

## MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their first meeting of the month on Monday, July 9, 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, Deputy City Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. Following the Call to Order, Mayor Jacobson led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes from the June 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$192,248.05 on a motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried. The Balances/Receipts and the Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also approved as presented on a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried.

Fifteen Building Permits for the month of June came before Council for approval. Motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried approved all the Building Permits as submitted.

The Departmental Reports were the next item on the agenda. Reports were received from the Police Department, Community Development Office, Public Works Department, Library, and the Fire Department. The Street Department's 1991 Ford truck needs new tires to pass inspection. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved purchasing four tires for about \$1,400 installed. The Fire Department's 1974 Ford tanker is leaking. If the leak is from the fiberglass liner, it is under warranty. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved taking the tanker to Midwest Fire in Luverne for inspection and report back to the City Administrator with details. All the Departmental Reports were approved as submitted with a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried.

Miscellaneous Reports consisted of the following; the Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library automation, Employee comp-time & overtime, and the pool. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as submitted.

Commission Reports submitted for Council approval were from the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Wells Public Utilities Commission, the Tri-City Joint Sewer Board, and the Library Board. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the Commission Reports as presented.

The Wells Area Chamber of Commerce is requesting a Gambling Permit to hold Bingo and a Raffle for Kernel Days. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved their permit application.

The Planning & Zoning Commission is requesting three amendments be added to the City Codes. The council would like a better description of the three amendments that need to be changed. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved holding this over until the next meeting.

The Wells Fire Relief Association submitted their 2006 audit for Council approval. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved their audit as presented.

Old Business: Half Moon Park Volleyball Courts and landscape project.

The Summer Co-ed Volleyball Leagues would like to reconstruct the volleyball courts at Half Moon Park with their funds and their labor. Also, Schrader Enterprises would like to landscape around the sign at Half Moon Park as a donation to the City. Motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried approved both Half Moon Park proposals.

For Your Information:

The Faribault County Planning & Zoning will be having an informational meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the newly adopted SSTS Ordinance.

Public Comment: none

City Administrator Allis presented a request from the Wells Area Chamber of Commerce's Special Projects Committee. The committee would like to give two keys to the City as the prizes for the button raffle. The gold key would hold 52 tickets to the Flame Theatre and a 2008 family pass to the swimming pool. The silver key would have 26 tickets to the Theatre and a 2008 individual pass to the swimming pool. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved their request for theatre tickets and swimming passes. She also informed council she did not receive a seat on the League of Minnesota Cities Board of Directors, but asked for their support and approval to submit another application for next year.

Mayor Jacobson brought his hometown paper to show Council Members how another city compares to Wells.

Councilman Burns gave a brief summary of the sessions he attended at the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference.

Councilwoman Savick also gave a brief summary of the sessions she attended at the League Conference. She brought back information about pollution control and a storm water program that could be useful in the future. Councilwoman Savick discussed her desire to have a policy pertaining to employees serving on boards and/or attending meetings taking them out of the office. The employee would submit an application to the council for review and approval. Councilwoman Savick made a motion to that fact, motion died for a lack of a second.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2007.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk