

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, August 25, 2003 with Mayor Jacobson, Councilmen Carroll, Corbin, Gaines, Schultz, City Administrator Allis and Reporter Bonsack present. Deputy City Clerk Redman was absent.

David Frundt, with the law firm of Frundt & Johnson, Ltd., made a presentation to council. David discussed the various areas covered by their firm and communicated their interest in working with the City of Wells. With a staff of 10, David felt that they were able to handle the caseload from the City of Wells and guaranteed a 2-week turnaround on most files. David also indicated that the firm would be willing to work out a contract with the city that fits both party's needs. Council will discuss this again at the September 8, 2003 meeting.

The minutes of the August 11, 2003 meeting, with two noted corrections, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

The minutes from the August 11, 2003 closed session were approved on a motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried.

Motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried approved paying all the remaining bills for the month in the amount of \$55,304.10.

The Wells Police and Fire Committee minutes were reviewed. Councilman Schultz indicated that The Body Shop still needs to clean up their property and a citation should be issued if action is not taken soon. Motion by Carroll and seconded by Gaines approving the committee recommendation to begin the hiring process to fill the vacant full-time position. Furthermore, the police department should continue to maintain 24-hour coverage. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the Wells Police and Fire Committee were approved upon a motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried.

The minutes from the Wells Street and Sewer Committee were approved upon a motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried. Council would like information on cost to improve current restroom facilities at Thompson Park. Discussion occurred regarding the use of the rifle range vs. the compost site. Due to concerns over safety during shoots, council decided to leave the arrangement as is, with contractors dumping at the rifle range and residents continuing to dump at the compost site.

Other Commission and Committee reports were next on the agenda. Motion by Corbin, seconded by Gaines to approve Wells Public Utilities, Planning & Zoning Commission, Wells Community Ambulance, Economic Development Authority and Theatre Attendance report. Motion carried unanimously. Council would like the City Administrator to inform Chuck Pagenkopf that the minutes from the Wells Community Ambulance Board of Directors are sufficient and the financials are not necessary.

Council reviewed the Computer Users Policy. Council member Gaines recommended adding language to section C, #4, indicating staff should notify the sender of inappropriate material and request that they stop sending. With the addition of this language, motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried to approve the Computer Users Policy.

Ordinance No. 126A-1 was introduced and reviewed. Motion by Corbin, seconded by Schultz to approve Ordinance No. 126A-1, Prohibiting Certain Devices in the Central Business District (including bicycles, skateboards and roller/in-line skates). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines to hire three theatre concession workers: Patrick Hicks, Elizabeth Druffel and Jonathan Yarum. Motion carried.

A Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation was reviewed and approved by the council on a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

Zoa Heckman, Community Development Director, provided council with recommendations for areas to be included in the Jobs Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ). Those areas include the Stokely site (10.2 acres), Prestressed North Expansion (43 acres), Herman Manufacturing Expansion Area (approximately 5 acres), North Industrial Park (31.5 acres) and the South Industrial Park Expansion (42.6 acres) for a total of 132.3

acres. Motion by Schultz, seconded by Gaines and carried to approve the recommendation submitted by Ms. Heckman.

No public input at this meeting.

Ronda informed the council on the following items; a) a thank you for the flowers was received at City Hall from the family of Gene Schroeder, b) Rick will need to purchase a replacement pump/motor at a cost of approximately \$3,000. He will also be soliciting bids for an inspection of the lift station located near Prestress, c) the fire department would like to use the Street Shop area for a practice car burn. Council would like the fire department to use the area behind the barricade at the rifle range, d) John Herman has committed \$1,000 to the basketball project near Half Moon Park, e) a request from the STARS mentoring program will be forwarded to the Theatre board and f) the cost for the Anger Management class through Freeborn County Mental Health Center will be approximately \$700. Motion by Corbin, seconded by Carroll and carried to have the city cover the cost of this program.

Mayor Jacobson commented on the successful "Salute" held in Blue Earth on Wednesday, August 20. The program was well planned and there was a good turnout.

Councilman Carroll would like council to consider the use of the alley behind city hall as a one-way, due to the drive-thru business in the former Hartman building. Council will act on this when a request is received.

With no further items of business on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2003.
Ronda C. Allis, City Administrator