

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, March 26, 2007 in the Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. Mayor David Jacobson presided with Councilmen Ron Gaines, Scott Linde, Steve Burns (5:03 p.m.) and Shannon Savick present. Also present were City Administrator Ronda Allis and Reporter Laurie Bonsack. Deputy Clerk Redman was absent. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by all present.

Minutes from the March 12th Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried.

The bills were reviewed next. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approved paying all the bills totaling \$83,820.54.

The Fire Department report for the month of February was reviewed. Council member Gaines noted an error on Page 6. The final entry dated 2/16/07 shows one man and one man hour; however, the total hours equaled 2 (should be 1). The minutes were approved as corrected on a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and all members voting in favor.

Representatives from the local Food Shelf were present to address some concerns raised by the Community Center Committee. The committee discussed the possibility of locating the food shelf in the east room of the community center. A number of concerns were raised by the committee and addressed in writing to Pastor Keith. Pastor Keith provided a written response to some of those concerns. Some of the major issues centered around insurance, rent, the city's role, plumbing issues and potential fire code violations. The issue will be discussed again at the April 12th meeting of the Community Center committee.

The Liquor Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed. The committee recommends moving forward with the purchase of the Quik N' Crispy, and other necessary plumbing and electrical upgrades, not to exceed \$7,500. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines to approve this recommendation. Motion carried. The minutes from the Liquor Committee meeting approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

The Street and Sewer Committee Meeting minutes were next on the agenda. The committee recommends moving forward with approximately 13 blocks of overlays during the 2007 summer months. The city would pay for these overlays using general fund dollars, and the project should not exceed \$250,000. Motion by Burns, second by Linde to approve this recommendation. Motion carried. The request for a stop sign at the intersection of 7th Street and 1st Avenue SW was approved on a motion by Savick, second by Gaines and all council members voting in favor. Rick LaVallie had requested permission to purchase approximately \$1,600 worth of gaylords for the recycling center. Request was approved on a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried. The minutes from the Street and Sewer Committee meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The next item discussed by the council were the minutes from the Police and Fire Committee Meeting. DARE officer Kurt Zehnder has been raising funds to purchase and retrofit a DARE car for the city. The committee recommends moving forward with this project. The project was approved on a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried. A motion by Burns, and seconded by Gaines approved the minutes from the Police and Fire committee as presented. Motion carried.

The minutes from the Community Center Committee meeting were next on the agenda. The minutes were approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The Miscellaneous Reports included minutes from the Wells Community Ambulance Board of Directors, Wells Planning & Zoning Commission, Economic Development Authority and the Wells Housing and Redevelopment Authority. These reports were approved as presented on a motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried.

Street Supervisor Rick LaVallie submitted a request for pool supplies and street maintenance supplies. The request was approved on a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried.

Street Supervisor LaVallie also submitted a request to replace the sand filters in the big pool and the baby pool. Total cost of the project is not to exceed \$5,470. Motion by Savick, seconded by Gaines and carried, approving pool filter replacement.

The street department is also gearing up for mosquito season. Rick LaVallie submitted a request to purchase the necessary mosquito chemicals and a fogger for the 2007 year. Request was approved on a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried.

Community Development Director Zoa Heckman submitted a request for the rent from the Hove property to be transferred from the general fund to the HRA account. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde to have the Hove rent deposited into the HRA account effective with the 2007 rent payment. Motion carried.

Wells Public Utilities Superintendent Mark Petsche submitted a request to the council to consider increasing the monthly compensation of the WPU Commissioners from \$75.00 per month to \$100 per month and their daily out of town compensation from \$25.00 per day to \$50.00 per day. These funds are paid for through WPU; however, the council must approve the increase. This increase would be effective January 2008. Motion by Savick, second by Linde to approve the request. Motion carried.

City Administrator Allis would like to move the electrical panel from her office to the west wall in the council chambers. Schroeder Electric from Easton submitted a bid and the project cost would be \$3,173.72. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried authorizing the city administrator to move forward on this project.

Faribault County will be holding the household hazardous waste cleanup in Wells on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Wells Recycling Center. The

county would like to have the recycling center open that day from 1:00 – 6:00 (instead of 1:00 – 4:00). This request was approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried.

Reggie and Cindy Rebelein, 601 – 7th Street SW, requested permission to remove a portion of sidewalk located on the south side of their property (7th Street side). The request was approved on a motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried.

Old Business:

The Park Board had submitted a request to have the fence on the softball field at Half Moon Park replaced. At the March 12, 2007 meeting the council requested an updated quote. Rick LaVallie provided updated figures from A.J. Henry Fence Company. The cost to replace the backstop, both foul line fences and the dug outs would be \$10,950.00. Motion by Burns, second by Savick to replace the above-referenced fencing on this field. The United Fund had donated \$2,300 toward this project.

The Planning and Zoning commission has requested that the council contract with Bolton and Menk for a citywide storm water survey. City Administrator Allis has been directed to contact Bolton and Menk and have them prepare a proposal outlining the scope of the project and the cost to conduct such a survey.

Three regularly scheduled meetings for 2007 will conflict with mandatory holidays. The May 28th meeting will be rescheduled for Wednesday, May 23rd. The Veteran's day holiday will conflict with the November 12th meeting, so this will be rescheduled to Tuesday, November 13th. The last meeting in December, which would normally be the 24th will be held on Thursday, December 20th. Ronda will post these changes on the bulletin board.

Pages 39 – 49 were provided for informational purposes only. They included:

1. A letter from Community Safety net regarding the DARE program
2. A notice from Mediacom regarding an upcoming rate increase
3. An article from the Albert Lea Tribune regarding the Wells Police Department
4. The 2006 Deputy Registrar review
5. The annual report for the Wells Firefighter Relief Association
6. A reminder of the Thursday, May 10th Board of Review meeting

Public Comment: Tinker Mosser was present to a storm water issue he is having on his property. According to the Mosser's they have had an increased issue with storm water ever since Jim Hassing hauled fill onto his property. Mayor Jacobson reminded Tinker that storm water issues of this type are a matter that should be dealt with between property owners and not a city issue. Tinker said they cannot afford to hire a lawyer to handle this and hoped the city would assist them. The council agreed that this is not an area that the city should, or will, get involved in. The street and sewer committee will discuss the issue in more detail at their next committee meeting. Dave Jacobson will

visit with County Commissioner Bill Groskreutz and see what the county's position is on the matter.

Administrator's Report: None.

Mayor's Report: None.

Council Member reports: None.

The next scheduled council meeting is set for Monday, April 9, 2007.

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

Ronda C. Allis, City Administrator