

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council Members Burns, Gaines, Linde, and Savick were present. Also present were Deputy City Clerk Redman and Reporter Bonsack. Mayor Jacobson was absent. Acting Mayor Gaines led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

The minutes from the September 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried.

The rest of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$62,531.82 on a motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried.

The minutes from the Street & Sewer Committee Meeting of September 4<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and approved as presented on a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried. The committee recommended hiring Larry Birr to work at the Recycling Center and because he has a CDL he could help the street department when needed. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved hiring Larry Birr for the recycling position. Councilwoman Savick presented an email correspondence she had with David Frundt concerning the letters he was to send to Contractors Edge and Bolton & Menk. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved advising Mr. Frundt that he should carry out Council's directive or inform them if there is a problem.

The minutes from the Street & Sewer Committee Meeting of September 18<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried. Chad Farley no longer works at the Recycling Center, so the committee recommends advertising for another employee to fill that position. The double door to the dance studio at City Hall needs to be replaced. The committee recommends replacing the metal double door with one wooden door. Also, Cindy Crable needs to be informed she has to clean that area and keep it clear for safety reasons. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried approved replacing the door and sending Cindy Crable a letter. The Mike Weber sewer issue was tabled at this time for further discussion with Wells Public Utilities concerning the water service. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved tabling this matter until the next meeting. The Golf Club House needs a section of the sewer line replaced from the house to the new stub for the interceptor. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved going ahead with this project as soon as possible.

The Tri-City Joint Sewer Board Meeting minutes, the Wells Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting minutes, and the Wells Community Ambulance Board of Directors Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented on a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried.

The Wells Economic Development Authority Meeting minutes, the Flame Theatre Board Meeting minutes, Community Development Director Heckman's monthly report, Library Director Treptow's monthly report, and the Wells Fire Department's monthly report were approved as submitted with a motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried. Councilman Burns commented on the unfavorable comments made about Wells by the Region Nine Economic Development Director Bonkowske.

Resolution 2008-11; a resolution declaring cost to be assessed and ordering preparation of proposed assessments was approved on a motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried. 55% of the project is being assessed to the property owners.

Resolution 2008-13; a resolution for hearing on proposed assessments was approved with a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried. The Hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Flame Theatre.

The next item on the agenda was the bid opening for the restoration of the boulevards on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 9<sup>th</sup> Street SW. Two bids were received; Schrader Enterprises - \$2,550 and Customized Landscaping - \$1,304.63. Motion by Savick, second by Burns and carried approved awarding the bid to Customized Landscaping. Deputy Clerk Redman will call Shawn Hassing and have him get started. One bid for the Half Moon Park (South Softball Diamond) Project was submitted. Bid #1 was from Customized Landscaping for \$5,213.18 to remove top soil & level off outfield. With no bids coming in for the other two (2) parts of the project Council decided to hold on this item until Councilman Linde could see why there were no bidders interested in the work.

The Police & Fire Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried. Chief of Police Herman recommended hiring Eric Neubauer as a part-time Police Officer for the City of Wells. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved hiring Eric Neubauer.

Stacie Whiteside submitted her resignation and a proposal for a flexible office position. Motion by Linde, second by Savick and carried

approved her resignation as the City's accounting clerk.

Old Business: City Administrator Jeremy Germann

Mr. Germann's background check was completed and okay. Councilwoman Savick reported that the house the Germann's could rent was sold. She would like to advertise in the Mirror (2 weeks) for a house to rent. Motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried approved her request.

Milt Peterson – no show

Public Comment:

Mike Weber: Commented on the EDA's concern with Region 9

Questioned bills from last meeting & this meeting

Would like explanation of Capital Equipment Reserve

Gene Weber: Would like Council to make decisions

Why does it take so long to get an answer

Complaint with Contractors Edge work

Duane Johnson: agreed with Gene Weber's comments

Councilwoman Savick would like a "work session" scheduled after Jeremy Germann has started working.

Councilman Burns asked about the Trailer Park status.

Martin Dylla asked if the new City Administrator would answer to the Council.

Councilwoman Savick informed Council Members that the VFW now opens at 3 p.m. Many card players have no place to go. She would like these people to be able to use the Senior's Room at the Community Center Monday thru Fridays. Discussion was held on cleaning up the room, coffee, and someone having a key for the room or having the police open the door.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2008 with the Public Hearing on the 2008 Street Projects at the Theatre

first.

With no further business to discuss, Acting Mayor Ron Gaines adjourned the meeting.

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Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk