

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, June 14, 2004 in council chambers at 5 pm with Mayor Dave Jacobson presiding. Councilmen Carroll, Corbin, Gaines, and Schultz were present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack.

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

Council reviewed the minutes of the May 24th meeting. With no discussion, motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved the minutes as written.

The council had a couple of questions regarding the bills. With no corrections or addition to the bills, motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried approved paying the June bills in the amount of \$232,996.95. Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried approved the Balances/Receipts and Revenue/Expenditure Statements.

At this time Mayor Jacobson took the opportunity to administer the "Oath of Office" to the (2) new Police Officers Alex Thostenson and Jim Ratelle.

Twenty-seven building permits for the month of May were approved by council with a motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried.

The Departmental Reports were next on the agenda. Street Supervisor LaVallie is waiting to hear from the Tri-City Sewer Board in regards to the repairs needed on the Vac Truck. He is also waiting for Tolzmann Construction regarding the bathroom at Thompson Park.

Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved the Departmental Reports which consisted of Public Works, Community Development, Police, and Library.

The Miscellaneous Reports and the Committee Reports were also approved as written on a motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried. These reports were from the Community Center, Liquor Store, building permit quarterly, Library Automation, Employee Comp-time and Over-time, Pool, Library Board, and Ambulance. The Library Board is reminded that all bids for work to be done at the Library goes to council for approval before any work can be done.

Dick Asleson from Northland Securities came before council to discuss the refinancing of the Broadway Apartment Project Housing Revenue Bonds. Community Development Director Heckman along with HRA Board members Bill Groskreutz Jr, Ann Marie Schuster, and Marilyn Birk were also in attendance. Mr. Asleson discussed all the details needed to refinance the bond and also the savings that would be seen at the current interest rate. Motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried approved Resolution 2004-14; a resolution calling a Public Hearing regarding the issuance of Housing Redevelopment Authority Housing Development Bonds to be backed by the City of Wells. The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 6th with a Special Meeting of the HRA and City Council to follow.

The Street Projects Bond Figures that was in the council packet was for information. Council members need to review the information and be ready to make a decision at the June 28th meeting.

Motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried approved Resolution 2004-12; a Resolution Ordering Improvements and Preparation of Plans for the street projects.

The Minnesota Association of Small Cities membership dues for the 2004-05 year is \$970.30. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved the membership and paying the dues.

Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved the resignation of Kay Herman from the Library Board. Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved the appointment of Heidi Goemann to the Library Board.

Ordinance 251; an ordinance establishing a Rural Service District in the City of Wells was approved to be introduced with a motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried. The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 28th.

Gary Robbins' Liaison Officer report for the school year 2003-04 was in the council packet for your information.

Casey's General Store will be located at 280 2nd Ave Northwest and is requesting a 3.2 Malt Beverage License. Motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried approved granting Casey's a license expiring March 31, 2005.

Renewal of the Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture program membership is \$500 a year. Motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried approved the 2004-05 membership with the Wells Public Utilities paying for ½ of the membership dues.

The request from Dan Ludemann concerning putting an individual septic system on property he is interested in buying within city limits was held over until the next meeting. Council would like more information regarding when sewer service would be available in that area and the language necessary in an ordinance as to hooking up at a later date.

The council packet contained information from Mediacom concerning new services they are offering.

Faribault County Planning & Zoning enclosed in the council packet a "draft" copy of the proposed Faribault County Tower Ordinance and a "draft" copy of the revised Faribault County Feedlot Ordinance for council to review.

No "Old Business".

Chuck Nowak was present for Public Comment. He had questions concerning the Noise Ordinance and what rules "Electric Scooters" had to follow.

City Administrator Allis was next on the agenda. The Mayor of Alden had called and had questions about our Street Supervisor spraying for mosquitoes in Alden one time for their Morin Days. It was the consensus of council to advise Alden to hire a professional service. A & B Pumping had sent a bill to the city for repairs to a porta-potty at Thompson Park. A toilet seat was broken and a wall had bad language scratched in it. The city will pay for the toilet seat and it is believed to be able to ruff out the bathroom wall.

Mayor Jacobson will be out of town during the next council meeting scheduled for June 28th, so Acting Mayor Jay Corbin will preside.

Councilman Corbin would like City Administrator Allis to check into ordinances on the removal of houses such as the City of Shakopee has.

Councilman Schultz voiced his opinion on the city employees having Friday, June 11th off in observance of Reagan's funeral.

Councilman Carroll had questions regarding our Police Department watching the various drinking establishments.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 28, 2004.

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

Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman