

The City Council met on Monday, August 11, 2003 with Mayor Jacobson, Councilmen Carroll, Corbin, Gaines, Schultz, City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack present.

The minutes of the July 28th meeting and the minutes of the closed session were reviewed and approved as printed on a motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried.

The WPU bill for the Fire Department was discussed. Councilman Schultz has Superintendent Wigern checking the figures. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved paying all bills for the month in the amount of \$291,162.81

Balances & Receipts and Revenues & Expenditures Statement were approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

Building Permits were reviewed and approved on a motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried.

Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved all the reports from Street Supervisor LaVallie.

Next on the agenda was the reports from Police Chief Iverson. After much discussion, council denied Chief Iverson's new work schedule with a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried. At the next police committee meeting a new work schedule will be addressed as well as a time schedule and procedure for hiring a new police officer. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved the police reports minus the work schedule.

Tim Orbell and Pete Sonnek were present to represent the Fire Department. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved the Fire Department reports and to also approve their fire equipment budget as presented. Noting the ten (10) reconditioned aluminum cylinders are being paid for by the Wells Public Utilities donation.

Motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried approved the Library report.

Motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried approved the report prepared by Community Development Director Heckman.

Miscellaneous Reports for the month of July were received from the Community Center, Liquor Store, Building Permit comparison, Library automation, comp time, employee over-time, and Pool and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried.

The Wells Public Library Board minutes from June and July 2003 were approved as written with a motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried.

The bin rental fee was raised to \$150.00 for the period of one (1) year. Six (6) agreements will be entered into with Leo Kastenmeier, Chirpich Family, Jay Corbin, Don Wilder, Dan Hart, and Gene Kauffmann. Motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried to raise the fee \$30.00 for the year with Jay Corbin abstaining.

The Snowmobile/ATV Ordinance was reviewed and approved as written. Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried to replace the old snowmobile ordinance with the new Ordinance #229A-1; Operation of Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles in the City of Wells.

Motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried approved the request from the Assembly of God Church to hold an outdoor concert on Sunday, August 24, 2003 on the church grounds from 6 to 8 pm.

The Wells Safety Committee report was in the packet for information only.

Fruendt & Johnson Attorneys at Law will be asked to be at the next council meeting to meet with the council about becoming the City of Wells back-up city attorneys.

No public input at this meeting.

Ronda informed the council on the following items; a) no sales tax will be paid on the new fire truck, b) the United Way will be donating funds to replace the Teeter Totter at Thompson Park, and c) reminder to RSVP for the Recognition Dinner for State Officials in Blue Earth on August 20th.

Councilman Schultz informed the council Harvey Loke wants to replace a garage on his commercial property. Council decided this was a Planning & Zoning matter. The basketball court prices were discussed. Bob would like ex-mayor Herman asked for a donation to this project.

Councilman Carroll has concerns about the property next to the theatre, which is owned by the county.

With no further items of business on the agenda, the council went into closed session.

The next council meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2003.

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk