



The Wells City Council convened on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 5:25 pm in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Gaines called the meeting to order with the following councilmembers present: Steve Burns, David Braun, John Herman and Whitney Harig. Also present: City Administrator Robin Leslie, Deputy City Clerk Megan Boeck, City Engineer Travis Winter, City Attorney David Frundt, Police Chief Tim Brenegan, Street Foreman Mike Pyzick and FCDC Executive Director Tim Clawson.

AGENDA

The agenda for the April 25, 2016 meeting was reviewed. Motion by Burns and second by Harig to approve with the addition of Library Foundation Appointment to the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Mayoral Proclamation- Mayor Gaines proclaimed that 11th Street SW be proclaimed as “Rebel Road.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jed Dulas questioned the Council on available uses for the quonset property. Dulas stated that he is looking for consignment space for his auction business and that he would be interested in leasing it if available.

City Attorney David Frundt stated that the annexation is still ongoing and until that is completed the property has to follow County zoning requirements.

City Administrator Leslie stated that the property is zoned agriculture and that Mr. Dulas should contact Faribault County to see if that type of use would be permitted.

Larry Majeski, President of the Wells Lions Club, presented Mayor Gaines with a check for \$457.60 to sponsor three soccer teams.

Jeff Amy, Wells Public Utilities Superintendent, stated that he was asked to present the Council with information on updating City street lighting to LED. Amy stated that there are substantial rebates available and that he can draft a proposal for the City to consider in future budgeting cycles.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Herman and second by Braun to approve the consent agenda as listed on pages 2-36 of the Council packet. Motion carried.

Minutes, March 14, 2016

March Payments

Financials/Building Permits/Overtime/Comp Time

Resignation – Angela McCormick, PT Office Clerk & PT Library Clerk

Authorize posting of PT Office Clerk position

Accept bid for 1973 Tanker from Milt Peterson

Board Minutes

Library Board, March 2016

Historical Society, April 2016

Ambulance, March 2016

STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief Brenegan stated that dogs running at large continues to be a nuisance and that he plans to look into options for creating a volunteer reserve unit to help with code enforcement issues. Brenegan also stated that because of the number of recent overdoses in the city of Wells, his department is receiving training on use of the Narcan mist.

Street Foreman Pyzick updated the Council on current projects and stated that he will be meeting with MnDOT to address trees in the right-of-way.

City Engineer Winter stated that the Tri-City Sewer operates under an SDS permit that is regulated by the EPA and that they will be limiting the number of chlorides that can be discharged into the waste water treatment facility. Winter also stated that the schedule for compliance is a few years out but that the amount of chloride that Wells currently discharges is higher than what would be permitted. In addition, Winter stated that the solution is to soften the water before it goes into the system, which would require a new water treatment plant. Lastly, Winter stated that the Tri-City Sewer plans to apply for funding this legislative cycle so that if funding was received, upgrades could be made before changes to the permit apply.

City Administrator Leslie stated that Wells Food Processing was bought by a family owned company from Westfield Wisconsin called Brakebush and that they plan to add a second shift with 25 additional jobs by July. Leslie also stated that this ties into the need for an upgraded water plant because Brakebush's processing may add to the chloride inflow into the waste water treatment system. In addition, Leslie stated that she will be attending a conference on city hall security and that after a second look at the budget, the public works committee has decided to move forward with interviewing for the street laborer position.

BUSINESS

Public Hearing- Ordinance 2016-01 (271) Public Sidewalks- Leslie stated that this ordinance is to primarily update existing standards ADA standards. Also, the Council will have to adopt construction specifications requirements by resolution at a later date.

Brenda Weber stated that sidewalks and boulevards are city property but that the homeowner is required to maintain them and that it's unfair because not everyone has to share that same responsibility. Leslie stated that the City could look into a sidewalk fund to release some of the burden on homeowners.

Motion by Braun and second by Burns to waive the second reading requirement for this ordinance and approve Ordinance 2016-01 (271). Motion carried.

Resolution 2016-16 Conveyance of Real Property (Wells Federal Parking Lot)- Motion by Burns and second by Braun to approve resolution 2016-16. Motion carried.

Resolution 2016-17 Accepting Donation from the Wells Lions Club- Motion by Herman and second by Braun to approve Resolution 2016-17. Motion carried.

FUSION Youth and Family Blast- Leslie stated that FUSION is requesting the use of Half Moon Park on August 12, 2016 from 4-11 pm for the FUSION Youth and Family Blast but that a noise permit

would be required for loud music after 10 pm. Motion by Burns and second by Braun to approve the request with hours limited from 4-10 pm. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Burns- stated that he has been approached about turning the old football field into some sort of park and that he thinks it should be considered if possible.

Braun- none.

Harig- stated that library circulation and attendance is up compared to last year and as a result, the Library received more funding from Faribault County.

Herman- none.

Gaines- stated that a member of the Park Board asked that the Council appoint someone to their Board for representation.

Burns stated that he is willing to fill that appointment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Braun and second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm.

Mayor Ronald Gaines

Deputy City Clerk Megan Boeck