

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, April 28, 2003 in the council chambers at 5 p.m. Mayor Jacobson presided with councilmen Corbin and Gaines present. Councilman Schultz arrived at 5:30 p.m. and Councilman Carroll was absent. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and the press.

Council approved the minutes of the April 14th meeting with the addition of "his sump pump" added to paragraph three on page two with a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried.

Next the council reviewed the remainder of the monthly bills. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved paying the bills in the amount of \$121,235.06.

Reports from WPU, Theatre, Ambulance, HRA, Park Board, and the yearly comp time comparison were approved on a motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried.

Mediacom informed the council in writing that they were closing the Wells office effective June 1, 2003. A customer payment drop box will be placed at a convenient location.

Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved the Community Development Director attending the Planning & Zoning Workshop in May at St Cloud for a cost of \$125.00.

The street department 1996 Ford pickup is in need of repair. An estimate from Reg's Auto & Truck Repair was reviewed. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved getting a second opinion from Hinkley Chev.

Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved placing 1 regular unit and 1 handicapped porta-potty at Thompson Park from May through September 2003.

Part-time summer help was next on the agenda. With a motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried, only Cliff Blank & Bob Stenzel will be brought back for this summer.

The next half-hour was spent reviewing the city's financial report and hearing recommendations from Abdo Eick & Meyers, presented by Kyle Meyers.

Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried to accept the Developmental Agreement between the City of Wells and Wells Concrete. The agreement will have the appropriate date and property description on it before signing.

A motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried authorizing Street Supervisor LaVallie to order the patching material necessary to repair the streets of Wells.

Bituminous overlay for this summer was discussed next. Councilman Schultz suggested different pricing for street projects. These prices are \$15 for overlay, \$30 for bituminous, and \$40 for concrete. City Administrator Allis will be looking into the assessment policy before the next council meeting. Bonding and deciding which streets need repair first will be discussed at the next meeting.

Kurt Niebuhr passed the examination for the class D Wastewater Operator Certification. Along with this certification comes a 10 cent raise.

Police Chief Mike Iverson, Street Supervisor Rick LaVallie, and Liquor Store Manager Miles Lindholm were put on salary effective May 26, 2003. This will include a 50-cent per hour raise and comp time at regular pay for any hours worked in excess of 40 hour per week. Motion by Schultz, second by Corbin and carried approved the changes from hourly to salary.

Under old business, council reviewed the corrected recycling report from last meeting. Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved this report. Councilman Schultz would like the revenue broke down, so the score money and monthly recycling fee could be seen.

The 2003 appointment list will be held until the next meeting. Updates need to be made to the Library Board and Library Foundation.

The Loss Control Survey was discussed and will be put on the May 12th agenda. More information on the diving board and alcohol on city premises are needed. The items listed for the two parks are already taken care of.

The meeting was now open to the public. Mike Virnig spoke on the hazard of driving near the gulf course. Golfers and drivers need to be more careful and observant of each other. County Commissioner Paul Meyer would like to see another stop sign placed at the corner of 1st Ave and 7th St SW for the safety of children crossing the street to go to the pool.

City Administrator Allis reminded the council the Board of Review is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th at 5 pm. Also, the second meeting of the month will be held on Tuesday, May 27th.

With no further business to discuss and no reports from the council members, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman