

On Wednesday, April 25, 2018, Mayor Dave Johannes opened the Alternate City Council meeting at 6:00 PM. Council members in attendance were: Lisa Gibbs, Neil Hjelmeland, Mark Potter, and Travis McElmury.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

OLD BUSINESS

RFP Engineer: The four engineers who applied will have 20-minutes for a presentation and 10-minutes for a question period each. Each firm has a 30-minute slot for the evening.

6:00 PM was Davy Engineering from La Crosse, Wisconsin, with Tim Holzer, Mark Davy and Tim Stockman presenting the firm. Family owned firm for 85-years and are a medium sized firm with a medium sized laboratory. Other cities served are Alma, Canton, Hokah, Mabel, Trempealeau, but would rather work with small towns with utilities. Tim Stockman, he would be the contact person in the office, as he has done small cities for storm water/water/sewer systems. The firm has experts on grants or low interest loans, with services including specific projects, small projects, and bigger projects done by contract, with construction contracts including wage recording for the state. Tim Holzer has been with Davy for 17 years, has stopped by Stockton in the 17 years since they do our lab testing for Stockton. City projects could include pond dredging, ditch clean outs and E. 9th Street guard rail fix. Clerk questioned about signing a contract for services. If a large project, then a contract will be needed, some smaller projects would have a capped amount, but phone calls or emails won't be charged. The do charge for GIS planning.

6:30 PM slot was for Bolton & Menk from Rochester, with Bryan Holtz and Derek Olinger presenting the firm. Derek is a municipal engineer, Bryan is primary contact with Grand Meadow, Claremont, Lewiston. Derek has read our Comprehensive Plan and discussed public infrastructure. They stressed effective communication with the City. Their firm has 450 staff members that they could gain support from, which provides public infrastructure solutions to more than 250 Minnesota cities. Rates are dependent upon an hour basis, unless: reduced billing for 20-hours/month, or regular hourly rates for less than 20-hours. If the City decides a large project, they can discuss rates at that time and a specific estimate will be made, and only hours used will be billed. They discussed an on-going project with Lewiston, in which they have informational meetings with residents as well. They have done special projects such as wells, water treatment facilities, wastewater treatment plants and large-scale drainage & flood studies. Their work groups consist of Environmental, Transportation, water resources, structural, surveying, planning, GIS systems, project funding and financing. They track grants, for public or private and low-interest loans for projects. The firm would not charge to have a GIS plan, which could include sewer/water lines, curb stops, manholes, lift stations and track roads, construction plans, parks, zoning and storm sewers. There will be no charge for council meeting attendance, mileage, computer usage or equipment. Each of these are installed into their hourly rates. First 20-hours of services are provided at no charge, also reduced general engineering rate at \$75 per hour for the first 20-hours per month. Chad Larson stated he called Lewiston and talked to them and they were complementary of the firm.

Council member Travis McElmury left at 7:00 PM.

7:00 PM slot was for Widseth, Smith & Nolting of Rochester, with Craig Britton and Vanessa Hines presenting the firm. The firm has 200-plus professionals, and 31 shareholders. Cities served are Utica, Rollingstone, Pine Island, and a lot in mid-northern Minnesota. Their services include streets & storm sewers, wastewater systems, water systems, solid waste/landfills, environmental, site grading and

drainage plans, mechanical and electrical engineering, aerial surveying/mapping, funding assistance. They had three boards, dedicated to their services and their approach to City engineering, and infrastructure maintenance & documentation system. Craig has been a municipal engineer for years, and the firm has 7 offices in Minnesota and one in North Dakota, in Rochester there are 22-employees that would work for the City if need be, they will attend council meetings at no charge when requested, fielding questions at no charge. Discussed priorities for the City and will keep track of budget for the cost of the project. Vanessa discussed Capital improvements plan, and talked about the outcomes of projects and to have a construction budget, then they will design the project, they also have construction inspectors in office, also does information sessions with our residents, as the project comes to a close and then they help with assessment rolls, also have a GIS specialist, which the City could have their own system. Funding opportunities, they will look for grant money or low-interest loans as well. Economic Development & Long-term planning with Comprehensive Guide plan, City code of Ordinance, Zoning Questions, Permitting assistance. They have reliable day-to-day services, multiple disciplines working together, long history with other Cities adjacent to Stockton, and local representation as they would come from Rochester. Their rate would be based by hour, regardless of the size of the project. The firm usually deals with smaller cities, under 2,000 population.

7:30 PM slot was for WHKS & Co. from Rochester, with Scott Huneke, and Bill Angerman presenting the firm. The firm has been in operation for 70 years, they have 24-employees in their Rochester office, they have 4 other offices, two in Iowa and two in Illinois. They have worked for Eyota, Kellogg, La Crescent, St. Charles, Utica, and Winona. Their key issues they solve are wastewater system, municipal engineers, pavement management, multiple agency coordination, railroad coordination, funding application assistance, communication and responsiveness. They asked each Council member what they would like to see: private water & sewer hooked up for everyone, drainage issues, infrastructure upkeep, flood mapping/FEMA, and more industry/commercial businesses. They discussed each of these issues and what they would do to resolve the issue. Such as, ordinances in place, rate study for fees, talk with FEMA about the flood mapping, look over the City's infrastructure and find the problems, and check Stockton's zoning ordinance to expand industry/commercial areas.

Discussion took place on the four firms among the Council members. A decision will be made at the May 8, 2018 Council meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS

Mark Potter house build: All necessary paperwork has been received, with no word from our City Building inspector. Neil Hjelemland made a motion to approve the building plans, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, with Mark Potter abstaining.

Neil Hjelemland made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.