

The City Council held their second regular monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 18, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Herman presiding and all members present. The City Clerk, Deputy Clerk and newspaper reporter were also present.

The first item of business was the bid opening on Lot 4 of Block 1 in the Industrial Park. There was only one bid received, that being from A Home of Your Own in the amount of \$2000. A motion was made by Corbin, seconded by Gaines and carried to accept the bid.

Motion by Carroll, seconded by Schultz and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 4, special meeting of Nov. 7, reports, financials and payment of bills in the amount of \$70,724.82.

Motion by Gaines, seconded by Carroll and carried to accept the 2002 audit agreement with Abdo, Eick and Meyers in the amount of \$11,045.

Councilman Schultz presented information regarding sewer problems on 9th Ave. SW. The engineers have reviewed the videotapes of the 2 blocks of 9th and offered suggestions for the sanitary repairs. Because the sewer is not blocked entirely, it is possible that "spot repairs" could be done and, weather permitting, could be started right away. Suggested repairing maybe 20', fill back up and let it settle over the winter. Then if time still allows, move on to another area. It was noted that the expense should be quite minimal. A motion was then made by Schultz, seconded by Corbin and carried to contact Weber Construction and have him start doing the needed repairs on 9th Ave. SW yet this year if possible.

The regular council meeting in December will be held on the 9th and the 23rd.

Motion by Carroll, seconded by Gaines and carried to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Dissemination Agent Agreement for Continuing Disclosure Reporting with Northland Securities. This is an annual report that is required to be prepared and filed by the issuer of bonds of \$1,000,000 or more. This relates to our 1996 GO Bond.

No Overnight Parking signage for the areas in and around the elevator and Swift-Eckrich was again discussed. Following this a motion was made by Gaines, seconded by Corbin and carried to table the matter and have councilman Schultz talk once again with the elevator manager as well as the Swift personnel regarding placement of the signs. This information will then be shared at the next meeting.

Once again the sound system for the council chambers was discussed. This matter was tabled until next year and in the meantime, a better tape recorder will be purchased.

Motion by Gaines, seconded by Carroll and carried to approve resolution 2002-08, authorizing the annexation of unincorporated property to the City of Wells. The total acreage of the annexation area is approximately 481 acres. The resolution also authorizes city staff to take all steps necessary and desirable to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

In regards to the Swehla property, CD Director Heckman noted that Mr. Swehla did not show up for the pre-trial hearing on Nov. 12 and therefore all proceedings must start over from scratch.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Corbin and carried authorizing Stacie Whiteside to attend a

GASB -34 seminar (accounting procedures) in Mankato on Dec. 5 from 9-5 PM. Registration fee is \$50.

Mayor Herman informed council that 37 applications have been received for the City Administrator's position. Copies were distributed to the rest of the council with a numbering system being used as to their qualifications as well as keeping the applicants anonymous, for the time being. Interviews will begin as soon as possible.

Discussed snow removal of the old Radio Shack parking lot. Previously the city crew removed the snow and in return, public parking was allowed there. However, it was the consensus of council to leave the decision up to the new owners if they want to continue as it has been or prefer to clean the lot themselves and limit the parking,

The Truth in Taxation hearing will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 5:05 p.m.

Mayor Herman then declared this meeting adjourned.
Clerk-Treasurer