

On Wednesday, August 12, 2020, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 6:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Mark Potter, Neil Hjelmeland and Travis McElmury.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: none

Clerk Winchester added under City Maintenance the Office rain gutter. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the agenda with addition, seconded by Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed.

Travis McElmury made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills. Motion seconded by Mark Potter; motion passed.

Correction to E. 9th St. Sewer Extension, should say "30-days" not 3-days. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept the July 14, 2020 minutes with the correction. Travis McElmury seconded the motion; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- **E. 9th Street Sewer Extension:** Start date with Elcor Construction will be September 14 and ending October 16th. A letter to the homeowners will be sent out tomorrow with the information.

- **SAPG donation:** Lisa Gibbs made a motion to donate \$500 each to Winona Dive and Rescue Squad, SOAR and Winona County Sheriff's K-9 unit for a total of \$1500. Travis McElmury seconded the motion; motion passed.

- **Old Town Hall renovations:** Dave Johannes received an estimate to demolish the inside walls but keep the kitchen area closed off by LT Construction for \$7,500. Council discussed the large service door possibly a roll-up garage style. Council requested a plan of the building, the use intended, and getting more than one quote for the whole project.

NEW BUSINESS

- **HARMIDA Land donation:** Mike Wadewitz was in attendance to discuss 4 parcels of property around the creek/bike path area to donate to City. A resolution will be done once the deed has been recorded.

- **Wacholz Culvert:** Chad Larson and Mark Potter will clean out the upper end by E. 9th Street and get some rock in for better drainage.

- **COVID-19 preparedness plan:** The plan is for a safe and healthy workplace for all our works, has procedures if a worker becomes sick. Travis McElmury made a motion to accept the COVID-19 plan, with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

- **CARES Funding:** The city will receive \$54,320 from a Federal grant for the Coronavirus Relief funds. Examples of what can be used with the money are new computers, tablets for Zoom meetings, smart board for the council room, update recording equipment, software for remote working, payroll above and beyond what was budgeted, sanitizer, gloves, masks and medical expenses related to contracting COVID-19. Discussion was held on tablets or a smart board for our council meetings. Chad Larson did request a laptop and internet at the maintenance garage for Zoom meetings. The money needs to be spent by November 15 or it gets reverted to the County for their use. The City can stockpile supplies and have delivery for items after November 15th, but the bill must be paid by then.

- **2021 Budget:** Revenues at \$346,199 and expenses at \$293,550, council needs to look at the figures and approve a levy amount at the next council meeting.

- **RFP Auditor:** Council will need to read through to approve for next meeting.

- **Zone Amendment:** Discussion was held on a Verizon tower being established on the bluffs. Council requested a plan and for a representative to come to the next meeting to discuss.

- **Severson LP:** Winter fill is \$0.899 a gallon, City used 4665 gallons last year. Council requested a quote from Neuman out of Altura. Travis McElmury made a motion to approve the cheapest contract, with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed.

CITY MAINTENANCE

- **MHP embankment:** take off agenda.

- **Office Gutter:** Kendall Lumber suggested a 6" gutter be put on, or the overhang be cut to 1" instead of the 2" is it now. Council agrees that a 6" gutter is needed with a leaf/litter guard on it. There are 2 other companies to talk to yet.

- Chad Larson discussed the well at 8580 W. Main Street, Clerk Winchester will talk to Winona County Environmental services to see what can be done.

- Chad also discussed untagged cars on the streets, an RV camper being used at the ballfield parking lot and doing permit parking for overnights in our Community Center lot during the wintertime.

Travis McElmury made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.