

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers with Mayor Jacobson presiding. Present were Council Members Burns, Gaines, Linde, and Savick. Also present were City Administrator Allis and Deputy City Clerk Redman. Everyone present said the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes from the November 26th Council Meeting and the minutes from the Truth In Taxation Hearing were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried.

The 1st Street NE proposed project for 2008 street improvement be put on hold until more information involving the Historical Society can be reviewed. It would not be cost efficient to do such a small project with concrete.

Resolution 2007-20; a resolution ordering preparation of report on improvement (feasibility study) was approved with a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried.

Resolution 2007-21; a resolution receiving report & calling hearing on improvement was approved with the following projects removed; sanitary sewer construction on Fourth Avenue Southeast, concrete pavement on Fourth Avenue Southeast and First Street Northwest. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved Resolution 2007-21 with the above corrections.

The Mike & Cindy Weber sewer proposal update consisted of a response from the Weber Sewer Project Committee member Stephen Burns answering the questions from the October 21, 2007 letter. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved forwarding this report to the Webers. The Webers request to widen the road to their property will go to the Police Committee with a recommendation going to Council. Motion by Mayor Jacobson, second by Linde and carried approved the Weber's previous sewer proposal for Dennis Swehla to install an 8 inch line on their property to connect to a 6 inch line which exist at the end of their property.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$178,846.16 with a motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried. The monthly revenue & expenditure statements were also approved as presented with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

Four building permits were issued for November. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved the monthly building permits.

Departmental Reports were submitted from the following; Public Works, Police, Community Development, Fire Department, and Library. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved all the Departmental Reports as submitted.

Miscellaneous Reports were for the Community Center, Liquor Store, building report, Library automation, employee comp-time & overtime, and Pool. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried accepted the Miscellaneous Reports as presented.

The City Hall Committee meeting minutes were approved as written with a motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried.

The EDA submitted meeting minutes for August through November 2007. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved all four sets of minutes as submitted.

Councilwoman Savick submitted a letter of resignation from the Weber Sewer Project Committee. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved her request.

Stan Bruss submitted his letter of resignation from the Wells Public Utilities Commission effective December 31, 2007. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried accepted his resignation and also requested City Administrator Allis to send him a "thank you" note.

The 2008 final budget was in packet for review. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approved the budget as printed.

At this time Resolution 2007-18; a resolution approving the 2007 Tax Levy collectible in 2008 was presented. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the resolution as written.

Resolution 2007-19; a resolution setting fees and rates for 2008 was reviewed. One liquor license was removed, land use & subdivision fees were added, and Community Center rent with alcohol was added to the fee schedule. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved Resolution 2007-19.

Four businesses request renewal of their Cigarette Licenses for the year 2008. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved the four licenses.

Abdo, Eick, and Meyers LLP submitted a service contract for the 2008 audit. They estimated the cost to be \$23,205. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the contract for 2008.

City Administrator Allis requested that city employees be allowed to take 4 hours of accumulated leave to have the whole day of December 24th off. Motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried approved her request.

The Wells Lions would like to renew their Lease for Lawful Gambling Activities (pull-tabs). Resolution 2007-22; a resolution approving a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premises Permit application for the Wells Lions Club was approved with a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried.

The Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities is requesting the City to join their association. After some discussion, Council denied their request for membership on a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The Building Official Committee is recommending that Council authorize the City to enter into a contract with Bryan Stensland to serve as the Certified Building Official with the Service Agreement presented to Council. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the committee's recommendation.

City Administrator Allis updated the Personnel Policy for nonunion employees and supplied Council with a revised copy to review. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the revised Personnel Policy as written.

City Administrator Allis gave Council an update on the Trailer Park. She has spoke with the County and there will be no deadline put on this project. Also, she has discussed titles for the trailer with the bank.

The Faribault County assessor's Office sent a memo reminding Council of the training session for the Board of Review. Councilman Gaines is the only member who has had training.

FYI: Minnesota Dept of Finance – budget forecast

Article from the St. Cloud Daily Times – Wells Concrete

Public Comment:

Cindy Weber had questions concerning putting the Council minutes in the Wells Mirror, committee meeting minutes in the paper, sewer pipe size, manhole on Pietan property, and subdivision of property.

Milt Peterson also questioned the Council about the manhole on Pietan property, time line for Council action, and the sale of the 4020 tractor.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for Thursday, December 20, 2007 due to the Christmas holiday.

With no other business to discuss, Council went into "closed session" to perform the City Administrator's yearly review and set the wages for the nonunion staff for 2008.

Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk