

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, June 11, 2007 in Council Chambers at 5 p.m. Mayor Jacobson presided with Council Members Burns, Gaines, Linde, and Savick present. Also present were City Administrator Allis and Deputy City Clerk Redman. Reporter Bonsack arrived later. After the call to order, the group said the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The first item of business was the bid opening for the 1145 John Deere Mower and the 4020 John Deere Tractor. Five bids were received on the mower with the high bid being \$3,805 from Hal Becker (The Gateway). Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved selling the mower to The Gateway for \$3,805. There was one bid received for the tractor, which was from Eric Allis for \$1,500. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved selling the tractor to Eric Allis for \$1,500.

The minutes from the May 23rd Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$202,837.41 on a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried. The monthly Balances/Receipts & the Revenues/Expenditures statements were also approved with a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried.

Eighteen Building Permits came before Council for approval. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approved the May building permits as listed.

The Departmental Reports were the next item on the agenda. The first report was from Police Chief Herman. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved the Police Department Report as submitted.

The second report was from Community Development Director Heckman. The EDA installed an individual sewer service to the old Wells Electric building. They are requesting Council waive the sewer hookup fee. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried waived the sewer hookup fee. The Small Cities Development Program is requesting disbursements #29 thru 32 be approved at this time. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approved the four disbursements. The Community Development Report was approved as written on a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

The last two Departmental Reports were from the Library and Fire Department. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved these reports as submitted.

Miscellaneous Reports for the month were as follows; Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library Automation, employee over-time & comp-time, and Pool. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved all the Miscellaneous Reports.

Commission Reports submitted for Council approval were the Wells Public Utilities Commission Meeting minutes for April & May, the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting minutes, and the HRA Meeting minutes. Motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried approved the Commission Reports as submitted.

The first Committee Report submitted was from the Community Center Committee. The committee recommends purchasing 100 chairs for the Community Center. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approves purchasing the new chairs. The committee also recommends denying the request to locate the Food Shelf at the Community Center. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved denying the Food Shelf request. The Community Center Meeting minutes were approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried.

The Wells Park Board also met this month. A new set of bases is needed at the Half Moon Park diamond. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved spending \$140 on new bases. Reimbursing the lifeguards for their WSI certifications was discussed. The board recommends reimbursing them \$125 for the first year. If the lifeguard returns the following year, they receive the balance. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the reimbursement schedule effective 2008. Council Member Savick would like Schrader Enterprises reminded to mow the Golf Course area of Thompson Park when it is not so wet.

The minutes from the Park Board Meeting were approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

The Police & Fire Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

The Liquor Committee recommends tuck pointing the Liquor Store building on the north side and one spot on the west side. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved having Walk Masonry do the tuck pointing for \$922. The Liquor Committee Meeting minutes were approved as submitted on a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

The last committee report submitted was from the City Hall Committee. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approved the minutes from the City Hall Committee Meeting.

The Wells Planning & Zoning Commission request the Council add a fee for processing a Subdivision Plat. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved a base fee of \$150 plus a \$10 per lot.

The Wells Fire Department submitted an application for a Temporary Liquor License for their annual street dance to be held during Kernel Days weekend. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved their request.

Four businesses requested renewal of their liquor license for another year. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved Liquor Licenses for the Liquor Store, American Legion, VFW, and the Wildcats Bar & Grill.

The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation is requesting a donation for 2008. We donated \$1,000 in 2005. Motion by Linde, second by Savick approved a \$1,000 donation for 2008. Council members Burns, Linde and Savick voting in favor and Councilman Gaines voting apposed. Motion carried.

The Flame Theatre request permission to hire more part-time concession workers. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved hiring Christie Luckey, Larisa Hassing, Ashley Burg, and Jack Hendricks.

Fire Chief Mike Pyzick submitted a request that the opening on the Department be offered to Craig Anderson. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the recommendation.

The City's Building Inspectors need to be added to the 2007 appointment list. The Residential Building Inspector is Nate Nasinec and the Commercial Building Inspector is Bob Stenzel. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the appointments as stated.

Deb Redman requested permission to attend a Microsoft Excel workshop in August. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved her request.

The server upgrade for City Hall is completed, but the wireless internet in the squad cars is not available yet. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approves paying Bevcomm \$13,000 to date and then see what options are needed in the future.

Old Business: Storm Water Survey

City Administrator Allis has put together a plan to have the Storm Water Survey completed in 2007 with payment of \$15,000 in 2007 and the remaining \$14,000 in 2008. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved moving forward with the survey as presented.

Three items were in the packet as information. Liaison Officer Robbins submitted his 2006-07 school year report. The League of Minnesota Cities notification of a 3.75 percent dues increase. The last item was to inform Council of the service John Thisius has provided at the airport for 20 plus years at no cost to the City.

Public Comment: none

City Administrator Allis informed Council on the following items:

- a. Concrete golf cart paths at the Golf Course,

- b. Fence around the diamond at Half Moon Park is done,
- c. Railroad tracks repair on Broadway is complete, Council needs to close 4th Avenue NW now. An advertisement will be placed in the paper,
- d. Frank Bros. building is down,
- e. Ronda will be at the League Conference the end of June,
- f. Ronda will be on vacation the first week of July,
- g. An individual who would like to scrap out the trailers at the Trailer Park has contacted Ronda.

Councilwoman Savick will be on vacation and will not be at the next Council Meeting of June 25th.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for June 25, 2007.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk