

The Wells City Council held their regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor John Herman presiding and all council members attending. Also attending were City Clerk Dolly Schultz, Deputy Clerk Deb Redman and reporter Laurie Bonsack.

Following the Call to Order, Mayor Herman recognized Mr. John Miller, representing the United Methodist Church. He informed Council that they have been using the local TV channel to air their church services, however they were recently informed that the TV Cable company (Mediacom) is planning some changes and will no longer allow the church (es) to utilize the channel because of costs.

The church has contacted local clubs that are involved with pull tabs, asking if they would be willing to donate a portion of their profits to help cover the costs. They were informed that any donations made by these organizations must all go through the City first. Miller then inquired as to how the City felt about this and/or if they would be willing to somehow help with the costs.

Discussion followed and it was the general consensus that it is a federal law that a cable company must provide public access to a city. Councilman Corbin will contact the cable personnel and report back to Council with the findings. Therefore, no action was taken at this time.

The CD Director gave an update on the sump pump/roof drain inspections, noting there are only 80 inspections left to do.

Motion by Corbin, seconded by Gaines and carried to approve the minutes of the March 11 regular council meeting, the HRA, Ambulance, Tri-City and Library reports, and payment of regular bills of \$48,892.63 and liquor bills of \$9,763.65.

Once again discussion was had regarding the paving of the alley by the Legion Club. Estimated costs of approximately \$3000 were determined. Since there is a municipal parking lot adjoining this alley, a motion was entertained by Schultz and seconded by Gaines to proceed with the paving of the entire alley at the City's expense. Voting in favor were Schultz, Gaines, Corbin and Mayor Herman. Councilman Carroll abstained from voting.

The 9th Ave. SW concrete improvement was next on the agenda. Discussion followed whereas a motion was made by Schultz, seconded by Gaines and carried to adopt Resolution 2002-02, accepting the proposal and advertising for bids. Schultz, Gaines and Corbin voted in favor of the motion and Carroll voted nay. The street committee and street supervisor will meet later in the week to prepare specs and determine a date for the bid opening.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, April 8, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Herman then declared the meeting adjourned, as there was no further business to discuss.