

MINUTES:

The City Council met on Monday, April 12, 2004 at 5 pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Carroll, Gaines, and Schultz present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. Councilman Corbin was absent.

A closed session was held at 5 pm to discuss an employee issue within the Police Department.

The council meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm. Mayor Jacobson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March 22nd meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

The monthly bills were reviewed and with a couple of coding errors explained, the bills were approved for payment in the amount of \$176,161.09 on a motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried.

The Balances/Receipts and Revenues/Expenditures Statements were viewed and approved minus the HRA & EDA accounts with a motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried.

Fourteen Building Permits were reviewed and approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

The Departmental Reports received from Public Works, Community Development, Police, and Library were next on the agenda. After reviewing all the reports, motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried approved the Departmental Reports for April 2004.

Miscellaneous Reports received from the Community Center, Liquor Store, Quarterly Building Permits, Library Automation, Employee Comp-time, Employee Over-time, and Theatre were approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried.

The first of the Committee Reports reviewed was the Park Board. The swimming pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, June 5th. Motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried approved spending up to \$200 for replacing bases and up to \$300 for replacing soccer nets. The Park Board minutes were approved as written on a motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried.

Next was the Police & Fire Committee Report which was approved on a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried. Motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried approved the resignation of Gary Kauffmann from the Police Department effective August 31, 2004.

The Street & Sewer Committee Meeting Report was reviewed next. Motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried approved the following items; a) hold bid letting for the 2004 street improvements on Wednesday, May 5th at 2 pm, b) street department will remove a section of bituminous prior to the overlay, so that they can feather the edge and not overlay the gutter at the

Mark Stenzel driveway on 1st Street SW, c) and the minutes of the Street & Sewer Committee Meeting. Councilman Schultz would like an agreement written up between all parties involved concerning removing a tree at the Alex Staloch property on 9th Ave SW. Motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried approved the budget request of new tin on back half of the shop roof @ \$6500 and steel roof on shelter at Thompson Park @ \$2900.

The Wells Public Utilities and EDA Minutes were approved as written with a motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried.

Next on the agenda was the decision regarding the prior "closed session". Motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried accepted Michael Iverson's resignation as Chief of Police effective immediately. Rick Herman was appointed Acting Chief of Police with benefits on a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

The Wells Public Library submitted their 2003 Minnesota Public Library Annual Report for council approval. Motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried approved this report as written.

Motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried approved Mayor Jacobson signing the "Child Abuse Protection Month" Proclamation as submitted.

Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved the Library hiring a summer part-time employee to help during vacation time.

Resolution 2004-06; Resolution Supporting Municipal Management & Delivery to Faribault County Library Stations was approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

Motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried approved Resolution 2004-07; a Resolution Approving a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premises Permit Application for the Wells American Legion Club Post #210.

The "Snow Emergency" Ticket Report was in the packet as information on how collection of fines went better this year.

During "Old Business", it was clarified that Tolzmann Construction was donating \$1000 toward his bid as a donation to the Thompson Park Restroom Project.

Meeting was now open to the public. Arnie Groskreutz inquired about the basketball court project at Half Moon Park and about the City Employee speeding ticket. Fran Wilder reported to council that the American Legion would donate \$500 to this project once construction started.

Gene Kauffmann approached the council requesting three (3) blocks of Broadway be blocked off from 6 am to 5 pm on Saturday, August 21, 2004 to host the "Classic Car Show." Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved this request as long as an "Emergency Vehicle" exist is provided.

City Administrator Allis presented a request to council from Cory Peterson. Mr. Peterson purchased the Emma Beckman property and would like to remove the sidewalk in front of this property. Council had no problem with this request. She also informed council that a "Retirement Party" was being planned in Fred Durfey and Gary Kauffmann. The Citywide Clean Up is scheduled for May 22nd with the Hazardous Material Pick-up through Faribault County at the same time.

Mayor Jacobson, City Administrator Allis, and Community Development Director Heckman will be in Des Moines for a few days accepting the "Capital Community Award" for the City of Wells.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 26, 2004. With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk