

The Wells City Council held their second meeting of the month on Monday, December 22, 2003 at 5 p.m. in the council chambers. Councilmen present were Carroll, Corbin, Gaines, and Schultz. Mayor Jacobson was absent. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. Acting Mayor Corbin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved the minutes as written of the regular council meeting of December 8th and the minutes as written of the executive session of December 8th.

After reviewing the remaining monthly bill, motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried approved paying the bills in the amount of \$76,447.73.

The minutes of the Wells Park Board were approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved the minutes of the Police Committee.

Miscellaneous Reports were next on the agenda. Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved the following reports; Ambulance Board, Wells Public Utilities Commission, HRA, and EDA.

Resolution 2003-19; a resolution setting fees & rates for the year 2004 was approved on a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried.

Council reviewed the current Cigarette Licenses. Motion by Carroll, second by Schultz and carried approved granting (5) Cigarette Licenses for 1 year at \$100 to Twin Cities Stores Inc, Nu-way Coop, VFW Club, Municipal Liquor Store, and Super Valu.

The letter from the Faribault County Attorney, Brian Roverud to Wells Police Chief Iverson and the letter of response from Attorney Randy Bichler was in the packet for information only.

Motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried approved a one year labor agreement between the City of Wells and Law Enforcement Labor Services Local #278.

Council discussed the purchasing of a new Tahoe for the Police Department. There was a lot of discussion on the estimate prepared by Hinkley Chev, the need of a Tahoe verses a car, and the price of a vehicle off the dealer lot. Acting Mayor Corbin tabled the purchase and requested (2) more bids begotten before the council meeting of January 12, 2004.

Motion by Carroll, second by Gaines and carried approved the LG215 – Lease renewal for gambling at the Municipal Liquor Store. The Wells Lions Club will pay 16% of their gross profit per month.

Mediacom sent a notice of rate increase to begin February 1, 2004.

Meeting was opened to the public:

Arnie Groskreutz inquired about the condition of Mediacom's broadcasting building & the equipment used by volunteer groups. He also had questions concerning a city employee's speeding ticket.

Mike Weber wanted to know when the "Dead End" signs would be put up. He also inquired about "right of ways". City Administrator Allis again informed Mr. Weber she would let him know when she received the information.

Councilman Schultz questioned ticket fees such as was written in the League of Minnesota Cities letter. Councilman Carroll voiced his opinion on the speed of snowmobiles in town and snowmobiles going through homeowners' yards.

The first council meeting of 2004 will be on Monday, January 12th at 5 p.m. in the council chambers. With no further business to discuss, Acting Mayor Corbin adjourned the meeting.
Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman