

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, April 28, 2008 in Council Chambers at 5:45 p.m. Mayor Jacobson presided with Council Members Burns, Gaines, Linde, and Savick present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy City Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. Mayor Jacobson called the meeting to order and led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Acting Mayor Gaines conducted the Public Hearing on the Westside Second Subdivision Preliminary Plat.

Public Comment:

Mike Weber – culdesac versus through street

Milt Peterson – who paid for subdivision plans

Councilwoman Savick – water ponding on Weber property

Tom Schindler – water issue on 10th Avenue after heavy rains

Gene Kauffmann – water issue on his property

The recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission was to accept the Westside Second Subdivision preliminary plat. The final plat will come later with the developer's agreement. The developer's agreement shall consist of the final plat with structures, water shed, and roads visible. The developer's agreement will also need to address the issue of surface water abatement. The issue of surface water will need to be studied, and if necessary abated, so that it does not unduly burden the neighboring properties. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved the Westside Second Subdivision preliminary plat. All Council Members voting in favor and Mayor Jacobson abstaining from the vote.

The minutes from the April 14th Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

The remainder of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the \$105,783.85 on a motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried.

The Liquor Store Committee Meeting minutes were approved as submitted with a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried. The Liquor Store can get an ATM machine from Hermel Wholesale. They will fill and service the machine and we will receive a commission. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved moving forward with this project. The mural for the north wall of the Liquor Store is ready and the painter would like to coordinate the installation of the mural with the opening of his art gallery. It was the consensus of the Council to have the mural framed

and placed in the middle of the wall on the eastside of the north wall. Motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried approved the placement of the mural and coordinating the installation with the painter's art gallery opening.

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

The Street Committee Meeting minutes were approved as presented with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried. Street Supervisor LaVallie would like the Street Department staff tested to make sure their Hepatitis B shots worked. Rick and Kurt Niebuhr have been tested and found that their shots did not work, so they will have to have the series over again. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approved having the rest of the department take the Titer test. Mayor Jacobson suggested informing other areas of the City such as the Fire Department, Ambulance, and Police. Chad Farley has been recommended to fill the open position at the Recycling Center. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved hiring Chad Farley. Also, Street Supervisor LaVallie would like to use Matt Herman and Chad Farley to assist in the street projects this summer. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved using the two recycling boys this summer for 4-6 weeks to help with the street projects. Rick would like to place an ad in the paper reminding residents to properly sort their recycling materials. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved the reminder advertisement. Street Supervisor LaVallie would like to scrap the blacktop paver. This piece of equipment is unsafe for anyone to use and the street department has not used it for several years because an employee was injured while using the paver. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved scrapping the paver. The committee recommends having a cost analysis completed by Bolton & Menk on the Co Rd 29 project. This would give the city an idea of whether or not the county has funding to complete the project in 2010. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved hiring Bolton & Menk to do the cost analysis for Co Rd 29. The committee discussed the Weber sewer project. The committee is recommending sending the Webers a letter of non-compliance. Councilman Linde would like to review this letter, so the mailing of the non-compliance letter has been tabled. Council Members Linde and Savick will review the letter and talk to the Webers before the next Council Meeting. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved tabling the non-compliance letter for the Webers until the May 12th Council Meeting.

The Police & Fire Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried. Locking of the back door to the basement of City Hall was discussed. City Hall is designated as a storm shelter for anyone who does not have a basement and anyone shopping on Broadway. For that reason Council felt that the back door to the basement should not be locked, but could be closed. Also, Council wants a lock put on the door to the boiler room storage area. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved keeping the back door to the basement unlocked and installing a lock to the boiler room door. Councilman Linde reported that the City of Pemberton would like an invoice before paying for the air compressor.

The City Hall Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried. A bid from Nordaas Retail for replacing the treads on the stairs at the Flame Theatre was discussed. Materials will cost \$518.73 and labor is \$477, which totals \$995.73. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved replacing the stair treads at the Theatre. Two samples of a resolution to dispose of excess city property were in packet for review and Council input. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried to table this matter until May 12th, so Council Members have more time to study the information.

Miscellaneous Reports were submitted from the Planning & Zoning Commission, the HRA, the Ambulance Board, the EDA, and the Library Board. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as submitted.

Spotlight Dance Lease renewal was approved with no changes on a motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried.

Chief Herman is requesting approval to send Officer Lacher to Emergency Vehicle Operations Class on May 19th with our squad at a cost of \$200. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved his request.

The Park Board is recommending hiring Alissa Vee as Pool Manager. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved their recommendation. Also, the Park Board would like the list of Lifeguards approved with the options to advertise for 3 or 4 more guards. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved hiring the list of 18 guards presented and advertise for more guards.

City Attorney, David Frundt came before Council to request that they appoint a Data Compliance Officer as soon as possible. Data will still be requested and someone needs to answer the questions. Council will make a decision at their May 12th meeting.

Old Business:

Milt Peterson – who approved moving the manhole on 10th Ave SW

Mike Weber – city policy, declined comment at this time

Public Comment:

Mike Weber is interested in purchasing the blacktop paver.

City Administrator Allis discussed with Council information from the Friday Fax Bulletin and for Council to expect LGA to be lowered. Ronda also gave Council her resignation effective May 15, 2008 with her last day in office May 9th. Ads for her position should be placed with the League of Minnesota Cities, Wells Mirror, Albert Lea Tribune, Faribault County Register, Fairmont Sentinel, Mankato Free Press, and on the City Website.

Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried accepted her resignation and advertising for her position.

Mayor Jacobson also discussed the changes that might occur in LGA.

Councilman Burns thanked City Administrator Allis for all her work and wished her well.

Councilwoman Savick also thanked Ronda. She would like the City Hall Committee to meet before the May 12th Council Meeting.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is on Monday, May 12, 2008.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk