

The Wells City Council held their regular meeting on Monday, March 12, 2001. Mayor Herman presided with all members present as well as City Clerk Dolly Schultz, Deputy Clerk Deb Redman and reporter Laurie Bonsack.

Following the call to order, Community Development Director Zoa Heckman presented Amendment #2 for the Rental Housing Ordinance #231, allowing inspection of a building by a state or federal agency in lieu of the city inspector. Motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried to accept this amendment.

Next on the agenda was Police Chief Mike Iverson. He presented the council with a letter from the South Central Drug Investigation Unit of Northfield to review the benefits of being a task force member. Mike also gave the council police reports for January and February 2001. He informed the council he has received two recall letters on the Tahoe and is taking care of this situation. Chief Iverson has been in contact with the DOT and is trying to solve the parking problem by the school.

Street Supervisor Rick LaVallie handed out information on the cost of mowing both parks, lift station, rest area, hockey rink, shop areas, airport and ponds. Rick will be meeting with his committee on Thursday to discuss the next step of action. Discussion was held on a City Wide Clean-up Day for this spring. The lease agreement for the sweeper was put on hold until the next meeting because the city Attorney Bichler still has the payment paperwork.

With a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried the council accepted the minutes from the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and special meeting of March 7, regular bills of \$108,889.58, liquor store bills of \$33,162.81, a building permit, and all reports listed on the agenda.

New business: On a motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried the council granted the Chamber of Commerce a local permit for a fireworks presentation on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> of Kernel Days. Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried granted ON/OFF SALE 3.2 Malt Beverage License to Jake's Pizza, Ampride Convenience Store, and Food-N-Fuel. Motion by Carroll, second by Corbin and carried approved mileage allowance of 34  $\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

Frank Lorentz, Superintendent of USC, gave a presentation on the results of the survey given to the USC School District. It was very informative and Lorentz encouraged anyone to call him if they had any questions.

The next appointment was the Fire Department. Randy Kuster, Chuck Schulenberg, Mike Pyzick, and Tim Orbell were the representatives. Discussion was held on issues such as 3-man cab verses a 5-man cab, prices on a complete unit of prices on a cab and chassis, the 5 year plan, money donated from the Lions Club, and grant money available. Councilman Schultz gave the Fire Department information on fire Trucks obtained from the Internet. Motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried gave the Fire Department permission to spec out a First Attack truck.

Old Business: Liquor Store furnace was put on hold and would be looked at again next fall. Honeywell checked the furnace and was said to be 60% to 70% efficient. Action on the TV Franchise was not taken at this meeting because the agreement is at Attorney Randy Bichler's office.

Motion by *Gaines*, second by *Schultz* and carried to approve the appointment of *Roger Schultz* on the HRA Board to fill the position vacated by *Karen Brandenburg*.

On a motion by *Gaines*, second by *Carroll* and carried, *Stacie Whiteside* was hired as the computer operator at city hall for \$11.00 per hour with a 9-month probation period and *Deb Redman* was granted a 70-cent per hour increase effective March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief *Mike Iverson's* six-month review was discussed. Motion by *Corbin*, second by *Gaines* and carried *Iverson* was granted a \$1.00 per hour raise in pay and taken off of probation.

Mayor *Herman* informed the council that Union negotiation was in progress. Councilman *Gaines* will abstain from any discussion or vote on this issue.

Councilman *Schultz* will be attending the Library Foundation Meeting on Tuesday with Councilman *Carroll* in place of Mayor *Herman*.

The Wells Public Utilities would like the wording of "in lieu of taxes" changed to "Franchise Fee". The auditors will be consulted this.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.