

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, March 12, 2007 in Council Chambers at 5 p.m. 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, the group said the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes from the February 26, 2007 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$198,253.25 on a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried. The Balances/Receipts & Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

Three building permits were submitted for Council approval. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the February building permits.

Street Supervisor LaVallie and Police Chief Herman submitted their monthly departmental reports. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved their reports as submitted.

Community Development Director Heckman and Library Director Treptow also submitted their monthly reports for review. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved their reports as submitted. The Wells Small Cities Development Program disbursements 25 & 26 were approved on a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried.

Miscellaneous Reports were submitted for the Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library automation, employees over-time & comp-time. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports for February.

The Commission Reports were the next item on the agenda. The Wells Public Utilities Commission meeting minutes of February 5, 2007 were discussed. The Council needs a formal request by the Utilities Commission to consider a raise in compensation for 2008. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved the January and February Commission's meeting minutes.

The Wells Economic Development Authority submitted meeting minutes for January and February 2007. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the four reports as submitted. The Wells EDA also requested the Council approve the loan to the Wells Co-pack Foods, Inc. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the loan from the HUD Revolving Loan Fund.

The Planning & Zoning Commission also submitted their January meeting minutes for approval. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the report as submitted.

The Wells Park Board met in March. The Park Board requests the fence at Half Moon Park be addressed this year. Money has been received from the United Fund for this project. Council would like bids on the work to be done and also would like to see if the old chain link fencing could be used elsewhere. Motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried approved getting bids for this project. The Park Board Meeting minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried.

Rick Herman made a request to attend the 2007 Chief's Conference in St. Cloud in April. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved his request to attend the conference.

Stacie Whiteside also made a request to attend a User Group Conference hosted by Banyon Data Systems Inc. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved her request.

Old Business: Board of Review is May 10, 2007

Public: none

City Administrator Allis informed Council that two council meeting dates this year were on holidays. (May 28th and December 24th) Council Members will think about alternative dates and discuss this at a later meeting.

Councilwoman Savick has been in touch with Faribault County and learned that the Trailer Park in Wells will be in forfeiture May 8, 2007. This fall, maybe in September, the property could be purchased by the City.

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

With no further business to bring before Council, the Council went into "closed session" with their attorney to discuss pending litigation.

Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk