

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, March 22, 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.

Following the "Call to Order", Mayor Jacobson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting of March 8th. With one correction (name spelling) and no additions, motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved the minutes as written.

The rest of the monthly bills were reviewed at this time. Motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried approved paying all the bills in the amount of \$54,669.68.

Next on the agenda was the Committee Reports. The Police and Fire Committee Report was reviewed and approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried. Motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried also approved Gary Robbins and Rick Herman working on a joint Abduction Plan for both the City and the School to work in unison if ever needed.

Motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried approved the Street & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes. Several items were presented for council approval. Motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried approved paying Dave Braun, Kurt Pitcher, and Callan Pitcher \$8.50 per hour while they are working this summer for the Street Department, but \$5.80, \$6.05, and \$5.75 respectfully when they are working at recycling. Council approved a new restroom at Thompson Park with a motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried. The cost of this project is approximately \$12,000. The swimming pool chemicals for the 2004 season were approved to be purchased in the amount of \$2,227 on a motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried. Once again the city will be holding a "City-wide Clean-up" day on Saturday, May 22nd. Motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried approved increasing the fee for microwaves & water heaters to \$15. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried denied Gene Kauffmann's renewal of his Boiler License. This action would reduce Kauffmann's wages by 5 cents.

The Park Board was also pleased with the decision to construct a new restroom at Thompson Park and use the old building for storage. Motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried approved the minutes of the Park Board meeting.

Miscellaneous Reports from the Ambulance Board, Flame Theatre, HRA, and the Fire Department were reviewed and approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried.

Stacie Whiteside's request to attend a PERA Employer Seminar in Mankato on May 12th was approved with a motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried.

A letter from Diversified Consultants regarding the status of Gene Kauffmann was in the packet for current information.

Mike Weber was present and voiced his concerns on a road request. Council's decision was for Street Supervisor LaVallie to take a look at this project and determine if the public road needed gravel. If it did, he was to add gravel and crown the public road at the street department's convenience.

Ronda updated the council on the work her and Bill Sayre are doing on the Interceptor Project. Everything is going well and on schedule.

Linda Korman came before the council to request permission for the respective property owners to rake the gravel off of their property onto the 8th Street SW dead end.

Council agreed that Dan Treptow, James Korman, and Wally Stenzel could handle this.

Ronda once again reminded council they had the Board of Review on Wednesday, May 5th.

Mayor Jacobson informed council about the FEMA Grant, which the Wells Fire Department is applying for. The City would be responsible for 10% if the department's request was approved.

Councilman Corbin reminded council this would be a good time to review the heating system at the Community Center. Ronda will speak with Schwickerts from Mankato for a bid.

Councilman Schultz inquired about when the Durango would be ready for use. The Tahoe had to have a new wheel bearing put in and is now ready to be sold.

Councilman Carroll suggested a small increase for adult theatre tickets should be looked at. Right now we are at \$3 and could increase 25 cents or 50 cents. Councilman Carroll also would like one council meeting a month for the summer. Other councilmen preferred two meeting a month.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2004. With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk