

The Wells City Council met on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Council Members Burns, Gaines, Linde, and Savick present. Also present were Deputy City Clerk Redman and Reporter Bonsack. Everyone present said the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes from the June 23rd Council Meeting and the minutes from the June 30th Special Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed with discussion on the bill from Frundt & Johnson as per Councilwoman Savick request. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approved paying the bills in the amount of \$347,060.99. Councilman Gaines voting opposed. The Balances/Receipts and the Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also reviewed and approved as presented on a motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried. Our LGA funds are expected in late July.

Twenty-five (25) building permits for the month of June were presented to Council for approval. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the building permits as submitted.

The Departmental Reports were from the following departments; Public Works, Community Development, Fire Department, and Library. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved the Departmental Reports as submitted. The Street Committee will need to budget \$8,000 to upgrade the Baby Pool next year.

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

The Commission and Committee Reports were the next item on the agenda. Reports were submitted from the EDA, the Board of Adjustments & Appeals, Theatre Board, and the Community Center Committee. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved the above listed reports. The City Hall Committee Report was approved on a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried. Council would like a second bid on the removal of asbestos for the Guerra building. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved getting another bid from Blue Earth Environmental. Council reviewed the "Employment Agreement" intended for the City Administrator position. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved using the City Personnel Policy with a six (6) month job review.

Two (2) Airport Hanger Lease renewals for the Minnesota Lake Flying Club and John Thisius were approved on a motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried.

The resignation from Steve Kloos from the EDA Board was accepted with a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried.

The Chamber of Commerce request to have a noise variance at Half Moon Park for Kernel Days weekend and their request to block off 7th Avenue SW between Half Moon Road and 1st Street SW for the Carnival was approved with a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried. Also the Chamber included an invitation to the open house - ribbon cutting for the new owners of the NAPA Store.

Old Business:

City Administrator Position

Mayor Jacobson informed Council Members of the results of the background & credit checks performed on each of the candidates. Councilwoman Savick wanted to hire within and made a motion to hire Zoa Heckman. Motion died for a lack of a second. Councilman Linde made a motion to offer the position to Diane Miller, second by Burns and died after discussion. Councilman Linde rescinded his motion and Councilman Burns rescinded his second to the motion. At that point, Councilman Gaines made a motion to start over with the hiring process, second by Savick and carried. Council members would like to see the whole Council interview the candidates. Mayor Jacobson will add the new applications received with all the rest. He will also check into the possibility of the whole Council being on the Interview Committee.

FYI:

1. Mediacom rate increase notice
2. League of Minnesota Cities 2009 dues information
3. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities presentation

Public Comment:

- A. Anthony Mosser questioned the status of the Trailer Court
- B. Fran Wilder discussed City Clerk position instead of Administrator
- C. Lynda Korman also wanted a City Clerk

Mayor Jacobson reminded Council it was time to work on the budget. He also suggested that the Committees keep the capital improvement amounts to a minimum with the rising prices of petroleum products.

Councilman Burns handed out a street light plan from Wells Public Utilities. He also informed Council that Eric Allis was not interested in mounting the mural on the Liquor Store north wall. Schroeder Electric needs to submit a bid for the job.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for July 28, 2008.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk