

The Wells City Council met on Monday, April 14, 2003 at 5 p.m. in the council chambers with Mayor Jacobson presiding. Councilmen Carroll, Schultz, Gaines, and Corbin were present as well as City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and reporter Bonsack.

Approved the minutes of the March 24th meeting with a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried.

After reviewing the monthly bills, a motion was made by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried to pay all the bills totaling \$154,462.28 and accept the receipts & expenditures statements.

Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried accepted the building permits as presented.

The council reviewed reports from the various departments. On a motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried the reports from the street supervisor, Community Development, Library, and Police were approved with the exception of page 11, which is a recycling report with typo errors. This report will be reexamined at the next council meeting.

Next on the agenda was the miscellaneous reports which were approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried. Miscellaneous reports consist of the following: Community Center, Liquor, Library, Employee comp-time, and Employee over-time.

Committee Reports from the Fire Department and the Library Board were accepted on a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried. The Wells Police & Fire Committee minutes were approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried accepted the Flame Theatre minutes. The Street/Sewer Committee minutes were approved with a motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried.

Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried gave approval for the police to participate in the South Central Drug Investigative Unit for 2003.

The council accepted the resignation of Dorothy Wach from the Library Board and approved new member Gayle Staloch. The Library Foundation members are as follows; Ruth Heggen, Sandy Lorenz, Dorothy Wach, Katy Schmitz, and Sue Nasinec. The Library Board & Foundation members were all accepted on a motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried.

The medical leave request from police officer John Hass was accepted with a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

Motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried put in place Resolution 2003-04; which is the HRA bond documents for the duplex housing project.

The street garage leaking diesel fuel tank was the next item on the agenda. Motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried authorizes BH Petroleum Equipment Company to dispose of the tank after we deliver it.

Next the council reviewed the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Loss Control Survey. We need to respond to the recommendations within 60 days, which would give Ronda time to meet with the Park & Rec Board concerning donations possible for the diving board.

After reviewing the proposal for the Thompson Park bathrooms, the council decided to put this matter on hold until next council meeting. More information is needed.

A letter from Pettipiece & Associates for the Southside Interceptor Sewer Project was received and acknowledged this project was for the 2004 IUP.

Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried granting Ronda's request to attend the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in June.

John Vee, representing the Wells Rifle Club presented information on their desire to have a Skeet Field. The club needs to contact Faribault County Planning & Zoning for appropriate permits. The city administrator will check with Dan Treptow concerning the bailing acres.

Motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried approved paying the Wells Public Utilities \$8,192.88 for the remainder of the TIF 1-1 project.

Resolution 2003-05 is an agreement with MN DOT in regards to paving Highways 22 and 109 within the city limits. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved the state paving this area and the city standing the cost of the parking lane.

Clarence Wetzel approached the council with concerns about his sump pump not being connected to the storm sewer. With a motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried the council approved the street department tapping into the storm sewer by the curb and connecting.

City Administrator Allis discussed council meeting dates, which will be set for May 12th & 27th and June 9th & 23rd. She will also have budget reduction recommendations ready for the April 28th meeting.

Mayor Jacobson asked the council members to come to the next meeting with ideas for the street project budget. Ideas he threw around were 9th Ave SW, overlay, seal coating, and crack filling on the concrete streets. Councilman Schultz also brought up such streets as Franklin, 3 blocks of 3rd, and 3 blocks of 1st Ave.

Councilman Gaines suggested that sump pump dates be published in the Wells Mirror for all necessary residents. He also questioned what areas the street department employees cleaned for the last snow emergency.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.
Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman