

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers with Mayor Jacobson presiding. Council Members Burns, Gaines, and Savick were present. Councilman Linde was absent. Also present were City Administrator Allis and Deputy City Clerk Redman.

Mayor Jacobson called the meeting to order and led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes from the March 24th 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 \$184,132.77 on a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried. The Balances/Receipts and the Revenues/Expenditures Statement were also approved as presented with a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried.

One building permit was presented to Council for the month of March. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved the building permit.

Public Works, Police, Community Development, Library, and the Fire Department submitted Departmental Reports. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved all the Departmental Reports as submitted.

Miscellaneous Reports consisted of the following; Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library Automation, and employee comp-time & overtime. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as presented.

Commission Reports were the last set of reports to bring before Council. Commission Reports were from the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Housing & Redevelopment Authority, and the Public Utilities Commission. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Commission Reports.

The Wells Police Department received a request for payment for the support costs incurred for CIS Computer Consortium Project for the year 2007. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the payment of \$2,229.50.

Liquor Store Manager, Miles Lindholm is requesting permission to attend the 2008 MLBA Spring Conference in Brainerd on May 4th. Motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried approved his request.

The Wells Area Chamber of Commerce is requesting a gambling permit for Bingo and a Raffle on Kernel Days weekend in August. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Chamber's Gambling Permit.

The Chamber of Commerce also requested a donation of (12) Couple Passes to the Flame Theatre as a "button prize". Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the donation.

Resolution 2008-07; a resolution regarding adoption of hazard mitigation plan was approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried.

Resolution 2008-08; a resolution approving a Minnesota lawful gambling premises permit application for the Wells American Legion Club Post 210 was approved with a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried.

The City Hall Committee has received a counter offer on the Guerra building. The purchase price is \$9,500 with the owner to demolish the building and clear the lot within 60 days. The Council decided to accept the offer as long as the current owner met their stipulations. The owner must have a certified contractor demolish the building and take the debris to a certified dumping landfill. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the counter offer with the City's stipulations added.

Two bids were received for the weed control spraying. Motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried approved awarding the contract to Customized Landscaping.

At this time, Acting Mayor Gaines conducted the meeting. The Planning & Zoning Commission is requesting the City Council approve the preliminary plat of the Westside Second Subdivision with a variance allowing the street width at 66 feet to be consistent with 10th Avenue Southwest. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the preliminary plat and acknowledging April 28, 2008 for the Public Hearing. Council members Burns, Gaines, and Savick voting in favor and Mayor Jacobson abstaining from the vote.

The Wells Assembly of God Pastor Hank Whinery is requesting permission to use the lot north of City Hall to hold the "National Day of Prayer" on May 1, 2008. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved his request.

Mike Kulins has purchased the old Mary's Cookin and is requesting a liquor license and a Sunday liquor license. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the licenses for Broadway Pub & Restaurant.

FYI: 1) Departmental Goals for 2008

2) Board of Appeal article from Cities Bulletin

3) Employee safety article from LMNC

Old Business: Golf Cart Ordinance

After much discussion about golf cart use within the city limits, Council decided to have the Police Committee work on rewording the snowmobile & ATV ordinance to add the needed information necessary to accommodate golf carts. The Police Committee will bring this back to Council for approval as soon as possible. If Council approves the changes, a public hearing date will be set at that time.

Public Comment:

Arnold Groskreutz commented on golf cart use.

Alan Olson discussed disability certificates and Tri City flow rates.

City Administrator Allis informed Council on the joint conference she attended, that LGA could be cut by Governor, the change in getting bids, and the Loss Control Seminar in Rochester she will be attending. There was nothing new to report on TIF. Also, she had a request to have the street department work on the gravel part of east Franklin. Street Supervisor LaVallie commented that this was taken care of earlier that day.

Councilman Burns reported the Wildcats Baseball Team would like to use the concession stand for their home games. He is also requesting to use the concession stand for one high school home game. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved his request to use the concession stand. Councilman Burns abstained from the vote.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is April 28, 2008 with the Board of Review prior to the start of the meeting.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk