

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, January 8, 2001 in the council chambers with Mayor Herman presiding and all members present. Also attending were City Clerk Dolly Schultz, Deputy Clerk Deb Redman, reporter Laurie Bonsack and several ninth graders from Mr. Williams' civics class.

The newly elected officials Mayor John Herman and council members Bob Schultz and Jay Corbin were sworn into office by City Clerk Dolly Schultz.

Street supervisor Rick LaVallie discussed several issues. He noted that it may be necessary to hire additional help for removal of snow at the intersections. Also the street dept. will be helping the State Dept. with snow removal on State Hwy. 22 and 109.

Notification was received that a \$10,000 grant toward the purchase of a new street sweeper has been approved. Additional information will be forthcoming.

The small ice skating pond has been flooded, however the warming house has not been open. Council agreed to wait and see how much interest is shown in ice skating before hiring anyone to work in the warming house.

Discussed truck parking on the Stokely lot. Permits are ready and as soon as the numbered signs are in place, a notice will be put in the paper advising the public. It was the decision of the Council that the City will be responsible for snow removal from the blacktop lot.

Discussed the ongoing sewer problems and the preliminary costs of \$114,000 for improvements in the Half Moon Park area. Also, Wells Concrete is putting up a new building in the northeast part of town and will need services extended to that area. Therefore, a motion was made by Corbin, seconded by Schultz and carried to have Bolton & Menk prepare prelim costs for this project and to invite Bill Sayre to the next council meeting.

Community Development Director Zoa Heckman updated Council on the tax forfeited properties.

Motion by Gaines, seconded by Corbin and carried to approve the minutes of the Dec. 11 meeting, financial reports, regular monthly reports and payment of Regular bills of \$107,452.53 and Liquor bills of \$46,337.31.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Gaines and carried to approve the revised Cafeteria Plan 2001 for the full time employees.

Motion by Carroll, seconded by Schultz and carried authorizing Dolly Schultz and Deb Redman to attend the Clerk's Conference in Alexandria on March 20-23.

Motion by Corbin, seconded by Gaines and carried to pay the Chamber dues of \$247.50. This will allow an individual from all entities of the City to be a member.

Discussed the appointments for the year 2001. It was suggested that an individual rather than the Police Chief be appointed as Civil Defense Director, as this position needs a lot of attention and could be very time consuming.

Council also felt that the City Fire Marshall's position should be eliminated since everything has to go through the State Fire Marshall. Following a fire, the Fire Chief will be responsible for notifying that department . Councilman Corbin will notify the Fire Chief of this decision. A motion was then entertained by Schultz, seconded by Gaines and carried to approve the Mayor's appointments for 2001 as presented. A complete list is on file in the Clerk's office and is available for public inspection.

Motion by Gaines, seconded by Corbin and carried to approve the EDA's request for their 2001 budgeted money of \$34,500.

A total of 3 persons applied for the position of Theatre Manager. Motion was made by Corbin, seconded by Schultz and carried to hire Mike Milks at \$100 per month and on a 90 day trial basis. Mayor Herman will notify Milks and discuss the responsibilities with him.

The public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance will be held on Jan. 16 at 5 p.m.

Mayor Herman will notify Ray Wigern that when the paperwork is received and reviewed regarding the excess usage contract, a special meeting can be held for authorization of signatures. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.