

On Tuesday, April 13, 2009, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting at 7:03 PM. Winona County Assessors Pat Walters and Perry Knopic along with Council members Lisa Gibbs, Dave Johannes, Rick Przytarski and Cheryl Beeman were all in attendance.

Mayor Parker opened the floor for any concerns on property tax valuations.

Mayor Parker asked a second time for any concerns.

Mayor Parker asked a third and final time for any comments.

Mayor Parker closed the Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting at 7:07 PM.

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On Tuesday, April 13, 2009, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:08 P.M. Council members in attendance were Cheryl Beeman, Dave Johannes, Lisa Gibbs and Rick Przytarski.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk Winchester added under old business the snowplow, Promotional Group key, and the website. Leasah Lilla added under old business the Seniors Room. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the March 2009 minutes with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Addition to the Bills to Pay: Lackore Electric for servicing the generator, under general in the amount of \$265.33. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the Financial Report with the addition, with a second from Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

Under Flood Financials there were three bills to pay, though Potter Construction bill for removal of soil and concrete was a bid. Dave Johannes did not receive a bid for the additional fencing that will be needed on the east side of the baseball property. Council requested Chad Larson to mark the fence line and measure the length. Rick Przytarski made a motion to pay the bills and accept the Potter Construction bid, motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Bill Trygstad discussed the Water Project. There is a new plan for the reservoir. He would need three weeks for advertising and getting the bids back and the first publication for the construction journal would be April 27<sup>th</sup>. Soil borings are complete and they will go out for the bidders, but Mr. Trygstad still needs incorporate them into the reservoir drawings. Marilyn Johnson asked about a water tower compared to ground reservoir, the cost of the water tower maintenance would be more than the ground tank. Mrs. Johnson asked if the tank could have Stockton painted on the tank and that could be done. Mr. Trygstad was waiting on borings for the stability of the road since they would be cutting into the hillside for the parking and turn around area. The grade of the reservoir road would be too steep to be an actual City street. There would be two separate bids, one for the reservoir and one for the water mains. Rick Przytarski made a motion for the preliminary plan to go out for bid with an opening at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Sewer & Water Meeting at 6:00 P.M. Motion was seconded by Dave Johannes. Discussion was held on length of completion for the project, either six months or one-year. Rick Przytarski revised

motion to state advertising by April 27<sup>th</sup>, opening the bids on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM with an ending date of July 30, 2010. Dave Johannes seconded the revised motion. Lisa Gibbs opposed the vote, with three ayes.

Mike Wadewitz requested to have a generator put in the grant for the well house. Mr. Trygstad stated this is not part of the bid at this time. Possibility of using any funds left over from the grant to be used for the generator but will not be sure until the bids come in. Letters of intent have been sent, with no responses, these were only the preliminary letters, though an official easement will be done once the Council decided upon doing the project. Council would like the Sewer & Water Committee to discuss a generator and hook up fees at their next meeting.

Out of the five flood projects, the pond project is already finished and Mr. Trygstad needs to figure out how to get the payment from the State. Bill Trygstad did meet with Dave Kramer, Winona County DOT, to discuss the projects and found out that the four projects would need their own State Aid number. Mr. Trygstad thought we could lump the other four into one project to save money on engineering fees, he needs to call the state to get the aid number and approval. Chad Larson will need to update the list of ditch cleanings to be done to send to Mr. Trygstad. Leasah Lilla asked if the Workforce center group could do the manpower for some of the project but Mr. Trygstad stated we would need to go through the bidding process by the State rules.

Channelization Study has no new information, Mr. Trygstad will have more at the Committee meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Planning & Zoning Committee went over the Building Permit fees and they recommended adopting fees set forth by Mayor Parker. Rick Przytarski made a motion to adopt the Building Permit fees as set forth, except the last four of investigation, re-inspection, refunding fees and expiration. Motion seconded by Dave Johannes, motion passed unanimously. Council requested the Planning & Zoning Committee to look at the four fees to talk about.

Both the Mayor and the Clerk have whittled down the Fee Schedule to only include those fees that are in our Ordinances. The only addition is the administration fee of \$25 for any requests under City Annexation, Sewer, Water, Plan & Zone, Alcohol & Gambling. The Fee Schedule also modifies the fixed fee of windows, siding, roofing and decks under 600 square feet to be a fee of \$70. The wine license and temporary licenses were added as these are in our Ordinance but no price were put on these licenses. The dog impound fee will be edited to state as actual cost by the company. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the Fee Schedule with the addition of the dog impound fee, second by Rick Przytarski. Motion passed unanimously.

On March 31, 2009 Rick Przytarski called the Clerk to make a decision on a 1998 snowplow. All five council members were contacted with a tie vote of 2 nays and 2 ayes, with Mayor Parker breaking the tie with a yes vote on buying the truck. The cost of the truck was \$31,000 with the money being taken out of the Sewer operating account, the Council will have to decided which account to replace the money. Sharon Logan asked if there was a quorum of council members to decide of there was an emergency in buying the truck. She thought the voting was done illegally and doesn't like the way it was done without the public being notified. Mayor Parker stated there was an urgency in buying the truck as there was another municipality in the process of buying it and based on the discussion he had with Rick Przytarski, who looked at the truck thought it was a good buy. Mark Potter, Rick Przytarski and Chad Larson had gone to look at the truck the previous week. Cheryl Beeman stated this was just another vote cast that the public things was behind their backs. Dave Johannes said the way the other

members voted did not reflect on his decision. Mayor Parker stated this truck will save on the City truck maintenance and Chad will need less time plowing. Nancy Beach asked where it will be stored, since there is no room in the Maintenance Garage. Since it is an snow plow truck it can be stored outside. Council agreed to split the cost between the General Capital Equipment Account and the Designated Funds of \$15,500 each.

Ken Oevering requested Dave Johannes receive a second set of keys since he is the Gambling Manager Assistant and if Mr. Oevering is gone for a period of time there would be no way for Dave to get into the building. Rick Przytarski made a motion to give Dave Johannes a second set of keys, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed with Dave Johannes abstaining.

Nancy Beach from the Garvin Brook Disaster Relief stated the \$1,000 for the website needs to be spent by June 1<sup>st</sup> otherwise the money will need to be given back to the group to be spent somewhere else. Mayor Parker reported he needed to get together with Steve White to discuss what could be put on the City Website. Mrs. Beach stated some community members would be willing to administer the use of the website, but the City would need to be careful of what is being put on the government website. Adam Johnson would be willing to be the administrator for the website. Possibility of a separate link between the government website and a community website.

Leasah Lilla discussed getting the Senior Citizens room back in order the them to start using again. The sheet rocking is finished, just priming and painting the room needs to be done. Dave Johannes made a motion to give a key to Florence Hollingsworth, with a second from Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

Oakland Cemetery Association would like gravel on Broadway out to the Cemetery. This has not been done for a few years. Mark Potter estimated it would take about 800 yards and Chad Larson would be able to get the gravel himself now with the snowplow and use the bobcat to spread it. This would be a maintenance issue as long as the maximum amount being spent is \$1,000. Vi Benicke also requested gravel for her alleyway. Jack Roberts stated that the previous council made the decision if the alleyway is being used as a personal driveway by one home it would be the homeowners responsibility, if it was used for two homes, it would be the City's responsibility. Council requested Chad to check alleyway for maintenance with the Clerk recording all alleyways being used in this fashion.

There were two bids for street sweeping:

1. Beck's for \$1050
2. TJ's Plowing for \$1000

Council felt this should be tabled until Blue Earth Environmental were finished with the buyout properties since they are still in the demolition stage and hauling in fill.

There is a safety and loss workshop in Rochester on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm to include land use ordinances, payroll, nuisances, etc. Clerk Winchester would like to go, cost is \$20. Lisa Gibbs would also like to attend. Rick Przytarski made a motion for Winchester and Gibbs to go with a trip report summary at the next council meeting. Dave Johannes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chad's Business:

1. He would like to patch holes on the State right-of-way that convenes with our City Streets. Council stated Chad should do these and the City will bill the State for the cost.
2. Two bids for servicing the lift stations came in – Braun Pump for about \$400 with a three year contract and North Star Pumping Service for \$650. This is a maintenance issue, council agreed to go with Braun pump.
3. No information on the reflective signage – Council requested this be done by June 30<sup>th</sup> since we still need to send on to the County.
4. Generators: there are two excess surplus property areas, one is in Grand Rapids and the other is in Arden Hills. Arden Hills requested an application for eligibility which was signed by Chad Larson, Beth Winchester and Mayor Parker, the City has been approved. Clerk Winchester has requested a 60KW generator but has not currently heard anything back from them. Grand Rapids requests our Fire Department sign a request form, but since ours is Lewiston Fire Dept. we would need to ask City of Lewiston if they could sign for it. Dave Johannes and Chris Parker will go to the May 13<sup>th</sup> Lewiston City Council meeting, must notify City of Lewiston to be put on the agenda before hand.
5. Would like to get electrician estimate of turning Lift Station #4 from single phase into three-phase.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to close the Stockton Council meeting, with a second by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.