

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their first meeting of the month on Monday, February 12, 2007 in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Council Members Burns, Gaines, Linde and Savick present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy City Clerk Redman and Reporter Bonsack.

Mayor Jacobson called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. at which time the group present said the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes from the January 22nd Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$351,842.59 on a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried. The Balances/Receipts and Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also reviewed and approved with a motion by Gaines and second by Linde. Motion carried.

January Building Permits were submitted for approval. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved all three building permits.

The Departmental Reports were the next item on the agenda. Street Supervisor LaVallie's Public Works Report and Police Chief Herman's Police Department Report were approved as submitted on a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The Community Development Report was discussed with the following updates. Community Development Director Heckman did not go to the Capital on February 12th to testify at the Senate Hearing on behalf of the Wells Historical Society. The Wells Manufactured Home Park was discussed. It was the consensus of the Council that there should be an Environmental Study done first. If we can legally have one done, then the Council, HRA and EDA can continue to work on this project. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved having City Administrator Allis get a Phase 1 quote. The Wells Small Cities Development Program Residential Rehab Report was included in the Community Development Report. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved disbursements #23 and 24 for payment. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved the Community Development Report.

The rest of the Departmental Reports were reviewed and approved as submitted. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the Library and Fire Department reports.

Miscellaneous Reports for January were as follows; the Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library Automation, and Employee over-time & comp-time. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as submitted.

The Police & Fire Committee Meeting minutes were approved as written with a motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried. The siren on the southwest side of town needs to be replaced with the cost to be approximately \$6,100. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved purchasing a new siren with the price not to exceed \$7,000. The committee will determine which fund this should be taken out of at a later date.

The Street & Sewer Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed next. Council reviewed the committee responses to the sewer questions the Webers had presented to Council. Street Supervisor LaVallie requested approval for three projects from his 2007 budget. He would like to do 5 to 6 blocks of crack filling, seal coat the 2006 street projects, and paint the downtown & residential curbs. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved these projects at a cost of approximately \$48,500. The complaint about snow removal in the downtown area was reviewed and necessary to keep the snow removal policy as is. The Street & Sewer Committee Meeting minutes and the letter of response for the Webers were approved on a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

The Airport Hanger Lease renewals for John Thisius and the Minnesota Lake Flying Club/Harry's Hawks Flying Club are due March 1, 2007. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved the 2 leases at \$50 for 1 year.

The City of Wells is a member of the South Central Drug Investigation Unit. Chief of Police Herman is requesting approval to pay the 2007 Tactical Service Maintenance fee of \$750. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved his request.

Amber Hubbard submitted her resignation from the Liquor Store. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved her resignation.

The Flame Theatre Board informed Council that concession worker Chelsea Hernandez had been let go and they would like to hire Brittany Pitcher and Ethel Rodriguez for concession work. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the Theatre Board's requests. Mayor Jacobson informed Council on what a "great job" Theatre Manager Michael Milks does working with the area schools.

Resolution 2007-01; a resolution requesting comprehensive road and transit funding in 2007 was approved on a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried.

Two notices were in the council packet. The first one was setting the date for the Board of Appeal, which is Thursday, May 10, 2007. The second notice was a notice of rate increase from Mediacom.

Old Business:

Mike & Cindy Weber sewer issues were handled earlier in the Council Meeting during the Street & Sewer Committee Meeting Report.

Frank Brothers Feed & Grain Co. building demolition has not taken place. A letter was sent to them asking for a written confirmation of demolition by February 15th or the City will have the building demolished and the cost put on their property taxes. If City Administrator Allis does not hear from the Frank family by the 15th, Council has directed her to move forward and have the building demolished with a motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried.

Public Comment: none

City Administrator Allis informed Council she had been in touch with Faribault County Engineer John McDonald. The Railroad will be starting their project in Wells this spring. She also informed Council she would be out of the office on vacation the last week in February.

Council Member Burns inquired about a water shed study for the City of Wells. City Administrator Allis informed Council she would be attending a meeting for Faribault County Communities in March. There might be money available. In the mean time, everyone possible should look for prior maps Bill Sayre has done for the City.

The Council did not go into closed session at this time. A Mediation Agreement was faxed to City Administrator Allis prior to the Council Meeting. Council reviewed the agreement and with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved signing the agreement.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for February 26, 2007.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk