

## MINUTES:

The Wells City Council met on Monday, September 27, 2004 in council chambers at 5 pm. Mayor Jacobson presided with Councilmen Corbin, Gaines, and Schultz present. Councilman Carroll was absent. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. Mayor Jacobson led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

The Taser demonstration by Scott Adams, the Tri-City Police Chief, was the first item on the agenda. Scott did a single demonstration on Officer Kyle Froehlich and then a duo demonstration on Officers Kyle Froehlich, Rick Herman, and Jim Ratelle. Council saw first hand how the Tazer could be useful to the Wells Police Department since they usually work a shift all alone.

The minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and the minutes of the September 20<sup>th</sup> Emergency Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written on a motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried.

Motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried approved paying the rest of the monthly bills in the amount of \$83,324.79.

The next item on the agenda was the Police/Fire Committee Meeting minutes. Motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried approved having a phone number that residents can call to receive a recorded message concerning snow plowing of roads in the winter time and road construction the rest of the year. Rick Herman's job performance was reviewed next. Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried approved making Rick "Chief of Police" full-time with a pay increase to \$18.40 per hour. Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved the Police/Fire Committee minutes as written.

Miscellaneous Reports were received from the following departments: Ambulance Board, EDA, and the Fire Department. The Ambulance Service also submitted their 2005 annual assessment notice. Motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried approved all the reports submitted.

Motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried approved Resolution 2004-28; a resolution appointing 8 people as election judges for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> General Election.

The Truth in Taxation Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2004. Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved the 2005 proposed budget and the Public hearing date.

Motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried approved Resolution 2004-29; a resolution approving the release of all claims under terms of promissory note & sewer surcharge for ConAgra Foods, Inc.

Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried approved Resolution 2004-30; a resolution declaring cost to be assessed and ordering preparation of proposed assessment. Councilmen Corbin and Schultz voting in favor and Councilman Gaines opposing said resolution. The concrete reconstruction streets will be assessed \$40 per foot over a 10 year period at 5 ½ percent

interest. The bituminous reconstruction street will be assessed \$30 per foot over a 5 year period at 5 ½ percent interest. The bituminous overlay streets will be assessed \$15 per foot over a 5 year period at 5 ½ percent interest also.

Motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried approved Resolution 2004-31; a resolution setting the Public Hearing on proposed assessments for Monday, October 25, 2004 at 5 pm in council chambers.

Resolution 2004-32; a resolution accepting bids for the Southside Sanitary Interceptor Sewer Project was approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried.

The Faribault County Planning and Zoning is holding a Public Hearing on Monday, October 4, 2004 to amend their zoning ordinance with the addition of 911 Rural Signing Ordinance.

The Wells HRA is hosting an informational meeting on Thursday, September 30, 2004 to prepare a grant application for the purpose of securing funding for the single family, owner-occupied home who needs financial assistance to make repairs.

City Administrator Allis gave council follow up information concerning a "cat complaint." Council requested that Allis send a letter to the party involved.

No public comment at this meeting.

City Administrator Ronda Allis reminded council that there is a special commissioner election on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. She updated council on the fact that she has not received any further information from retired officer Gary Kauffmann. Ronda also informed council that there is a Sewer Interceptor meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at city hall.

Mayor Jacobson reminded council members to review the budget at their appropriate committee meetings, so the budget can be fine-tuned at a later council meeting. He also reminded council members to go take a look at the pool while it is empty so a decision can be made for doing the appropriate repairs.

Councilman Gaines is requesting a committee meeting be held quarterly for the Liquor Store Manager and the Liquor Store Committee. Councilman Gaines feels this would be beneficial for everyone involved.

Councilman Corbin commented on the Swehla property. It was the consensus of the council that the HRA could work on this project.

Councilman Schultz reported to council that the VFW is donating \$500 toward the basketball court project.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2004.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman