

The City Council held their regular meeting on Monday, April 22, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Herman presided and all council members were present as were City Clerk Dolly Schultz and Deputy Clerk Deb Redman.

Following the Call to Order, Bill Sayre came before the council to review the Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan prepared by Bolton & Menk for the City of Wells. He explained the details of the report noting that this is a requirement by MPCA for the sanitary sewer grant application as well as the request for placement on the Project Proposal List. Although there was a "rush" for them to prepare the report, it was completed and submitted by the April 1 deadline. Public hearings will have to be scheduled in the future regarding information on the application and financing for the project. Hopefully these can be held together. Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Schultz, seconded by Gaines and carried to approve the report.

Jim Moll, representing the Skateboard Park committee was next on the agenda and updated the council on the proposed project. He indicated that kids are still expressing a lot of interest in this sport and seem willing to get involved in more fund raising projects. A cement 50'x100' pad is proposed, with suggested locations being west of the swimming pool or near the site of the old hockey rink. With the highest bank being 3' or lower, no additional insurance is required and no supervision is needed. The committee's concern is that they would like to start this project soon but may be approximately \$3000 short, depending on costs for excavating and fill. They have a pledge for that amount for this year but as of yet, do not know when this will be coming. Therefore, they were asking if the City would be willing to advance them the \$3000.

Motion by Corbin, seconded by Carroll and carried to table this matter until the next meeting and directed the street supervisor get costs on the excavating and fill.

Stan Bruss came before the council to discuss his concerns of the City doing alley black topping on private property, specifically the alley west of the Legion Club. He made reference to the fact that action taken at a previous meeting indicated that property owners would have to assume the entire costs involved if they wanted their respective alley black topped. He went on to say that this is exactly what happened when the alley behind his place was done. Bruss then requested an explanation of the council's action at this time and noted that he felt he had just as much traffic, if not more, going through the alley behind his business as the Legion has.

Discussion followed with Mayor Herman stating he would contact the remaining property owners along the alley in question and inquire of their preference and bring the information back to the next meeting.

The street supervisor was once again directed to try to come up with a "fixable" solution to the water coming off the alley by the Good Shepherd Church and running into the church basement windows.

Russ Rieke, president of the Wells Golf Board, was present to discuss their board's decision to implement a fee for golf carts being used on the course. He stated that the fees would be used to construct approximately 500' of concrete paths for the cart usage. Their other concern was as to

who should be allowed to operate golf carts. It appeared to be the general consensus that it should be only individuals with valid driver's licenses.

Rieke also noted that if memorial funds come in, some type of rain shelter might be erected near the 9th T-box.

Motion was then made by Schultz, seconded by Corbin and carried to approve a \$20/yr golf cart fee and requested that the Golf Club work closely with the Park Board on other issues.

A question was raised regarding the utilities minutes and their decision to not seek another term on the SMMPA board seat when Wells' expires in Oct. Mayor Herman will discuss this issue with Ray Wigern.

A motion was then made by Corbin, seconded by Carroll and carried to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 8, the remainder of the monthly reports and payment of the bills in the amount of \$55,346.27.

Bids on the 9th Ave. SW concrete street improvement were received and opened on April 17 at 2 p.m. Three bids were received; Wells Concrete for material only, \$75.00/cu. yd.(hand work) or \$78.50/cu. yd.(machine work) for a total of \$47,531.75 and \$45,412.50 respectively;

Sorensen Bros. Inc. for labor only at \$11 sq.yd.,total of \$39,952; and Hoffmann Concrete for material and labor at a total cost of \$91,708.

Pros and cons of the project were discussed at length after which a motion was entertained by Schultz to award the bid to Sorensen Bros. and Wells Concrete for a total bid of \$87,483.75. Motion died for lack of a second. Clerk was instructed to notify the bidders that no action was taken at this time.

The Planning & Zoning Board has made amendments to the Zoning Ord. #239 and is recommending approval by the council. The amendments relate to Adult: entertainment, body painting studio, bookstore, cabaret, companionship establishments, establishment, hotel/motel, massage parlor/health club, mini-motion picture theatre, modeling studio, motion picture arcade, motion picture theatres, novelty business, sauna, specified anatomical areas, specified sexual activities, Lot requirements, Privacy fences, Private garages, accessory buildings/structures and Solid waste dumpsters or refuse containers Motion by Schultz, seconded by Gaines and carried to approve and adopt the amendments as presented. A summary will be published in the newspaper.

Motion by Gaines, seconded by Carroll and carried to approve the Chamber's application for bingo and raffle licensing during the annual Kernel Days celebration.

Council was reminded of the Board of Review at 5 pm on April 25.

The next regular council meeting will be held on May 6 at 5 p.m.
As there was no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.