

On Tuesday, April 14, 2015, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 6:59 PM. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Travis McElmury, Jack Roberts and Neil Hjelmeland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: Maxine Daniel would like to discuss the mailbox moving issue, Mayor Johannes stated that he looked into moving the postboxes, and that the postmaster would need a plan on where the City would move them, before the postmaster would accept the move. Joan Roberts would like to thank whoever is responsible for getting the access channel back! Jack Roberts discussed that the Watershed district and Trout Unlimited will have a Garvin Brook tour on May 20th from 4-8 pm, he would like to place an advert on the access channel without charge

Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the agenda, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Lisa Gibbs would like to add under park and rec, paragraph 1, second to last sentence to state "at this time." Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the March 10, 2015 minutes with addition, motion seconded by Jack Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Natural Gas: Clerk Winchester did a cost analysis for a \$100,000 and \$200,000 residential, \$200,000 commercial and \$1,000,000 industrial properties between propane and natural gas. The cost analysis sheet will be added to the minutes for public inspection. Brian Reilly from Ehler's for the GO Bond was in attendance along with Scott Hults, Juan Galloway and Pam Gorman from Xcel Energy. Tom Severson has approached some of the council members to state he could also bring Natural gas to the City. Clerk Winchester was instructed to calculate a \$150,000 residential home, include the sheet in the minutes and add them to the website for the public to look at. Xcel Energy discussed other towns that recently put in natural gas were paying more for alternative fuels, and that they were closer to the infrastructure. Recent prices for propane were \$1.46 and 1.64, with current price at \$1.19 per gallon. Bernie Merchlewitz from TDI was in attendance, he did state that if the City did get natural gas the City will grow, and his business would also grow and become more competitive. Mayor Johannes asked where Xcel got their cost amount from. Mr. Hults stated they have done a few projects last year, and talked with their engineers to come up with the numbers. Once the Council passes the project they would put it out for bid and that's when the real cost would come in. Xcel did state that if more natural gas was used than is determined the surcharge term would be shortened. Mr. Reilly did state that if the City did bond, it would need to go to a referendum vote and would need about 120 days to go through the issuing process. If the City did bond, the time frame for Xcel Energy would need to be pushed back. Xcel Energy would like to go over the cost analysis and present their own figures at the May meeting.

Radium: Bill Trygstad was not in attendance, he called to state the plan would need to go to the MN Department of Health by May 1, 2015 and an application will need to be submitted to Revolving Fund for a low interest loan by June 5, 2015. Discussion was held on acquiring the property on Locust Lane. Mike Wadewitz stated that he has a shallow well which he tested for radium. Mr. Wadewitz also tested the City's well at the same time, and his well was 4 times higher than the City's. The current well is in the deepest aquifer, so why would the City want to go to a shallow well. Mr. Wadewitz also mentioned there should be enough land where the well house is located to place a second well. Discussion was held on testing other shallow wells for radium. Also discussed the water rates and what

they should be. The MN Rural Water Association has a spreadsheet, and the current amount should be \$12.40 per 1,000 gallon, where the City charges \$5.50 per 1,000 gallon. The Mobile Home Park has not hooked into the water system, so the City is missing that revenue as well. Council agreed that the Clerk shall contact the lawyer about the mobile park hookup.

Park and Rec:

- TDI will purchase the sun shade in the amount of \$2,732.37 from Game Time.
- There were for emails about the playground in Garvin View Estates and the decision by the Council at the March meeting. The council has corrected the minutes to state that it will not be done at this time.
- Discussion was held on the Strategic plan, it should be emailed to all City council members.
- Lisa Gibbs asked about the ball field fix from Winona Nursery, Mayor Johannes will call McLean at Winona Nursery to discuss.
- Jack Roberts asked about the Verizon cell phone tower progress. TDI pulled out of the land lease since Verizon had too many stipulations that would cost TDI more than the rent would be worth. The City had to reapply to be placed back on the budget and both the Clerk and Council member Hjelmeland applied.

Stockton Days: The association has established a 501C3 rating, with 4 officers and 3 board members. Their next meeting is May 6th, 7:00 PM at City Hall. Their budget outline is being prepared and event listing has commenced. The city has donated \$5,000 for this event.

NEW BUSINESS

Flood reclamation project: not in attendance

Resolution: Resolution 2015-April-14 for State funding for City Streets is to collect dedicated state funding for transportation. Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the resolution, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Herman, new home: Greg Olson is waiting for roof truss drawing from the engineer, but otherwise he was okay with the building plan. Les Herman requested the Water Access charge be waived, but the Council declined stating they have already denied another homeowner. Travis McElmury made a motion to accept the building permit application, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

CITY MAINTENANCE

Urinal & drinking fountain:

- O'Laughlin will be coming to look at the drinking fountain as the pipe is corroded and Chad Larson asked if the council wanted to have it replaced. Council stated only if one can be replaced in the spot where the old fountain was, and to get a second estimate from a different plumbing company.
- The boys urinal is also cracked and will be looked at by the plumbers for an estimate.
- Well house has a new booster pump, but Chad would like to replace all the fittings and plumbing, Council requested an estimate for this.
- Barga Company is doing the cutting and sealing from a map that Chad furnished. Chad would like to have the remainder of the streets finished, but it would go over the estimate of 12,765 feet. Discussion was held on the chip sealing pricing, Chad will need to get a quote for the chip sealing. There are 5.5 miles of roads x \$30,000 for chip coating = \$165,000
- Chad will also need to paint the lines for the parking lots, and to check pricing for a spray paint machine.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Travis McElmury. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM.