

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, August 9, 2004 in council chambers at 5 pm with Mayor Dave Jacobson presiding. Councilmen Carroll, Corbin, and Schultz were present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. Councilman Gaines was absent.

After calling the meeting to order, Mayor Jacobson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council reviewed the minutes of the July 26th meeting. With no discussion, motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried approved the minutes as written.

With no corrections or addition to the bills, motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried approved paying the July bills in the amount of \$349,070.03. Motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried approved the Balances/Receipts and Revenue/Expenditure Statements.

Twenty-one building permits for the month of July were approved by council with a motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried.

The Departmental Reports were next on the agenda. Requests made in the Public Works Report were put on hold until the Street Committee meets on Thursday. Motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried approved the Departmental Reports which consisted of Public Works, Community Development, Police, and Library.

The Miscellaneous Reports were also approved as written on a motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried. These reports were from the Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library Automation, Employee Comp-time and Over-time, and Pool.

The minutes from the Wells Public Utilities Commission was in the packet for information only.

Stan Bruss representing the Chamber of Commerce was present to clarify the duties needed for Kernel's Weekend by City Employees. The Boy Scouts will maintain the bathrooms and garbage at Thompson Park. St. Casimirs will maintain the garbage and bathrooms at Half Moon Park. The Street Department has volunteered their time to clean the Liquor Store Parking Lot and move the porta-potties from the Liquor Store parking lot after the Firemen's Dance to various spots in town for Sunday. Council gave their approval for the street department to use city equipment for this job. Gene Kauffmann is the street department employee "on call" for Kernel's Weekend.

Motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried approved the Amendment to Resolution 2001-01; a Resolution to Amend the Business Subsidy Policy originally passed on January 24, 2000.

Resolution 2004-22; a resolution authorizing the exchange of land between the City of Wells and the United South Central School District to clear up a property line discrepancy was approved with motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried.

Six Bin Renewals were brought to council for approval. Motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried approved \$150 rent for 1 year ending August 31, 2005. There is a vacant slab which a party is interested in constructing a storage shed on. Motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried approved this party constructing a storage shed with the conditions that the council okays the building plans and the party pays the same rental fee as the bin owners.

Arnie Wetzel and Paul Kalis were present to discuss the water drainage problem they believe is caused by the water flow from the airport runway. Council believes Paul Giese should look at it and make a suggestion to council. Arnie also inquired about the City swapping land to make it easier for the farmland to be farmed.

City Administrator Allis requested approval to attend the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in Duluth. Motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried approved her attending the conference October 10-12, 2004.

The 2005 LGA certification and the 2004 LGA certification was in the council packet as comparison information for future use.

Also in the packet was the Honeywell Contract Performance Review. This gives council an idea on the work Honeywell has performed on the City's properties this contract year.

Councilman Schultz had questions on the Planning & Zoning's Public Hearing. Councilman Carroll had questions on the City's Liquor Ordinances.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 23, 2004.

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

Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman