

The Wells City Council met on Monday, March 24, 2003 at 5 p. m. in the council chambers with Mayor Jacobson presiding and all council members present. Also present were City Administrator Allis, Deputy Clerk Redman, and reporter Laurie Bonsack.

With a motion by Gaines, second by Carroll and carried, the minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

After the monthly bills were reviewed, a motion was made by Carroll second by Schultz and carried to authorize payment in the amount of \$67,068.50.

Motion by Gaines, second by Corbin and carried approved all the Commission & Committee Reports listed on the agenda pages 6-11d.

The minutes of the Park Board were reviewed and approved with a motion by Corbin, second by Carroll and carried.

Next on the agenda was Deb Tolzmann representing the Skateboard Park. She offered a "Thank You" to the council for all their efforts and informed them that they were raising money to put up a fence.

Carolyn Smith, Coordinator of USC STARS Mentoring Program, approached the council with handouts full of information about Drug awareness, Region 9 funding, the need for volunteers (especially men), and stats about our County and School District.

Bob Schultz was appointed by Mayor Jacobson to replace Jack Carroll on the Liquor Committee.

Resolution 2003-03; Combining the position of City Administrator with the position of Clerk-Treasurer was approved on a motion by Carroll second by Schultz and carried.

Under old business, the city billing for services provided by WPU was discussed. On a motion by Schultz, second by Carroll and carried the council approved raising the amount to \$17.00 per hour, which is the average of the utilities employee's wages.

Next on the agenda was Public Comment. At this time, Mike Virnig approached the council wanting the pavement on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NW removed. This not being a practical move, Mr. Virnig was informed John Herman plans on making a contribution to the Park and Rec. Department sometime in the future as needed.

The City Administrator presented the following items to the council: a) to continue with the annexation/interceptor project, a resolution asking for state funding needs to be brought before the council at the next meeting, b) the League of Minnesota Cities Newsletter will be e-mailed to Councilmen Corbin & Gaines, and copies will be gives to Councilmen Carroll and Schultz, and c) the city wide clean-up day scheduled for this spring has been cancelled do to lack of money. An advertisement will be put in the Wells Mirror.

Mayor Jacobson reported on the Mayor's meeting in Blue Earth. Some budget cut items were as follow; less than 24-hour police on duty, no summer help, no overtime, and use of the county bus to transport children participating in the summer rec program.

Councilman Schultz inquired about information being sought on bonding for street projects. The city administrator will check with Dick Asleson.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jacobson adjourned the meeting.

Deputy Clerk, Deb Redman