

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, July 28, 2003 at 5 pm in the council chambers. Present were Councilmen Carroll, Corbin, Gaines, Schultz, Mayor Jacobson, City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, Reporter Bonsack, and several public visitors.

Region 9 representative Joyce Allard gave a 15-minute presentation on the works of the Region Nine Development Commission. Some of the projects included Community Development, Economic Development, Transportation/Recreation, Small Business Development, Area Agency on Aging, Healthy Communities Network, and Chicano/Latino Youth Leadership Institute.

Because of the many visitors present to discuss having ATVs in city limits; this topic was moved up on the agenda. After much discussion, council agreed to have an ordinance drafted for next council meeting using the snowmobile ordinance with the addition of "no riding in parks".

Dick Asleson from Northland Securities was present to discuss the refinancing of the 1996 GO Bond. With refinancing at this time, the city will have savings of \$178,380.58. Motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried approved entering into an agreement with Sound Capital Management for the purpose of reviewing and rendering an opinion to the city with respect to the fairness of bond purchasing by Northland Securities. On a motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried Northland Securities was given approval to create Resolution 2003-13; 1996 GO Bond Refinancing.

Next on the agenda were the minutes of the July 14th meeting and the minutes of the special meeting dated July 22nd. Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved the minutes as printed.

The monthly bills were reviewed and approved paying \$59,722.71 on a motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried. After discussion, it was decided that the street committee and Rick could make the decision on how much mosquito spray needs to be ordered according to the budget and need.

Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approving the minutes of the Police/Fire committee meeting. During the Street/Sewer Committee meeting there was discussion about keeping Kurt Pitcher on until school starts. Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried approved the minutes of the Street/Sewer Committee and to keep Kurt Pitcher on staff until school resumes. The Wells Public Utilities Commission meeting was approved as printed on a motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried.

After reviewing the memo from Community Development office, council decided to forward the information about the soil samples done at the old drycleaner's lot to the Faribault County office.

A request to remove the sidewalk in front of Pete Hartman's house on 7th Street southeast was approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried.

Reviewing the quote from Rebbly's Handyman Service, the outside windows at City Hall & the Theatre are to be done monthly and the inside windows at City Hall & Theatre and the outside & inside windows of city office are to be cleaned quarterly. Motion by Carroll, second by Corbin to continue this contract as written without any phone acknowledgement.

Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved Resolution 2003-11; Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan through Region Nine.

Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried approved Resolution 2003-12; amending the 2003 City of Wells Budget as a result in the Local Government Aid cuts by the State of Minnesota.

Guidelines for using the Wells Community Center were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

The council discussed the request for a "back-up" City Attorney. Ronda is to talk to the firm of Frundt & Johnson and see if they would be willing to be available to assist us.

Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved Resolution 2003-14; the two-year State Aid for Airport maintenance and Operation agreement.

Motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried approved Officer John Hass's resignation, but denied his request for continued health insurance coverage.

A break down of SCORE money received from the townships was in the council packets as information only.

Ronda brought before the council the new quote to repair the 91 Ford gravel truck. Consensus of the council was that the City Administrator and Supervisor could make a repair decision without council approval. Ronda also informed council that Gene Kauffmann would be off until September 2, 2003. She also reminded the council about the "Salute" in Blue Earth on August 20th.

Councilman Gaines would like to see Officer Hass's position filled. Council would like this matter held until next months meeting.

Councilman Carroll discussed the compost site. Mayor Jacobson would like this item brought to the next street department committee meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

At this time the council and Administrator Allis went into closed session to review her job performance.

Next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2003.
Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman