

On Tuesday, August 13, 2013, Mayor Chris Parker called to order at 6:45 PM, for the Public Hearing requesting vacation of D Street from the Railroad north to the City limits and First Street west to the alleyway in between Blocks 71 and 72, in the Oakland Cemetery. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Chad Wangen, Jack Roberts, and Neil Hjelmeland.

Mayor Parker asked for any discussion three times.

Jack Roberts made a motion to close the public hearing, with a second from Chad Wangen. Motion passed unanimously, public hearing was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

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On Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 6:58 P.M. Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at the Stockton City Hall. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Chad Wangen, Jack Roberts, and Neil Hjelmeland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Forum: Steve Jacob, County Commissioner was in attendance and came to listen to the City's issues. He discussed the new interstate bridge and other bridges in Winona County being discussed at the County level, there is a new comprehensive plan being done, and a City wide zoning ordinance is being worked on

Agenda: Mayor Parker added under new business, Deputy Hazelton from the Winona County Sheriff's Department. Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition, motion seconded by Jack Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.

Financials: Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the July 23, 2013 minutes, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Haselton:** Bill Trygstad met with them last Thursday to go through the punchlist. Some have been taken off the list since they weren't severe enough. The culvert on 6<sup>th</sup> and D Street will be done by hand. Haselton should be doing their work this week.

**Crackfilling:** Barga Incorporated made a bid of \$10,875 for crack repair in the City. Bids came in yesterday to Bill Trygstad's office, eleven went out and only one came back. The public must be notified when this takes place as it can become dusty. The street sweeper will need to come after they are finished. This would be for 9,000 feet of cracks. Bill Trygstad estimated \$12,000 to \$15,000 for the job. They will coordinate with Chad to schedule a time to have it done, which should only take 2-3 days. Jack Roberts made a motion not to exceed 12,000 feet of cracks, in case there were some that were missed. Chad Wangen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Blacktop Hickory/Jenny Lane:** Bill Trygstad stated the bids should be back by first council meeting in September, since most companies are busy right now. Chad Larson would like to add more cold mix to Hickory Lane since it's taking longer. Council discussed having the north end of Hickory bid separate since it has curb & gutter and looks pretty

good. Also that Jenny Lane has a few areas that need fixing, not a full blacktop being laid. Discussion held on having Jenny Lane cut and patched in the areas that need it.

Council also discussed the manholes on Rollin' Sunset Dr. and Locust Lane that still need to be fixed, instructed Bill Trygstad to add that to the Blacktop project to see if patching is a solution.

**Reservoir: Arms will go in and will get a hold of Chad Larson first; they will be here on Thursday. The pinhole leak will be looked at as well.**

South Broadway Bridge: Chad Larson tried a bit today, and hoping half-done tomorrow with the finish on Thursday.

**Vacate Streets, Oakland Cemetery:** Jack Roberts made a motion to vacate D Street from the Railroad north to the City limits and First Street west to the alleyway in between Blocks 71 and 72, in the Oakland Cemetery. Lisa Gibbs seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

**Native Grasses:** The cost was \$27,000 for the grasses; the lot itself costs \$6000. The first two years it was mowed, with 2014 be burned, with being mowed and burned every other year. The Dept. of Health or DNR has a fogger, and Beth will check on where and costs if available. Since there is a significant amount invested the Council doesn't feel it would be feasible since it would cost for mowing, weed killing, and regrading the area since it wasn't done before, add grass seed for two seasons and it would not be cost effective.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Housing rehab:** Contracts between DEED and the City needs Mayor signature. This would be for the housing rehab which has already been approved.

**BUDGET:** LGA increasing \$21,000 brining the revenues to \$270,913. Expenses are at \$202,250 and requesting \$41,608 for the last collection of street levy. This brings the total to \$67,945 which will be requested for Winona County Auditor. Council will check the numbers and table this until the next meeting.

Dept. Hazelton had to leave on a call, but the effort was appreciated by the City. Clerk Winchester will write a letter thanking them for their concern and effort of coming to the Council meeting, with a request for a saturation for the speeders through town.

#### **CITY MAINTENANCE:**

- Ballfields: Chad Larson stated Macleen hoped to get this done this fall, with lime being placed next spring.
- Chad Larson asked about the new park areas, he would like to level them out, but would like to wait until it's a little wetter.
- 2 trees need to be cut down at 8760 E Street, he did call Reed's tree service and the cost will be about \$600.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Jack Roberts. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.