

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Council Members Burns, Gaines, and Savick present. Councilman Linde was absent. Also present were City Administrator Allis and Deputy City Clerk Redman. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said at this time.

The minutes from the July 9th Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried.

The remainder of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$178,546.93 on a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried.

As discussed at the last Council Meeting, the Fire Department Tanker needs to be fixed. Midwest Fire will fix the corrosion area for approximately \$1,000. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved having Midwest Fire fix the Tanker. It may be necessary to hire one more part-time police officer for Kernel Days Weekend. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved hiring Eric Neubauer if necessary. The Police & Fire Committee Meeting minutes were approved as written with a motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried.

The Street Department has been very busy doing patchwork on the city streets. Street Supervisor LaVallie would like to keep his part-time summer help through July 2007. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved keeping Eric Neubauer and Matt Herman on staff for the rest of the month. A handicapped entrance to sidewalk by the Liquor Store is needed. Tinker Mosser says he can do the job for less than \$500. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved hiring Mr. Mosser to do the job, but not to exceed \$500. The committee recommends purchasing 7 garbage cans for the downtown area. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved purchasing the containers, not to exceed \$4,000. Councilwoman Savick started a discussion on the Mike Weber sewer issue. After much discussion, it was tabled until the Street & Sewer Committee finishes researching the necessary resources to make a recommendation. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the Street & Sewer Committee Meeting minutes as presented.

Miscellaneous Reports were submitted from the EDA and the Wells Ambulance Board. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as presented.

Community Development Director Heckman is requesting a city procurement policy be adopted for the Small Cities Development Program. Resolution 2007-10; a resolution adopting a Procurement Policy for the City of Wells was approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried.

Ordinance No 6, second series; an ordinance amending the Wells City Code Title Fifteen entitled "Land Use" by amending Chapter 151 regarding Subdivision Regulations was reviewed and approved with a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried.

The Wells VFW requested a Temporary Liquor License to serve on Sunday, August 19th, during the Kernel Days Celebration. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved their request.

The Police & Fire Committee has been working on a Golf Cart Ordinance for Council to review and make recommendations. Several members of the Golf Club Board were in attendance to voice their concerns. They were very unhappy that because of one or two people, an ordinance had to be established at all. After much discussion, Council felt this draft ordinance should go back to the committee and the Golf Club Board should attend the next Police & Fire Committee Meeting (August 14th) to make recommendations to the ordinance.

Robert Stenzel is retiring as the Building Inspector due to health issues. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved his resignation. The Council thanks Bob for his many years of service to the City of Wells.

The Fire Department is requesting turn-out gear. They have budgeted \$1,350 and also received a FEMA grant. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved their request.

The City of Wells received their first sales tax audit. The audit was over a three and half year period with the findings concluding the City owes a balance of \$2,488.88. A complete report is on file with the City Administrator. Motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried approved the report and payment.

Old Business: none

FYI: 1) Thank you to Officer Brennegan

2) Mediacom notice of expanding services

3) Faribault County Library System statistical report

4) Thank you from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

5) City of Wells 2006 population and household estimates

Public Comment: Mike and Cindy Weber

The couple spoke about their sewer and proposed access issues. After some discussion, Mayor Jacobson informed the couple they would have to wait until the committee and David Frundt finished their research.

City Administrator Allis informed Council a church group who wants to do a community service project in Wells had contacted her. They want to paint a mural on the fence north of the Theatre. Since the property does not belong to the City, the Council would prefer the group use the north wall of the Liquor Store. Ronda will relay that information to the church group. Ms. Allis also informed Council that there would be architects at City Hall on Friday, July 27th to view the building and gather information to submit a plan for remodeling.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 13th.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk