

On Tuesday, August 13, 2019, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at Stockton City Hall at 7:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Mark Potter, Travis McElmury and Neil Hjelmeland.

The pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: none

Mayor Johannes added Stockton Days to Old business on the agenda. Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the agenda with addition. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs; motion passed.

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the financial reports and to pay all bills. Including pre-paying 5000 gallons of LP from Severson for the 2019-2020 season. Mark Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Potter made a motion to accept the July 9, 2019 minutes, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

South Broadway Street: Pay Estimate #1 for the amount \$79,406.42 and leaving \$8,167.79 in retainage and balance to finish. There is a soft spot on the North-West side that will need to be cut out and replaced, which Pember is aware of the problem. Mayor Johannes asked if the width of the street has narrowed, and can the City paint a line for around the corner. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the Pay Estimate #1, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

Rental Ordinance: Wayne Schauble was not in attendance to discuss the ordinance and so was tabled until next meeting.

Donations: SAPG donated another \$12,500, and 10% of that is \$1250 plus \$500 from last to equal \$1750. Travis McElmury made a motion to donate \$500 to Boy Scout Troop #6, motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Remaining to be disperse at a later date.

Stockton Days: Request to close one block of D Street and one block of E Street between Highway 14 and W. 6th Street. Mark Potter made the motion to grant the request, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed. Discussion was held on buying a new machine for chalking the ballfields and partitions for the 2 stalls in the women's bathroom at Benicke Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Ball Field Embankment: Ben Klinger, the Winona County Emergency Director, was in attendance to discuss the MN Public Assistance for disaster funds. Since the County has not met the FEMA threshold for disaster from the July 19th flooding, they are applying to MN Public assistance to be partially reimbursed for costs. The state has not met yet on this disaster, but the City is on the listing for Winona County. There were two quotes given to fix the embankment, one from Potter Construction for a cost of \$40,120 and one from Pearson Backhoe in the amount of \$55,000. City will need to wait on meeting with the state to begin the paperwork.

Highway Trees: All the Newport plums have died because of cold weather. Lisa Gibbs will look at different trees to plant and Clerk Winchester will check the Highway Beautification plan on number of trees needed.

2020 Budget: Revenue comes to \$358,783, with expenses coming to \$279,400, leaving the City with a profit of \$79,383. The City could ask for \$159,000 in property taxes. Dave Johannes made a motion set the initial budget at \$100,000, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

CITY MAINTENANCE

Cleaning & TV Sewer Lines: The work is done but the reports were just received. There are several leaks and sags, but Chad Larson still needs to read through it. He thinks at least 1,000 feet is needed to fix the infiltration. Chad has contacted MN Rural Water to discuss whether to reline the areas or dig them out and replace, but they haven't gotten back to him. Most lines are 8-inch or 10-inches. And in the spring the pumps in lift station 1 will need to be redone. And the ponds need to be dredged, but the testing needs to be done in the winter. Chad will get quotes for these projects.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.