

MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met Monday, May 10, 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 with everyone present. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the April 26, 2004 council meeting were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried.

Bills were reviewed next. Motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried approved paying all the bills for May in the amount of \$269,433.70. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried also approved the Balance/Receipts and Revenue/Expense Statements.

Twenty-four Building Permits were brought to council for approval. Motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried approved all the building permits for April 2004.

Departmental Reports were next on the agenda. Reports from Public Works, Community Development, Police, Library, and the Fire Department were reviewed and approved with a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried. At this time the council reviewed the Miscellaneous Reports also. Reports from the Community Center, Liquor Store, Building Permit Comparison, Library Automation, and Employee Comp-time & Over-time were reviewed and approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried. Council had concerns about the lights at the Skate Park. Ronda will check with Mark at Utilities to see if a photo eye for the lights is in the future plans.

The minutes from the Police & Fire Committee meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried.

The Street & Sewer Committee meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried. Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved the purchase of a new gearbox for the mower at the airport with 2/3 of the expense being reimbursed by the State of Minnesota.

Street Supervisor LaVallie's information to the Tri-City Sewer Board was in the packet as information only.

The Board of Review minutes was next on the agenda. Several people voiced their concerns about the estimated market value of their property. No changes were filed with the city prior to the council meeting. Motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried approved the minutes as written.

Bid letting for the 2004 street improvement projects was reviewed next. The concrete projects were awarded to Hoffman Concrete of Mankato for a bid of \$157,297.20 and the bituminous

projects were awarded to WW Blacktopping of Mankato for a bid of \$115,534.00. Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried approved both these bid.

Motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried approved the amendment to the city personnel policy on the use of city vehicles and property. The city provides cell phones for many city employees. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved the cell phone policy.

The invitation from the Wells Community Ambulance was in the packet for information.

The advertisement for the 2000 Chevy Tahoe was in the packet for information also.

Adam Schumann has completed his 6-month probation period for the City of Wells Police Department. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved removing Adam from probation and increasing his pay to \$16.00 per hour.

Motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried approved hiring Cynthia Whitcomb at the Library for the summer staff position.

A letter from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency informing Kurt Niebuhr that he passed his Class C written exam was also in the packet for information.

Ronda updated council on the process of hiring (2) police officers. Back ground checks were done on (3) candidates. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved hiring Alex Thostenson of Alden and James Ratelle from the Cities as full-time officers at \$14.40 per hour with a 6-month probation period. Kyle Froehlich will be asked if he is willing to serve as a part-time officer.

Motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried approved placing a 15-minute parking sign in front of the Library to free up parking during library hours.

The computer system for the Liquor Store is still being looked into at this time.

Ronda brought a request from the Street Supervisor to council concerning the leaf springs on the one ton truck. This item was put on hold until Councilman Schultz could take a look at the truck and talk to Rick.

The Park Board and Pool Manager, Ashley Dornquast will choose the Swimming Pool Life Guards this week.

There will be no Hazardous Waste pickup at the same time as the Wells Citywide Clean-up Day. Faribault County scheduled the Hazardous Waste Pick-up Day for September 18th.

The next scheduled council meeting is Monday, May 24, 2004.

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

Deb Redman, Deputy Clerk