

**Minutes:**

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, April 26, 2004 at 5 pm. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Corbin, Gaines, and Schultz present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. Councilman Carroll was absent.

After the "Call to Order", Mayor Jacobson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the presentation of the City of Wells 2003 Audit presented by Kyle Meyers of Abdo, Eick & Meyers, LLP. A complete copy of this audit is on file at City Hall.

The minutes of the April 12, 2004 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried.

The remaining bills for the month were reviewed next. Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved payment in the amount of \$67,947.23.

Miscellaneous Reports consisted of the following: HRA, EDA, Ambulance, Theatre, and Library Board. Motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried approved these reports. The council would like the Library's request for a "15 Minute Parking Spot" sign checked out by Street Supervisor LaVallie and brought back to council next month.

Motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried approved the City Hall basement rental lease renewal for one year with Spotlight Dance, Cindy Crable.

The Flame Theatre Board requested a new Popcorn Machine be purchased because the old one can not keep up with the demand due to large attendance numbers.

City Administrator Allis recommended the "old" popcorn machine be taken to the Liquor Store. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved a new popcorn machine for the Theatre and moving the other machine to the Liquor Store.

Motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried approved the Agreement for Professional Services with Bolton & Menk on the Southside Sanitary Interceptor Sewer Project.

Casey's General Stores, Inc. has requested that Thurman Street be realigned. MNDOT requires a letter from the city approving the realignment of Thurman Street onto Highway 22 at Casey's General Stores, Inc expense. Motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried approved the Thurman Street realignment.

The Park & Rec Board presented Pool Manager and Assistant Manager recommendations to the council. Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried approved hiring Ashley Dornquast as Pool Manager and Andrea Vee as Assistant Manager.

The Chamber of Commerce requested a donation from the City for Kernel Days 2004. Because of the work the city employees do getting the street, alleys, and parks ready for this event, the council could not give a monetary donation.

The 2003 Deputy Registrar Review was in the Council Packet as information.

Resolution 2004-08; a resolution in support of restoring unfair reductions of Local Government Aid (LGA) was approved with a motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried.

Resolution 2004-09; a resolution approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids was approved on a motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried.

Resolution 2004-10; a resolution approving write-down of interfund loan with Armour Swift Eckrich was approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried.

Several people were present at the council meeting to voice their concerns about the property purchased by Casey's. Mayor Jacobson reminded the public that this was a private sale of property. Neighbors of the Swehla Property were concerned about the upkeep of this property. Anthony Mosser was interested in the procedure for the Hassing property.

City Administrator Allis reminded council about the following items; 1) Board of Review, 2) Retirement Party for Officers Durfey and Kauffmann, 3) police interviews would be on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and 4) Ronda will be on vacation for 10 days in June. Wayne Dallman would like the east entrance to the Compost Site blocked. Council would like Street Supervisor LaVallie to put up a barricade by Mr. Dallman's property. Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried approved the Liquor Store purchasing a three cash register computer system for \$1500. Miles will check with MS Computers to see if they can program this system at a better price than MGM.

Mayor Jacobson informed council on the success of the Des Moines trip he, Ronda, and Zoa took early this month. Council needs to think about a way to use the \$2500 EDA internship grant.

Councilman Schultz inquired about the street signs for the newly annexed area of the city. He also questioned the back seating space in the Durango.

The next council meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2004.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk

