

The regular meeting of the Wells City Council was held on Monday, February 10, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers with Mayor Jacobson presiding. Council members Carroll, Schultz, Gaines and Corbin were present as well as City Administrator Ronda Allis and City Clerk Dolly Schultz.

Following the Call to Order, minutes of the previous meeting of Jan. 21 were reviewed. A motion was made by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried to amend paragraph 7 relating to the executive session. It should be amended to read "50 cent salary increase for non-union full time employees and 25 cents for part time" rather than 3% increase.

A motion was then made by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried to approve the Jan. 21 minutes as amended.

Disbursements in the amount of \$233,404.52 were approved for payment on a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried.

Balances, receipts, revenues & expenditure statements were reviewed and approved on a motion by Corbin, seconded by Carroll and carried.

Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried to approve the building permits.

Monthly reports were reviewed and on a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried, were approved as presented.

Motion entertained by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried to approve the appointment of Larry Majeski as Zoning Administrator of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Once again sewer repairs at the Lynn Westrum residence were discussed and bills in the amount of \$1584.76 were presented to the city for payment. Councilman Schultz noted that he had discussed the matter with the street supervisor and was informed that one of the local contractors had poked a hole in the sanitary sewer while repairing the water main which ultimately created. Because the contractor might then be responsible for some of the repair costs plus other concerns on the bills, the entire issue was tabled on a motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried. Additional information will be available at the next council meeting.

Motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried authorizing Dale Kauffmann to attend a two day EMS seminar in Robbinsdale on Feb. 28 & Mar.1 as part of his continuing education requirements. The cost is \$140 plus lodging.

Street supervisor LaVallie prepared a list of 2003 budgeted items that he would like council approval to proceed with. After scrutinizing the list, a motion was made by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried to approve the fire extinguisher inspection, seal coating materials, crack fill, the mosquito control workshop for Rick and sewer school for Mike & Kurt. The rest of the items were all put on hold.

A motion was made by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried to accept the resignation of Bonita Evjen from the Library Board effective March 1, 2003.

Correspondence was received for the Wells EDA regarding the 17.5 acres which they recently purchased from Gayle Staloch for future expansion in the South Industrial Park. They indicated a lease agreement has been prepared with Staloch to rent the land for the 2003 season for \$1430/year. Motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried to approve the lease and to forward the land rent payment to the EDA as soon as it is received by the City.

Council was informed that the Board of Appeal for the City of Wells will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

Information was received from the Police Chief regarding the purchase of new digital cell phones for their two vehicles. The current phones are analog cells and are quite old. Total cost to purchase and install a phone in each of the two squads would be \$519.98. This would give them 600 anytime minutes and 3000 night and weekend minutes per month. Motion by Corbin, seconded by Gaines and carried to table this until the next meeting thereby allowing time to check with Midwest Wireless to see if the cost would be cheaper if more phones were included. To check with the street department regarding their phones.

Council received a memo regarding a bill introduced in the Senate that would address the state's budget deficit by possibly freezing state and local government employee salaries. As of yet the bill does not have a House companion. It does state however, that wage increases enacted prior to Feb. 1, 2003 would not be affected.

Additional information received was the annual random drug testing statistical report.

Motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried to approve the appointments of Dorothy Wach, Karen Quade and Kay Herman to the Library Board.

Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried to approve and adopt Resolution 2003-02, a Resolution changing the date of regularly held city council meetings to the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:00 p.m.

Information regarding the 6th Ave NW street project was received from the Faribault Co. Attorney. He indicated that it does not appear that the facts of the case would warrant a criminal prosecution of the individual involved however, under MN Statutes, Misconduct of Public Officials, it appears that that the acts of the individuals were intentional in nature. He also suggests that Council make a determination if an assessment should be initiated in order to recoup a portion of the costs. A motion was then entertained by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried to table the matter, in its entirety until the first council meeting in March.

Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Council Committees as follows; Street/Sewer - Corbin & Schultz, City Hall & Liquor - Gaines & Carroll, Fire/Police - Corbin & Gaines, Parks - Carroll & Schultz, Building Inspector - Carroll, Utilities - Schultz, Community Center - Gaines & Carroll, EDA - Corbin & Gaines. Mayor Jacobson stated that regular meetings with department supervisors, council committees and the city administrator should

be scheduled prior to council meetings so that all information and/or department concerns can be included in council packets. Council members would then have an opportunity to digest the info prior to the meeting. This will also eliminate the need for supervisors to be at the council meetings.

Information was received that Frantum Sanitation is not willing to haul the City garbage to the Prairieland Landfill, therefore Waste Management Systems will be contacted to negotiate their prices. It was also suggested that Kato Sanitation be contacted.

In regards to the coin meters at the tennis courts, this item is to remain on the agenda as the utility personnel is working on a possible solution to the problem.

No action taken on the proposed ordinance regarding house numbering. Council will continue to work on the wording as well as how to effectively get notification to the public, but noted that this will probably not be finalized until spring.

Council was informed that our City Administrator Ronda Allis has been appointed as a board member on the FCLRA representing Faribault County.

Ronda updated Council on the meeting she and Zoa attended in Fairmont where Gov. Pawlenty spoke.

She also suggested that employees attending meetings should give some type of report to the Council. Council members were in agreement.

Discussed the role and responsibility of department supervisors. Ronda will prepare a flow chart for Mike, Dolly and Rick. Mayor Jacobson did indicate that all disbursements are to be at least double checked before they are paid and sent out.

The Mayor also stressed the need to do some re-budgeting and noted that it will probably have to be done soon.

Councilman Schultz expressed concerns over the mileage of the squad cars. He stated that he felt an average of 136 miles per day was very much out of line.

Schultz also discussed the junk vehicle ordinance and requested that a copy be given to the police department and remind them that it is to be enforced.

Councilman Carroll commented on the fact that Mr. Todd Collona, who owns the building on the corner of So. Broadway & 2nd St. SW has not completed the remodeling of the apartments as was stated in the extended time frame he was granted. Therefore a motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried, Council authorized CD Director Heckman to contact the attorney regarding Mr. Colonna and proceed with the right of reversion.

The next regular meeting will be held on Feb. 24 at 5:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before Council at this time, Mayor Jacobson declared the meeting adjourned.

Clerk-Treasurer