

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at Stockton City Hall, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Travis McElmury, Lisa Gibbs, Jack Roberts and Neil Hjelmeland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor Dave Johannes opened the Board of Appeals and Equalization, with Winona County Assessors on hand.

Public Voice Forum: Thank You from Stockton, Minnesota City, Rollingstone watershed board for use of the hall, and the key will be transferred to Duane Wirt from Jack Roberts. Mayor Johannes thanked Jack Roberts for all the years of service, with cookies and coffee in the back.

Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Travis McElmury. Motion passed unanimously.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills, motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the March 22, 2016 minutes, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Radium Violation: Currently waiting to hear back from MN Dept. of Health.

Walking Path: "No motorized vehicle" sign are not working; there was a truck on it about two weeks ago. Previous discussion was placing posts in the middle of the trail. Mayor Johannes stated bollards are \$50 a piece, but these would not fold down. The ones that do fold down are \$300-\$400 apiece. Discussion was held on how many (2 on each side), and having fencing on each side to dissuade them from just going around them. Chad Larson will work with Mayor Johannes on getting in the posts and side fencing.

Sun Shade: Discussion on placement of shade, Lisa Gibbs stated there will be some ash trees that need to come down, and to place it in that area.

Welcome Signs: New bid will be needed by Biesanz stone, 2011 cost was \$1950 with no installation but it was to be delivered. Solar lights were priced at \$85.99 each, need four. Discussion was in 2013 about using Prairie School font with the sign saying "Stockton, Est. 1856". The signs will need to be excavated using 2 footing slabs at 4-foot depth below grade with rebar. Both the sign and installation will need to be requoted. Discussion was held on where to place the signs, the current area on the East side will stay. The West side will begin with the MHP entrance, then the old sewer pond road, and if neither one of them work for MN DOT, the current site at 8660 W. Main Street. Both sites will need to be approved by the state first.

Dave Johannes made a motion to close the Board of Appeals & Equalization, motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs at 7:31 PM.

ATV Ordinance: Discussion was held on the new ATV ordinance by Winona County, the basics is that any ATV, golf cart or UTV (Utility Task Vehicle) need a permit that would be good for 3 years with evidence of insurance. Operation would be on the right side of any county road at 40 MPH, they must have a driver's license, insurance, operate between sunrise and sunset unless having the correct lights and there shall be no minor under 18 years old without a driver's license and a DNR ATV course safety

permit. Mayor Johannes would like our Recreation ordinance to match the County ordinance as it would help the Sheriff's Office with enforcement. Council would like to see a new ordinance incorporating the County's part, leaving the MPH blank at this point; at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Beautification: Travis McElmury discussed having continuous concrete curbing around the City Hall building on the East side where the plants are, by the office fence, the flag poles and around the Community Center sign. Mr. McElmury will have the people come and quote these places; it would get rid of the black edging so the guys could mow right over it. He would also get a quote for replacing the mulch with rock for easier maintenance.

Horses: Sandy Jacobs was in attendance to discuss that since she is grandfathered in with having horses that if she willed her property to her kids could they keep the horses? Council says check with our attorney about the grandfather clause first, Mrs. Jacobs was given permission 25 years ago, and the Clerk will need to look back in the minutes to see what the Council requested from her.

Computer software: Quick books Pro updated for \$560 (3-users) and Office 365 for \$70 per computer. Council advised buying Quickbooks and only Office 365 for Margo Riemann's computer.

Liability Waiver: Dave Johannes made a motion to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability, seconded by Travis McElmury. Motion passed unanimously.

Volleyball court: Area is orange flagged in the area West of the City Hall. Potter Construction quoted a 50' x 80' court for a cost of \$6,400 with 200-Tons of washed sand. He also quoted \$500 for scraping and leveling a new area for the ice rink. Mayor Johannes will take it to the Promotional Group for a donation on the quote. Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to construct the volleyball court at the current location, only if the Promotional Group donates half the money. Motion seconded by Travis McElmury, motion passed unanimously.

Steve Jacobs: Hand out of FAQ of ATV ordinance – Stockton City got \$14,000 from state for transportation, which has already been used – he is working on broadband coverage in areas that don't have it now (Whitewater state park, Lazy D campground), - 34 acre solar farms were just bought by the County on in Elba and one in Rollingstone – ½ cent county wide sales tax for County road fixes, what is the City's position on this? - County board meeting today that county wide ban on frac sand -

Resolution 2016-April-12: Letter received from council member Jack Roberts vacating his seat on April 28th. Resolution 2016-April-12 declares a vacancy effective April 28th. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the vacated seat, with a second from Travis McElmury. Motion passed unanimously. Kevin Northouse would like to place his name for appointment at the next meeting. The council will also need to elect a new acting Mayor at next month meeting too.

CHAD'S BUSINESS

No business

Kevin Northouse asked if a street sweeper was going to come through, but if the chip seal project gets done, they will sweep anyways, and when they fog seal the old chip seal from last year they will also sweep that too. Highway 14 will be getting chip sealed this year per Neil.

Travis McElmury made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.