

## Minutes

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Council Members Burns, Gaines, Linde, and Savick in attendance. Also present was Deputy City Clerk Redman. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said by everyone present.

The minutes from the May 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried.

The remainder of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$92,261.51 on a motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried.

The Committee and Commission Reports was the next item on the agenda. The minutes from the Street & Sewer Committee Meeting were reviewed and approved as presented on a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried. The Johnson's ponding issue information can be given to Bolton & Menk to see if they have any information to help solve the issue. The Police & Fire Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted on a motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried. The minutes from the Park Board were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried. Three sets of minutes from the Planning & Zoning Commission were in the packet for approval. City Attorney David Frundt's name should be added to the members present list for the April 24, 2008 meeting. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved the minutes from the three meeting with the one addition.

One Miscellaneous Report was received from the Ambulance Board of Directors. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved the minutes from the Ambulance Board of Directors Meeting.

Bevcomm, Inc. submitted a 1 year PC/LAN Services Customer Support Agreement for Council to review. There were a few small increases through out the contract. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved Bevcomm's Plan 1 Agreement for one year. Councilman Linde abstained from the discussion and vote.

Stacie Whiteside submitted 2 requests for Council approval. First, she would like to attend the 2008 TIF Workshop in New Ulm on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Second, she would like to attend the training session on budgets during the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in Rochester on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved her requests for training.

The Park Board would like to replace the softball fence at Thompson Park. This is a budgeted item. The cost is \$10,250.00 right now. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved replacing the fence.

Old Business:

Milt Peterson: Asked for the Mayor's resignation

Sale of excess City property – tabled

City Hall remodel and/or Public Safety Center – tabled

The Contract with Hermel Co for the ATM at the Liquor Store was reviewed approved the Mayor signing the Contract on a motion by Savick, second by Gaines and carried.

The Theatre Board recommends hiring four more concession workers. Motion by Gaines, second by Savick and carried approved placing an ad in the Wells Mirror.

Public Comment:

Mike Weber: 1) employee evaluation – Nathan Bichler

2) employee contract provisions – report next meeting

3) 6<sup>th</sup> Ave & 9<sup>th</sup> St SW, public not in favor of project

Russell Bathke: 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE & 10<sup>th</sup> St SE are in very bad condition

Councilman Linde will discuss with Street Department.

Fran Wilder: 1) Streets need more seal coating done

2) Administrator/Clerk position on ballot

Elaine Hernandez: Infrastructure on 9<sup>th</sup> Street only, smooth out 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

Gene Weber: Johnson's Farm water ponding issue

Mayor Jacobson informed Council there were 19 applications for the City Administrator position. All Council Members will review the applications the week of May 27<sup>th</sup>. Each Council Member will rank them with the top five applicants being interviewed. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the process as presented.

The next scheduled Council Meeting is set for Monday June 9, 2008 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers.

At this time, Council went into "closed session" to discuss an employee evaluation and the employee contract provisions.

Deputy City Clerk, Deb Redman

Mayor Jacobson reopened the Council Meeting of May 22, 2008.

Council reviewed Nathan Bichler's job performance. Motion by Gaines, second by Burns and carried approved increasing Nathan's pay to \$8.50 per hour. Staff is directed to stay within their budget.