

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

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

The remainder of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$165,297.11 on a motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried.

The Police & Fire Committee Meeting minutes were approved as submitted with a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried. Chief Herman requested permission to hire extra part-time officers for Kernel Days weekend. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved his request.

The Street & Sewer Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried. Harley Rasmussen is retiring from the Recycling Center the end of August. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved advertising for a part-time recycling person. The Johnson tiling issue was discussed. Councilman Gaines abstained from the discussion of this matter. The committee recommended having a 6 inch tile extension from the manhole for \$200 and hiring Weber Construction to extend the rest for \$2,388.30. Pictures were given to the Council showing an 8 inch tile already in place. The question was asked "who authorized the 8 inch tile and when". Several people in the audience addressed the Council with concerns about this issue. Councilman Linde gave Council an update on the 2nd Avenue Northwest project. Councilman Linde also passed out the Wells Concrete Storm Water Plan for their plant in the South Industrial Park. Two bids were received for the Doolittle Sewer Project. Because of the large difference in cost between the two bids, Councilman Linde will check to see if both parties are bidding the same things.

The HRA, EDA, Ambulance Board, and the Police Department Reports were approved as presented on a motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried.

The request from the VFW Club for a Temporary Liquor License for Kernel Days Weekend was approved with a motion by Gaines and second by Savick. Motion carried.

The Fire Department is recommending the open position be offered to Josh Raimann. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved the Fire Department's recommendation.

The mural of the train for the north wall of the Liquor Store needs to be mounted and hung. Schroeder Electric has submitted a bid of \$1,500 to complete the project. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved his bid as submitted. The outdoor carpet in front of the Liquor Store doors is worn and in need of replacement. Motion by

Savick, second by Linde and carried approved Nordaas Retail's quote of \$299.65 to complete the project.

Officer Kurt Zehnder has resigned as a part-time police officer for the City of Wells to become the Chief of Police for Good Thunder. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved his resignation.

The Bin Lease Renewals and the Cement Slab Agreement for 2008-09 were reviewed and approved as presented. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved Bin Lease Renewals for Gene Kauffmann, Dan Hart, Donald Wilder, Jay Corbin, Leo Kastenmeier, Chirpich Family, and the Cement Slab Agreement with Tony Adams.

Shawn Hassing was present to discuss the weed spraying agreement he entered into with the City of Wells. After discussion it was decided there was a misunderstanding in what "Thompson Park" area consisted of. A new ad will be put in the local newspaper for a bid on the "fall application" only. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved bidding out the fall application which will include the golf course.

Old Business: City Administrator Position

All the members of the Council had reviewed the applications for the position. Mayor Jacobson will rank the applications according to the Council's number cards on Tuesday. The Committee is going to call the applicants and set up an interview for the week of August 4th. The interviews will take place at the Community Center by all members of the Council.

Public Comment:

1. Mike Weber – a) were names on the City Admin. applications

b) what happened to the Weber Sewer Committee

c) who authorized the 8" stub

d) what % of 9th St & 6th Ave is property owners exp.

e) what % of 9th St & 6th Ave SW is City expense

f) why did the City do the above project

2) Cindy Weber - a) more chairs in Council Chambers

- b) no email or phone number published for Mayor
- c) Data Compliance Officer not responding to request
- d) Webers not receiving a copy of Council minutes

1. Emil Stenzel – voiced his concerns with the dissension between the Council and the public.

Mayor Jacobson informed everyone that the Council would be going into "closed session" at the end of the meeting. Discussion will be pertaining to the Police union contract. No decision will be made and Council will go back into session long enough to adjourn the meeting.

Councilwoman Savick spoke about "electric cars" for the Police Department to use around town. She suggested a cost analysis be done for the Police Committee to consider.

A copy of the Property Development & Construction Easement Agreement drawn up by Mike & Cindy Weber's Lawyer was given to Council at this meeting.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for Monday, August 11, 2008.

With no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Jacobson gave Council a 5 minute recess before continuing with the closed session.

Deputy City Clerk, Deb Redman