

The Wells City Council met on Monday, December 8, 2003 at 5 pm in the council chambers with Mayor Jacobson, Councilmen Corbin, Gaines, and Schultz present. Councilman Carroll was absent. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and Reporter Bonsack. Mayor Jacobson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved the minutes of the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved the minutes of the Truth in Taxation Hearing as written.

November bills were reviewed and motion by Gaines, second by Schultz and carried approved paying all the bills in the amount of \$94,885.10. Council also approved the Balance/Receipts Report and the Revenue/Expense Statement on a motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried.

Motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried approved three Building Permits as presented.

Departmental Reports were next on the agenda. Public Works, Community Development, Library, Fire, and Police reports were approved as presented on a motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried.

Miscellaneous Reports from Community Center, Liquor Store, Building report, Library Automation, Employee Comp-time, Employee Over-time, Pool, and Library Board were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Corbin, second by Schultz and carried.

Mayor Jacobson recommendation to the HRA is Ann Marie Schuster. Motion by Schultz, second by Gaines and carried approved her appointment.

Resolution 2003-18; Approving 2003 Tax Levy Collectible in 2004, was approved as written on a motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried.

The health insurance for nonunion city employees was reviewed next. Council believes that not enough time is left in the year to make a satisfactory decision. Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried to keep the insurance as is for the year 2004 and to revisit this issue in June for the year 2005.

Street Supervisor LaVallie prepared a Street Surface Improvement Report for numerous streets within the City of Wells. The Street Committee will review this report and discuss the public assessments per street. Council also reviewed the information on building a new restroom at Thompson Park. At this time, council would like LaVallie to put together figures on remodeling the existing facility.

The 2004 Property-Casualty & Workers' Compensation rates & dividends report and the coverage changes from LMCIT were in the packet for information.

Motion by Corbin, second by Gaines and carried approved leaving the License/Permit/Rent/Fees schedule the same for the year 2004.

There was no Public input at this meeting.

City Administrator Allis reported to the council on the following items: 1) a letter was sent to Mike Maslakow concerning the condition of his property on south Broadway.

He called and said he is going to clean up the property in the near future; 2) the City Employee Christmas Party is Friday; and 3) Mayor Jacobson will be out of town for the next council meeting, Acting Mayor Corbin will preside.

Mayor Jacobson asked all council members to read the Minnesota Lease for Lawful Gambling Activity received from the Wells Lions. A decision will be made at the next council meeting.

Councilman Schultz informed the council that the Wells Public Utilities Commission will be meeting the first Monday of every month for the year 2004. He also handed out information concerning the expenses of the Christmas lights.

The next regular scheduled council meeting will be on Monday, December 22nd.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting. At this time the council went into closed executive session to discuss employee wages for 2004.  
Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman