

MINUTES

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, February 23, 2004 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided over the "Closed Session" with Councilmen Carroll, Corbin, Gaines, Schultz, and City Administrator Allis present. Deputy Clerk Redman and Reporter Bonsack joined them at 5 pm in the Flame Theatre for the "Public Hearing."

Closed Session was to discuss a performance issue with a police officer.

Approximately 20 people attended the public hearing. Bruce Firkin from Bolton & Menk conducted the hearing. Mark Stenzel preferred concrete over bituminous on 1st Street SW. Mike Weber would like 6th Street SW paved. Bill Barr would like figures sent to the property owners. Clarence Wetzell had questions on milling streets. Paul Townsley wondered about the sewer and water lines on Franklin.

Council went into regular session at 6 pm in council chambers.

Minutes of the February 9, 2004 meeting were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$47,814.30 with a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

Advertising for a full-time police officer was put on hold until after March 1, 2004 when the council will have additional information. One correction was to be made to the meeting minutes on page 6, directed changed to going. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved the minute of the police committee meeting.

Motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried approved the Street Committee recommendation that the budgeted items for 2004 as listed be approved by council. Also approved by council with a motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried was to hire 3 part-time seasonal young adults and Bob Stenzel to mow the airport & ponds. Rick's request to have Rick Herman on "stand-by" for snow removal during the days which Mike Pyzick & Kurt Niebuhr are gone to school was approved with a motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried. The minutes of the Street Committee were approved on a motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried.

Next on the agenda was the Miscellaneous Reports. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved these reports from the Ambulance, Flame Theatre, and the HRA.

A letter was received from Julie & Mark Seedorf addressing the water problem in the street by their house. A catch basin at the end of the alley was suggested. Rick and Bob will put together cost and bring it to the next council meeting.

Motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried approved starting the next step with Bolton & Menk on the 2 Concrete Streets and the 2 Reconstructed Streets. The next step would be to call for bids and Bruce Firkins will handle this.

A letter concerning Gene Kauffmann's status was in the council packet as information only.

Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved codification of City Ordinances at a cost of \$11,250 with a CD for \$600.

The letter from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency was also in the council packet for information only.

The request from Chief Iverson to put (5) police officer's names on a list to be called to serve as part-time officers for Wells was approved on a motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried.

Motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried approved appointing Sandy Bruegger to the Library Foundation.

The City of Wells once again joined the South Central Drug Investigation Unit for the year 2004 on a motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried.

Next on the agenda was renewal of the Airport Hangers. Motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried approved renewing the contract with John Thisius, Minnesota Lake Flying Club, Harry's Hawks, and Robert Zimny for the year 2004. Councilman Carroll voting no.

Resolution 2004-04; Application to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for a loan for improvement of the wastewater collection system was approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

City Administrator Allis reminded council about the upcoming Board of Review.

Councilman Schultz mentioned the article from Ehlers Advisor entitled "Tax Relief Available to Hardest Hit Property Owners".

The Tahoe will be advertised for sale on the League of Minnesota Cities Web Site.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2004. With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk