

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, August 23, 2004 in council chambers at 5 pm. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Carroll, Corbin, Gaines, and Schultz in attendance. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Wassenberg.

Mayor Jacobson led the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried approved the minutes of the August 9, 2004 council meeting as written.

Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved paying the rest of the monthly bills in the amount of \$71,549.38.

The Committee Reports were next on the agenda. The Street & Sewer Committee meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried.

Street Supervisor LaVallie's request to hire (2) individuals at the Recycling Center was approved on a motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried. Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved Rick purchasing Cold Patch material not to exceed \$900 and tires for the grader not to exceed \$6,000. The Police & Fire Committee meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried. Council approved Acting Chief Herman's request to attend the Cleo & Command Academy for (4) days with a motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried.

Miscellaneous reports were received from the Flame Theatre Board, the Library Board, the Ambulance Board, and the EDA. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved these reports. Councilman Carroll will speak with the Librarian about the reasoning behind "reclassifying" an employee.

Motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried approved the resignation of Christopher Tackman from the Theatre Board.

Resolution 2004-23; a resolution appointing election judges for the September 14th Primary Election was approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

The EDA's request to receive the 2004 budgeted funds of \$20,000 was approved with a motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried.

The Flame Theatre Manager, Mike Milks recommended hiring Leah Rath & Larisa Hassing as concession workers and Debra Thue as a replacement ticket person for when Betty Olson would like time off. Motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried approved hiring these individuals.

The Region 9 Small Business Development Center has requested a donation of \$750 for the year 2005. Council's decision was that this information should be given to the EDA to pursue.

The letter from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust was information obtained through a recent loss control survey conducted for the city. The items listed are being worked on and should be handled in the near future.

City Administrator Allis will be attending the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference on October 11th, so will not be able to attend the regular scheduled council meeting. Council meeting will stay as scheduled.

The next item on the agenda was a sewer rate study. The city is in need of increasing the sewer rates. Councilman Schultz believes Option #3 was a happy medium. Ronda is to speak with Joyce about how long it would take to change the billing. Council members are to study the information and come to the table next meeting to make a decision.

The 2005 Budget was in the packet for council members to review before the Work Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2004 at 5 pm. The budget in the packet was up 11%.

The Linder Farm Network Tractorcade 2004 was in the council packet as information.

At this time Mayor Jacobson left the room and Acting Mayor Corbin continued the meeting. Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved granting A Home of Your Own Inc and Nordaas LLC a Conditional Use Permit to sell their townhomes as separate lots.

During "Public Comment", Gary Kauffmann approached the council with concerns about his retirement. Councilman Corbin told Mr. Kauffmann to return to council with information regarding how long it would take to get on his wife's insurance policy. Kauffmann's union contract does not cover "early retirement" insurance coverage.

City Administrator Allis informed council the city needs to name the road that will be connecting to Thurman Street. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved naming this road "Casey Drive".

Mayor Jacobson viewed the airport and believes there is no problem with the drainage at this time.

Councilman Carroll had concerns about "semis" running while in their own driveways.

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk