

The Wells City Council held their regular meeting on Monday, April 9, 2001 at 5 PM in the Council Chamber with Mayor Herman presiding and all council members present. Also present were Deputy Clerk Deb Redman and reporter Laurie Bonsack.

Assistant Police Chief Fred Durfey was in attendance for Police Chief Mike Iverson. Fred was asked to have the police patrol the area of 9th Street Southwest and 6th Avenue Southwest (especially the gravel area) during the noon hour and after school to reduce the unsafe driving in this area.

Next on the agenda was Community Development Director Zoa Heckman. She updated the council on Planning and Zoning issues. She brought before the council information dated 3/27/01 from the League of MN Cities making recommendations to the Manufactured Home Ordinance. City Hall received a fax from Bonner & Borhart LLP, lawyers for Prime Village International, disputing parts of Ordinance #239. Zoa will give attorney Randy Bichler this fax to look over. On a motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried the council approved setting up a Variance Board consisting of 2 council members, 2 P & Z members, and Building Inspector Bob Stenzel. At the next meeting, Zoa will have information regarding the new TIF District (business expansion).

Street Supervisor Rick LaVallie presented the council with information on optional "no-fault" sewer back-up insurance coverage. Motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried approved advertising for a street department employee immediately and running until May 7, 2001. Rick will place the ad in the appropriate newspapers. The interview committee will consist of Jay Corbin, Bob Schultz and Rick LaVallie. Sump pumps were discussed and suggested the ad should be placed in the paper again. Rick also informed the council the compost area is getting full. The stuff that doesn't burn down any more need to be removed in the near future.

With a motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried the council approved the following: minutes of the March 26th meeting, regular bills of \$95,653.46, liquor bills of \$36,546.94, building permits, and all reports listed on the agenda.

Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried granted 3 Gambling Permits for the year for the Chamber of Commerce. (2 raffles and 1 bingo)

Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved paying St. Casimer \$720 for rent for winter volleyball and \$1300 to Sue Summer for director fee.

National Day of Prayer is scheduled for Thursday, May 3rd at 12:15 PM in front of City Hall and in case of rain it will be held in the council chamber.

It was noted the ordinances Chief Iverson is working on are still at Randy Bichler's office. The TV Franchise is also still there.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Herman adjourned the meeting