

The regular meeting of the Wells City Council was held on Monday, Feb. 11, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor John Herman presiding. Council members Carroll, Schultz, Gaines and Corbin were all present as were City Clerk Dolly Schultz, Deputy Clerk Deb Redman and reporter Laurie Bonsack.

Mr. Byron Jost, from the firm of Pettipiece Cessario, came before the council to re-discuss the sewer infrastructure project, funding possibilities and to seek direction for specific projects that the Council wants started. He noted that the funding sources could be Rural Development, Public Facilities Authority, Small Cities Development Program and possibly DTED. The Garlock Addition and Interceptor Sewer would be eligible for funding as well as a Housing Rehab. study, conducted in a specified area, to determine that these projects would directly benefit low-to-moderate income families living there.

Following further discussion, a motion was entertained by Schultz, seconded by Carroll and carried authorizing Pettipiece Cessario to proceed with the Garlock Addition, Interceptor and Housing Rehab projects and prepare the necessary applications for possible funding.

CD Director Zoa Heckman gave a progress report on the sump pump/roof drain inspections noting that things are going extremely well and approximately 75% of the residents have made inspection appointments. To date 30 sites have failed sump pump inspections and 8 failed roof drain inspections. However, all have been very cooperative and have agreed to take necessary steps to become compliant.

Police Chief Mike Iverson informed council that the siren work has been completed and all the repairs were made at no cost to the city. Sirens will be tested next month during the regular civil defense testing.

Motion by Corbin, seconded by Carroll and carried to send Dale Kauffmann to an EMC Conference in Robbinsdale on Mar. 1 & 2 at a cost of \$135. Attendance at this conference earns Dale 12 post credits.

Street supervisor Rick LaVallie discussed fire extinguishers that need to be hydro-tested and/or replaced. He is to check the cost difference between hydro-tested versus new and bring the information to the next meeting.

Rick requested direction from council on several projects planned for this summer. Council reviewed the list and on a motion by Corbin, seconded by Carroll and carried, approved the following: (1) crack filling streets - \$6,000, (2) seal coating streets - \$7,000-8,000, (3) sewer televising, \$15,000, (4) sewer engineering fees - \$30,000, (5) mosquito program - \$4000, (6) city wide clean up day (spring only) - \$1500 and (7) weed spraying at parks and airport - \$6,000.

Discussion was had regarding the concrete street improvement of 9th Ave. SW. from 3rd St. SW to 6th St. SW. It was the consensus of the council to have staff prepare the legalities for a public hearing, including the footage and proposed costs for the affected property owners. A date and time for the hearing will be decided later.

Motion by Corbin, seconded by Schultz and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Jan. 25,( with the elimination of paragraph 5 on the first page), financial reports, permits, monthly department reports and payment of the regular bills of \$\$217,966.67 and liquor bills of \$63,112.42

Motion by Gaines, seconded by Corbin and carried to approve the renewal of the hangar leases at the airport for one year at the same rate (\$30/yr.) for Harry's Hawks Flying Club, Minnesota Lake Flying Club, Martin Dylla and John Thisius. Councilman Carroll voted nay.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Gaines and carried to accept the resignation of Betty Pagenkopf as assistant librarian.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Corbin and carried to hire Sheila Treptow as part time Library Director at \$9.50/hr, subject to 90-day review.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Carroll and carried authorizing Mayor Herman and Sheila Treptow to interview remaining applicants to fill the position of assistant librarian and to then hire the selected individual.

Fire contracts were discussed at this time. Since contracts with the townships expire at the end of this year, the local fire department would like to know what fee the Council wants to charge them. Following further discussion, a motion was made by Gaines, seconded by Schultz and carried to increase the fee \$5.00 per section per year based on a three (3) year contract. Contracts would then reflect a fee of \$125 per section for year 2003, \$130 - 2004, and \$135 - 2005. The Wells Fire Dept. will be informed of this decision and will then contact the appropriate townships prior to renewal of the contracts.

Employee performance forms will be distributed to department supervisors who will be expected to evaluate the employees within their departments. These employees will also evaluate him/herself, after which the results will be discussed and placed in the respective personnel file. The first evaluation is to be completed by April 1.

It was noted that the dumpster at the Fire Dept. will remain at the site, however, it will be chained and locked and dumping will be on a "will call" basis.

The next regular council meeting will be held on Feb. 25 at 5:00 p.m.

As there was no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Herman declared the meeting adjourned.