

The Wells City Council met on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers. 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. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said at this time by all.

The minutes from the January 28<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

The monthly departmental bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$215,721.80 on a motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried. The Balances/Receipts and the Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also approved as presented on a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried.

One Building Permit was presented to Council for the month of January. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approved the Building Permit.

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

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

Two City Hall Committee Meeting minutes were submitted for approval. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved the minutes as written.

The Theatre Board Meeting minutes were also approved as presented with a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Public Hearing on the "Nuisance Violation" for Arturo Godina. Milt Peterson asked how long the process would take.

Resolution 2008-02; a resolution issuing an order for abatement of a nuisance was approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried.

The Wells Area Chamber of Commerce requested their 2008 contribution of \$1,200. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved giving the Chamber their funds now.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommends appointing Larry Majeski Zoning Administrator for 2008. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved their recommendation.

Three businesses wish to renew their 3.2 Liquor License. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved renewing the Liquor Licenses for Casey's General Store, NuWay Coop, and Jake's Pizza (Joyce O'Rourke).

Chief Herman submitted a letter concerning the personnel policy. Councilwoman Savick addressed her comments to Chief Herman and gave the Council Members a League of Minnesota Cities handout concerning this subject.

A copy of the revised Pay Equity Compliance Report was in packet to inform Council one part-time Police Officer was added.

Payment in lieu of taxes for the Broadway Apartments and Park Place was discussed at this time. After reviewing the information submitted, Council would like City Administrator Allis to offer Faribault County the last six years worth of payments, which would equal \$34,106. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved this plan if the County also agrees to it.

Councilwoman Savick requested legal opinion on a conflict of interest on the 4020 tractor issue. Mayor Jacobson suggested getting legal opinion on the conflict of interest complaint on the Pietan property at the same time. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved having City Attorney David Frundt review the issues and offer an opinion at his earliest opportunity.

The Board of Appeals is set for April 28, 2008 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers. Councilman Gaines is the sole trained Council Person.

FYI items: 1) MPCA accepting project submissions for State Revolving Loan Program

2) League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference

3) Honeywell Contract Performance Review

4) LMC City Policies online service

5) Senator Klobuchar FY 2009 Form

6) 2008 City of Excellence Award Form

Old Business:

Mike & Cindy Weber

1. Council meeting minutes in newspaper – City Hall Committee
2. Committee meeting minutes on Website from 2003 to 2007
3. Complaint towards City Administrator goes to Council

4. Pietan property easement
5. Summary of City Administrator's job performance review

Milt Peterson addressed the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest sewer data. Councilman Linde suggested the Council consider having a "work session" devoted to only this subject.

At 6:15 p.m. Bryan Paulsen from Paulsen Architects reviewed with Council the floor plan for the proposed city hall remodeling.

Public Comment:

- A. Milt Peterson inquired about the Police Department garage.
- B. Bob Schultz inquired about the land north of the Theatre.
- C. Mike Weber – Pietan easement
- D. Cindy Weber – summary of City Administrator yearly review

City Administrator Allis informed Council on the following items:

1. information from the County EDA meeting in Elmore
2. information from the meeting she & Mayor Jacobson attended concerning LGA
3. TIF decertified property money

Mayor Jacobson also informed Council members about the meeting he &

City Administrator Allis attended. He gave the committee his views on the Local Government Aid issue. Mayor Jacobson entertained a motion to add a "closed session" to the agenda for February 25<sup>th</sup> to review a complaint against a city employee. Motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried approved adding the closed session to the next meeting.

Councilman Linde discussed a work session. It was decided to wait to schedule the work session until after Council had received the conflict of interest opinion from Mr. Frundt.

The next Council Meeting is set for February 25, 2008.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk