

The Wells City Council met on Monday, March 10, 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 and Deputy City Clerk Redman. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by all present.

The minutes from the February 25th Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$165,031.31 on a motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried. An amount was in the "vendors" list. City Administrator Allis will clarify this. The Balances/Receipts and the Revenues/Expenditures Statements were also approved as presented with a motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried.

No Building Permits for the month of February.

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

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

The Street & Sewer Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried. The committee is recommending having Bolton & Menk review options to extend sewer service to the north side of Wells. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved their recommendation. Supervisor LaVallie would like to send Mike Pyzick & Kurt Niebuhr to sewer school. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved his request.

The Library 2007 Annual Report was in the packet as information. Library Director, Sheila Treptow was present to give the Council a brief review of the report and also to ask their approval to get estimates on a remodeling project. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved having plans & estimates done to move the office area into the conference room and open the office area up for more public use.

Jesi Matthew and members of the Rain Garden Committee gave a presentation on a Community Rain Garden Project they are proposing. Residential rain gardens are becoming more popular to help alleviate water problems. They would also like the Mayor to declare a Stormwater Management Awareness Week at a later date. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved supporting this project.

The "Rules of Conduct" information was brought back to this Council Meeting for review. One change was made to the list. A limit of five minutes is placed on each

speaker instead of three minutes. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approved the Rules of Conduct for Public Comments & Public Meetings with that one change. Also the Council would like the "Rules of Conduct" posted on the information wall at City Hall.

A letter from Faribault County Treasurer, David Frank said the County passed a resolution accepting the City of Wells settlement proposal for the delinquent PILOT payments. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved filing the two needed reports and making the payment.

The Park Board is requesting permission to purchase two benches for the dugout areas at Thompson Park. The Wells Lions Club has donated \$1,600 toward the benches. The City will need to pay the sales tax. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved the purchase.

FYI items: 1) TIF legislation update

1. Friday Fax
2. MAOSC legislative update
3. Board of Appeal training sessions

Old Business:

Mike & Cindy Weber – Cindy gave Council Members a formal complaint.

Board of Review reminder

David Frundt was present to answer any questions concerning his reports on the Conflict of Interest for the 4020 tractor and the Pietan land purchase. Councilwoman Savick requested more time to review the documents presented to them that night. The (2) Conflict of Interest documents will be held over until the next Council Meeting.

Public Comment: none

City Administrator Allis shared an email she had received from County Commissioner Bill Groskreutz Jr. She also informed Council that the Street Department would be posting the weight restrictions on streets on March 17th.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for Monday, March 24, 2008 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers.

At this time, the Mayor adjourned the regular Council Meeting and went into "closed session" to discuss a complaint against a city employee.

Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Jacobson reopened the Council Meeting at this time. The Council met in closed session to discuss a complaint that was filed against an employee that is subject to their authority. After reviewing and discussing the complaint, the Council determined that based on the information provided, there was nothing in the complaint that warranted disciplinary action. A motion was made by Council Member Gaines that no disciplinary action be taken on the formal complaint filed against the employee on January 28, 2008. The motion was seconded by Council Member Linde. Motion carried unanimously.