

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, June 9, 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. Mayor Jacobson led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes from the May 22nd Council Meeting were reviewed and a correction to Gene Weber's public comment was added. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved the minutes with one correction.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$146,495.99 on a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried. The Balances/Receipts and the Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also reviewed and approved as presented with a motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried.

Dick Asleson, Northland Securities, reviewed the draft of the bond financing for the 2008 street improvements. He informed Council that the GO Improvement Bond is approximately \$490,000. He also reviewed the tax levy amount, the payment schedule, and the allocation of project costs. Dick will return on June 30, 2008 for a Special Meeting to finalize the GO Improvement Bonds, Series 2008A.

Sixteen building permits were submitted for the month of May. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved the building permits for the month.

The Departmental Reports were the next item on the agenda. Street Supervisor LaVallie had several requests in his report. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved dust coating the gravel roads at a cost of \$6,200 and seal coating 15 blocks of blacktop overlays at a cost of \$33,000. The curb & gutter replacements and the sewer locator need to go to the Street Committee first. The fence at Thompson Park was approved at the May 22nd Council Meeting. Departmental Reports from the Public Works, Police, Community Development, Fire Department, and the Library were approved as submitted with a motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried.

Miscellaneous Reports were presented by the following: Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library automation, employee comp-time & overtime, and the pool. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as presented.

The Wells EDA and the Wells Public Utilities Commission submitted reports for Council approval. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Commission Reports as submitted.

Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approved the Liquor License renewals for the American Legion, VFW, Liquor Store, Liquor Store Second Site (Community

Center), and the Wildcats Bar & Grill. The motion also approved a new Liquor License for the Broadway Pub & Restaurant.

The Wells Jaycees applied for a Temporary 4 Day On-Sale Liquor License for Kernel Days Weekend. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved the Liquor License for the Jaycees.

The Minnesota Clerks & Finance Officers Association membership renewal for July 2008 thru June 2009 was submitted. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved renewing the membership with Deputy Clerk Deb Redman being approved as contact person.

The Wells Historical Society would like the City to purchase the Wells Depot for \$1, in order to receive \$100,000 in the 2008 Capital Budget/Bonding Bill. The Wells EDA will oversee the program. Community Development Director Heckman will check to see if this needs to be insured through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved the EDA entering into a use agreement with the Historical Society and the City purchasing the Depot for \$1.

Community Development Director, Zoa Heckman has been asked to provide limited administrative services for the Faribault County Economic Development Authority in the absence of their director. Also, she would like the funds to be added to her budget to differ the cost of Nathan Bichler's wages. Motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried approved her request.

Building Official, Bryan Stensland requested the Council adopt an adjusted building permit fee schedule. Also, he would like Zoning Administrator, Larry Majeski to receive a \$10 flat fee for every building check he does at the Building Official's request. The Council would like Community Development Director Heckman to supply them with a comparison to the old fee schedule.

FYI: 1) Additional Lifeguards for the 2008 Pool season

2) Liaison Officer Annual Report

Old Business:

Duane Johnson discussed problems he is having after the completion of the Interceptor Project. After listening to his comments, Council believed this item needs to be discussed at the Street & Sewer Committee Meeting, which is on June 19th.

Milt Peterson asked for the cost of the 9th Street & 6th Avenue Southwest Project. He also commented the Council did not listen to the public at the Public Hearing.

Public Comment:

1. Don Gerber asked about the curb & gutter on 6th Avenue SW
2. Mike Weber questioned "closed meeting" & data requests
3. Helga Niebuhr asked about patching holes on 10th Street & 4th Avenue Southeast

Mayor Jacobson informed Council about the following items:

1. A data request on emails. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved a request for data on emails if the request was narrowed down to a specific topic.
2. City Hall will be closed on Friday, July 11th due to the fact that both employees have scheduled vacations.
3. When Stacie Whiteside is on vacation (July 7-10, 2008) Nathan Bichler will be helping out upstairs as needed.
4. The closing on the Guerra building is near completion. Councilwoman Savick will check with Dulas on demolition.
5. Applications for City Administrator position. The top 3 applicants will be called for an interview. The Interview Committee will consist of the following members; John P. Herman, Councilman Stephen Burns, and Councilwoman Shannon Savick. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the Interview Committee selection. The committee can pick up the 3 applications at City Hall on Tuesday morning.

Councilman Linde informed Council that Liquor Store Manager Lindholm would like to have the off-sale portion of the Liquor Store open on Friday, July 4th. Motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried approved his request.

Councilman Burns discussed hanging flower baskets for the downtown area. There would be about 12 baskets purchased. This item was tabled until more information is obtained.

Councilwoman Savick informed Council the Guerra building was being cleaned out.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for Monday, June 23, 2008 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers. With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

Deputy City Clerk, Deb Redman