a class on "School Shooters" in January 2007 in Faribault. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the training request.

The City of Wells has settled in the Gary Kauffmann case. Motion by Carroll, second by Linde and carried authorized payment of \$4,500 to Gary Kauffmann.

Street Supervisor LaVallie submitted a request to repair the street sweeper for approximately \$1,700 and replace the lift station & control box at City Hall for around \$3,000. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the request as presented.

Acting Mayor Gaines presented Resolution 2006-18; a resolution authorizing the sale of land. The City of Wells (Wells Public Utilities) has agreed to sell a parcel of land on the southwest side of town to A Home of Your Own for \$8,400. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the sale. Mayor Jacobson abstained from the vote.

Cheyenne Walton submitted her resignation from the Liquor Store. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved her resignation.

The EDA is requesting authorization from the City Council to use the HUD Revolving Loan Fund money for the Guarantee Certificate of Deposit for Wells Co-Pack Foods Inc. Motion by Carroll, second by Burns and carried approved the use of the HUD Funds.

Liquor Store Manager Lindholm would like to hire Mary Olson as a part-time bartender. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved his request.

Abdo, Eick & Meyers submitted an audit proposal for Council review. Mayor Jacobson and City Administrator Allis discussed with Council information they had learned about GASB-34 at the League Meeting earlier this fall. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved their proposal at a cost of \$20,850 for 2007.

Two items were in the packet for information only. The first one was a "Thank You" from the USC Elementary Teachers to the Fire Department for their Fire Prevention Week Program. The second one was a notice from Mediacom informing the City that they were adding more channels to their lineup.

Old Business: John Frank nuisance update

The John Frank family is applying for the Enhancement Grant through the EDA. The EDA will review the application at their November 21st meeting and present their decision to Council on November 27th. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved waiting to act on the nuisance violation until Council hears the EDA decision.

Public Comment: none

City Administrator Allis informed Council there would be a "Wine Tasting" at the Liquor Store on Friday, November 17th.

Mayor Jacobson commented on the new Stop Signs in town.

Councilman Burns questioned the Railroads intent on finishing the work on Broadway. The new surface will be done next spring.

Councilman Carroll revisited the Junk Car Ordinance. He also questioned the City's policy on a pay scale for the Liquor Store employees. Councilman Carroll would like to see a pay increase for the Mayor and Councilpersons. City Administrator Allis will look into all of these matters and report back to Council.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2006.

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

Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman