

The Wells City Council held a Special meeting on Monday, Dec 17, 2001 at 5:00pm, with Mayor Herman presiding. Councilmen present were Bob Schultz, Ron Gaines and Jay Corbin. City Clerk Dolly Schultz was also present. Council member Jack Carroll was absent.

Extensive discussion was had between Council and several members of the Fire Dept regarding the purchase of a new pumper for the department. Councilman Schultz questioned the need for some of the extra equipment stating that these could possibly be added at a later date. Because of cuts in State funding to cities, it was noted that we need to scrutinize the proposed budget very closely to determine how payment on this piece of equipment is to be paid.

After offering suggestions back and forth, a motion was entertained by Corbin, seconded by Schutlz and carried to purchase the Sterling chassis on a State bid from Boyer Trucks out of Minneapolis, at a cost of \$48,119.

Motion was then made by Schultz, seconded by Gaines and carried to accept the low bid and order the apparatus from Forstner Fire out of Madelia, at a cost of \$168,940 less \$45,000 for extra equipment (413,000 air packs & spared cylinders, \$4000 of hose and \$28000 for the Hertz tool) for a total price of \$123,940 and with the understanding that the addition of these items will be reviewed again in August. Forstner will be given the opportunity to review the deleted items as the prices may vary somewhat.

At this time, Mayor Herman announced that Council would move into Executive Session to negotiate employee salaries for next year and to address any personnel issues that may arise. The next regular meeting will be held on January 7 at 5PM