

The Wells City Council held their first regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 5, 2001 at 5 p.m. Mayor John Herman presided with council members Ron Gaines, Jay Corbin and Bob Schultz attending, as well as City Clerk Dolly Schultz, Deputy Clerk Deb Redman and reporter Laurie Bonsack. Councilman Jack Carroll was absent.

Street supervisor Rick LaVallie reported that Floyd Lackey, who resides on 4th Ave. SE, is experiencing drainage problems following rainfalls. He feels the drainage is coming from the Truss property and running onto his property. He would very much like the City to do something about it and has suggested they use the patrol to make a furrow about 1' high running north and south from Corvin Roberts' property to the cornfield, then east to the 80' strip owned by the City. Following discussion and noting that this will not correct the problem permanently, a motion was made by Corbin, seconded by Gaines and carried to direct the street crew to dig a dead furrow as proposed but to also inform Mr. Lackey that nothing more will be done by the City.

Discussed the deterioration of the railroad track on North Broadway. Staff will draft a letter to I&M Rail Link, on behalf of the Council, requesting that improvements be made.

Complaints have been received about the lights at the tennis courts and ball diamonds at Half Moon Park being on so late at night. The electrical boxes will be checked and padlocks made available. The police are to then see that the lights are off and boxes locked at a reasonable time.

The following corrections were made to the Oct. 22 council minutes; paragraph 3, line 3 should read "repeater" rather than portable, line 4 should eliminate the city of Delavan and line 5 should read "radio" rather than pager. Paragraph 4, line 1, insert the word "system" in place of telephone lines.

A motion was then made by Corbin, seconded by Gaines and carried to approve the minutes of the Oct. 22 meeting, with the noted corrections, as well as the financials, permits, monthly reports and payment of regular bills of \$250,359.55 and liquor bills of \$36,485.42.

The Honeywell contract is up for renewal and two proposals have been presented. Following review, a motion was made by Schultz, seconded by Corbin and carried to enter into a 5-year contract at a locked price of \$20,330/yr.

Discussed the possibility of adopting a nude-dancing ordinance. No action taken.

Motion by Corbin, seconded by Schultz and carried to approve the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning to issue a conditional use permit to John & Mark Herman for a parking lot located across the street from their business on 1st Ave. SW, with the conditions that no lighting is to be installed, parking allowed on the west 1/3 of the lot and only gravel be used on the lot, no concrete or blacktop. However, Mayor Herman noted that they have now elected to do nothing with the lot at this time.

Motion by Corbin, seconded by Gaines and carried to waive the condition use permit fee for the Wells Public Library, if and when it is decided they are ready to build within the residential area.

Discussed meeting dates of council meetings. Although the normal time for Council to meet is the first and third Mondays of the month, it was the consensus of the Council that all Mondays should be open for their regular meetings and to be held at their discretion due to the fact that often times, the first Monday of the month does not allow enough time for reports and monthly bills to be prepared and presented.

Motion by Gaines, seconded by Corbin and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ron Hartman to the Tri City Sewer Board. Staff will send him notification.

Action on a new squad car and a proposed sump pump ordinance was tabled.

The Bureau of Mediation has scheduled a meeting for Nov. 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the council chambers to negotiate terms with the union representing the police department. Motion by Gaines, seconded by Corbin and carried granting Mayor Herman and councilman Bob Schultz the power to negotiate.

Discussion was had on the truck parking permits. Complaints have been received regarding the fee and why it could not be pro-rated for someone wishing to park there for only one month. A motion was made by Corbin, seconded by Schultz and carried to change the fee of the permit to \$10/month or \$100/year, with the length of time being so noted on the permit being issued. The police will receive a copy of the permit and shall monitor the time allowed.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 26 at 5 p.m.  
There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.