

The Wells City Council met on Monday, January 14, 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 Wells Mirror Reporter Arnie Groskreutz. Everyone present said the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes from the December 20, 2007 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$279,432.14 on a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried. The Balances, Receipts, and Expenditures Statements were also approved as presented with a motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried.

Departmental Reports were submitted from Public Works, Police, Community Development, Library, and Fire Department. Councilwoman Savick commented on the good job Community Development Director Heckman has done this year. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Departmental Reports as submitted.

Miscellaneous Reports consisted of the following; Community Center, Liquor Store, Library automation, employee overtime & comp-time, Pool, and Theatre. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as presented.

The Liquor Store Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried. Mayor Jacobson recommended the Committee look at placing cigarette butt containers by the front doors of the Liquor Store.

The Police & Fire Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved sending Officer Ratelle to Tactical Training School when available.

The remainder of the Commission/Committee Reports submitted by the EDA, HRA, Planning & Zoning, and the Wells Public Utilities Commission were reviewed and approved as presented on a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried.

Peggy Mosser addressed the Council about being annexed into the City four years ago and having no city water or sewer to their property yet. The Street & Sewer Committee will discuss this matter. No motion.

Milt Peterson gave handouts to the four council members and members of the public. He spoke to the Council about "conflict of interest". Mayor Jacobson request staff return the original paper work for the manhole on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the next Council Meeting. No motion.

The 2008 council meeting schedule was reviewed with the second meeting in May needing to be finalized. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> for the second meeting in May and the second & fourth Monday of the month for all other council meetings.

City Administrator Allis requested two council members serve as liaisons on a city personnel committee. Councilwoman Savick believes this should be within the City Hall Committee duties. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved having the City Hall Committee add this to their agenda. Also, she would like a section of the personnel policy, 2.4 performance evaluation – last paragraph from 2003 policy placed back in the 2007 policy.

The 2008 appointments were reviewed with the HRA having one vacancy to date. Councilwoman Savick is asking to be taken off the Park Committee. Councilman Burns will replace her on the Park Committee. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved the 2008 appointments with the above changes.

Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved paying the 2008 South Central Drug Investigation Unit cash match of \$1500 and the 2008 Tactical Services Maintenance fee of \$750.

Street Supervisor LaVallie requested permission to purchase a 9-ft Boss-V-Plow for the one ton truck. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved the purchase.

Chief Herman submitted two agreements for the Drug Task Force. The first one terminates the 2005 Joint Powers Agreement and the second one is the 2008 Joint Powers Agreement. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approves terminating the 2005 agreement and signing the 2008 agreement.

The purchase option on land adjacent to the South Industrial Park with Gayle & Thomas Staloch matures in March of 2008. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved extending the option until April of 2028.

Arnie Groskreutz requested use of the Community Center with no fee on March 15, 2008 for the Faribault County GOP Convention. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved his request.

The Wells Area Chamber of Commerce membership dues were reviewed and an optional technology donation was discussed. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved paying the dues of \$275 and the technology donation of \$10.

Jim Sauer submitted his resignation from HRA Board. Motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried approved his resignation request.

The 2008 membership dues notice for the Minnesota Deputy Registrar's Association was reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$92 which is based on the City's transaction counts. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved the MDRA membership.

The Lutheran Social Services Senior Nutrition Program Site Use Agreement for 2008 was in the packet for review. City Administrator Allis pointed out the agreement had wording changes last year and this draft was the old one. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved the agreement if written the same as last years agreement.

A request to donate an item for the Dean Steckelberg Fundraiser auction was denied by the City Council, but individuals showed interest in donating to this cause on their own.

Old Business: Mike & Cindy Weber

Mike discussed the following items; sewer line size, manhole on Pietan property, City Administrator's capacity to spend money, Mayor Jacobson's "conflict of interest", and mistrust within the City government. No motion.

Cindy discussed the following; Council members knowledge of the Weber's requested data, citizens input, Council Meeting minutes in Wells Mirror, committee meeting minutes on City web site, and prior "closed" committee meetings minutes on the web site. Council Meeting minutes published in the paper and Committee Meeting minutes on the web site will be reviewed by the City Hall Committee. No motion.

FYI: A) 2007 Motor Vehicle, Driver License, DNR Review

B) 2008 MN Municipal Beverage Association "Boot Camp" – Miles

C) Dolejs Associates Inc – mechanical & electrical assessment of  
City Hall

D) Faribault County Elected Officials Meeting in Elmore

E) Feist Livestock LLC Project

F) Faribault County P & Z Notice of Hearing

Public Comment:

Milt Peterson – Future Development, League of MN Cities Book

Arnie Groskreutz – public interested in all entities of the City, such as the attendance at the Library.

No reports from the City Administrator, Mayor, or Council Member at this meeting.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers after the 5 p.m. Public Hearing at the Theatre.

With no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Jacobson released the public from the regular meeting and went into closed session to discuss union negotiations between the City and the Police Union.

Deputy City Clerk, Deb Redman