

The Wells City Council held their first meeting of the month on Monday, July 12, 2004 at 5 pm in council chambers. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Carroll, Corbin, Gaines, and Schultz present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack.

Mayor Jacobson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes to the June 28th council meeting and the minutes to the July 6th special meeting with the HRA were reviewed with one correction being made. On page 2 of the June 28th meeting change "easement" to "swap of property". With this correction, both sets of minutes were approved as written with a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

The bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$173,043.60 with a motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried. The Balance/Receipts and the Revenue/Expense Statements were approved on a motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried.

The building permits were next on the agenda. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved 23 building permits for the month of June 2004.

Departmental Reports were submitted from Public Works, Community Development, Police, and Library. Council would like to see the HRA pursue purchasing the Hove property. They see no problem with the city maintaining the site until it is developed. Miscellaneous Reports from the Community Center, Liquor Store, building permits, Library Automation, Employee over-time, Employee comp-time, and the Pool were also reviewed at this time. Motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried approved all of the Departmental and Miscellaneous Reports.

The minutes of the Street & Sewer Committee were reviewed next. Street Supervisor LaVallie questioned the role of the street department employees concerning Kernel's Day weekend. Council decided to hold on this matter until the next council meeting, which would give Rick enough time to talk with the Chamber first. Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried approved Rick's request to order additional street and traffic signs to be put through out the city. The pool repairs were discussed next. Council would like to see the pool when it is empty this fall before making a decision on how to make the repairs. The Street/Sewer Committee meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried.

The request from the Fire Department for a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for their dance on Saturday, August 21st was approved with a motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried.

Pool Manager, Nick Masyga requested permission from the council to buy patio furniture for the pool with the money the guards earned at their car wash. Motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried approved the purchase of 3 sets of patio furniture.

Rick Meyer and a representative from the South Central Dirt Riders were present to discuss the possibility of an ATV event at the compost site on Kernel's Day weekend. Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved the ATV "fun run" for Saturday, August 21st.

The Wells Fire Department Relief Association Audit was in the council packet as information, no action needed.

Mike Pyzick was notified by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that he passed his Class C test. Congratulations!

The Council was also informed by the Faribault County Planning & Zoning about the Faribault County Feedlot Ordinance Public Hearing which is scheduled for July 19th at 7 pm at the Ag Center in Blue Earth.

Also in the packet was a letter from Northland Securities informing council that Peoples State Bank purchased the Housing Development Bonds of 2004.

There was no "Old Business" or "Public Comment" at this meeting.

City Administrator Allis informed council about the idea the Theatre Board approached her with. They would like to open the wall between city hall and the theatre. This would give the Theatre more room to handle the larger crowds they have been getting. The council would like more time to think this matter over.

Mayor Jacobson informed council about the idea of having an ATV Trail Head in Wells. The public would park here and hopefully gas up their ATV and eat at our restaurants. Then they could ride the trail and return to Wells and hopefully spend more money here.

Councilman Schultz had concerns about the role a Department Head, Board Chairman, Manager, etc. had when it came to speaking with an employee about his or her actions. This will be further reviewed by City Administrator Allis.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 6 pm.

The next scheduled council meeting is Monday, July 26th.

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk