

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, February 25, 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, Deputy City Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack.

After Mayor Jacobson called the meeting to order, the group said the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes from the February 11th Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried.

The remainder of the monthly bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$73,026.72 on a motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried.

The minutes from the Park Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Savick, second by Linde and carried. The Half Moon Park south Softball Field has a sinkhole and is in need of some digging to correct the problem. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved limited use of the field until the problem is resolved and also approves having the Street Department do exploratory digging to see if it is a separated tile. The board also recommends bidding out the weed control for the spring and the fall. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved bidding out the weed control for the parks, the rest areas, the lift station, and the "Welcome to Wells" areas.

The minutes from the Police & Fire Committee Meeting were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion by Burns, second by Linde and carried. Fire Chief Pyzick requested approval to increase his spending limit to \$1,000 also. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved a \$1,000 spending limit for all Department Supervisors. Pemberton has purchased the old air compressor from the Fire Department and is asking for the City to accept \$3,500. Motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried approved the sale at the original price of \$3,700. The Police Department would like to add mobile air cards to the squad cars. Motion by Gaines, second by Linde and carried approved their request. Chief Herman would like to attend the Chief's Annual Conference in Duluth in April. Motion by Burns, second by Gaines and carried approved his request.

Miscellaneous Reports submitted included the following; EDA Annual Meeting, EDA Monthly Meeting, EDA Special Meeting, Wells Public Utilities Commission, Ambulance Board, and 2 – HRA Monthly Meetings. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the Miscellaneous Reports as presented.

Jim Pietan addressed the Council on the issues involving his father's property. Council members and the public asked questions, which Jim answered to the best of his ability. He also pointed out the "letter of facts" from Attorney Randy Bichler, which was in the Council Packet for review. At the end of the dialog, Mr. Pietan asked Council to please help resolve this issue, so he can finish the sale of his father's property.

Resolution 2008-02; ordering the abatement of a nuisance required a date. March 12, 2008 was the date the Council set by which the nuisance must be abated.

Street Supervisor LaVallie has requested permission to have the street sweeper repaired as soon as possible. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved the sweeper repairs of \$5,206.42.

City Administrator Allis is requesting approval to attend the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in Rochester on June 11-13, 2008. Motion by Burns, second by Savick and carried approved Ronda's request.

The Faribault County Commissioners approved the 6 years of delinquent payments of in lieu of taxes for the Broadway Apartments and Park Place Apartments. Motion by Linde, second by Gaines and carried approved the payment of \$29,757.10 to Faribault County.

The League of Minnesota Cities is suggesting that City Councils adopt a "Rules of Conduct for Public Comments & Public Meetings". City Administrator Allis presented a draft for Council to review. Council Members are to review the document and make any changes necessary to bring back to the next Council Meeting.

Resolution 2008-03; a resolution approving plans and specifications & ordering advertisement for bids was approved with a motion by Linde, second by Burns and carried. City Administrator Allis has a copy of the plans and specs on file at City Hall.

Resolution 2008-04; a resolution requesting comprehensive road and transit funding was not discussed at this time because of the House of Representatives veto decision.

For Your Information:

- 1) Chamber Ribbon Cutting Invitation
- 2) 2007 Deputy Registrar Review
- 3) Friday Fax
- 4) MN Association of Small Cities 2008 Legislative update

Old Business:

Mike & Cindy Weber –
Council Meeting minutes in the newspaper and committee meeting minutes on the website has not been discussed, because the City Hall Committee has not met yet. City Administrator Allis's review will be in the Mayor's report. Councilman Linde is in the process of reviewing all information concerning the Weber's issue.

Reminder the Board of Review is April 28, 2008.

Public Comment:

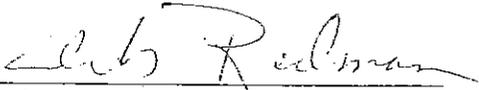
- 1) Mike Weber inquired about the Board of Review
- 2) Tinker Mosser - Board of Review
In Lieu of Taxes
North Industrial Park
9th Street SW houses needing sewer & water
- 3) Stacie Whiteside commented on the Council supporting their City employees and also quoted the League of MN Cities on maintaining order.

City Administrator Allis informed Council she went to the Capital in support of the USC School Hearing. She will also be back in St. Paul on Wednesday for the TIF Hearing. Ronda will be attending the School Board meeting to keep them informed on the TIF Hearing. City Administrator Allis will be on vacation March 3-6, 2008.

Mayor Jacobson gave a verbal summary of the City Administrator's yearly review. He said Ronda was doing a good job, gave Council Members adequate information in a timely manner, and they appreciated her work on special projects.

The next Council Meeting is March 10, 2008.

With no other business to bring before Council, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the regular scheduled meeting. At this time, Council went into "closed session" to discuss a potential claim against the City by Weber Construction, Eugene & Delores Weber.


Deb Redman, Deputy City Clerk