

On Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Jack Roberts called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:04 P.M. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Mark Potter, Rick Przytarski and Cheryl Beeman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Clerk under new business made addition to the agenda: Alleyway, Bike Licensing, and Resolution 2008-020. Under old business the Clerk added: Welcome wagon, newsletter, and Buyout option. Lisa Gibbs added under new business the Morey property. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the July 2008 minutes with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the Financial Report and pay all bills, with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the overtime hours being taken out of the Flood Fund, it was decided to take the overtime wages out of the general operating fund. The Clerk has been keeping track of all flood work because FEMA still needs to know. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the Flood Financial Report, with a second from Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

Warren Hauger from Alliant Energy spoke about the power outages that happened in the last two years. There were disruptions last year and they pinned it down to overhanging trees, but there were still problems after that, they found a bad insulator along the way from the Substation in Lewiston. This year between a raccoon at the substation, they needed to use a portable substation until the new line was installed. It was requested to let Alliant know of any more problems we are currently having. Lewiston substation will need to be rebuilt and there will be planned outages in the early mornings, but they will have an automated calling system to let our residents know.

Garvin Brook Drive Water/Sewer project is almost finished, some sodding needs to be done. There are no pay estimates yet, and no one has hooked up. Clerk is get a letter out to those three residents to let them know hook up is ready for them. Bill Trygstad will break out the sewer and water and the City will need to have an assessment hearing once the costs are broken out.

Water Project:

City has received the confirmation letter stating PFA will be giving a grant of up to \$3,162,000 for a water infrastructure project. Lisa Gibbs asked where in the minutes did the City agree to apply for the grant? SEMMCHRA applied for the grant on our behalf, the sewer/water committee can only research ideas, but when they did a survey having City water was one of the top five of residents concerns. If the Council does approve of getting the grant from PFA, this money can be returned at any time up to the signing of the Bid contract. After the signing of the bid contract the City cannot go back. Joe Wheeler stated there is a five year window before the grant disappears. Mark Potter made a motion to accept Resolution 2008-021 to accept the \$3,162,000 grant for a water project from PFA, motion seconded by Rick Przytarski. Cheryl Beeman and Lisa Gibbs opposed the vote, with Jack Roberts accepting the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion on funding for people who cannot afford to hook up: SEMMCHRA would be looking into getting a grant for the low to moderate income families, there would also be the possibility of the City getting one contractor for all hook ups and the resident could pay the City or have it assessed to their property. The City would need to do a feasibility study before making any decisions can be made.

Discussion on the Mobile Home Park: the owner requested not to be included on the plans, residents brought up that would be discrimination since everyone else in on private land as well. Another residents said that well could be used as a back up well in case ours goes down.

The Council would need to move ahead with the project by requesting Bill Trygstad to make up the final water project plan and go out for bids. Mark Potter made a motion for Bill Trygstad to plan for all three phases and to have them separated on bids, with Phase III to include changing out that well to be usable as a back up well and to put such plans out for bid. Rick Przytarski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

FEMA Projects are almost finished, Bill Trygstad had three pay estimates for the Council to approve of.

1. E Street Culvert repair in the amount of \$9797.28, this would leave the 3% retainage fee of \$1596.10
2. 9th Street Slope (West) in the amount of \$26,552.50, leaving the 3% retainage of \$2795.00
3. Retention pond north: there is still some work left to do in this area, but Bill is requesting payment in the amount of \$14184.45, with a 3% retainage of \$8000. Discussion was made on the dirt being removed from the ponds to the ballfields, with the ballfields being rebuilt the dirt will need to be shifted to the back area of the fields. Dave Johannes and Mark Potter will look into the fields and where to put the dirt. The City will get two quotes for hauling the rubble away from the parking area as Winona County doesn't have any more money for this.

Mark Potter made a motion to pay the estimates to Winona Mechanical, with a second from Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

Excel Energy for Natural Gas was not in attendance. Clerk was instructed to email the company back to let them know of the Garvin View Estates lot numbers as well as the Mobile Home park numbers.

The City has not worked on the Welcome Wagon baskets and are asking for volunteers to achieve this goal. Marjorie Mountain, Heidi Bagniewski and Leash Lila all volunteered to finish out the project.

The Promotional Group has been discussing a newsletter, this would go with the welcome baskets, again the City is asking for volunteers, Cheryl Beeman and Leasah Lilla will help in this area.

There are two families that are requesting a full buyout instead of a house only buyout. SEMMCHRA is requesting written documentation from the families and approval from the Council to do so. Rick Przytarski made a motion for any home owner who wants to upgrade to a full buyout based on available funding to be able to do so, seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Nancy Kuklinski from SEMMCHRA stated there were three elevations, all three have opted out, there are 5 house only buyouts with 2 pending, 2 offers out and one offer accepted. For the 15 full buyouts, 11 have accepted, one pending an appraisal, 2 are pending on homeowner information and 2 have offers out. The time frame for demolition will depend upon the offer being accepted by the home owners, City attorney to get the closing ready and the homeowner needs to get the abstract to the City attorney's office. If homeowners do not hear from the City attorney, Karl Sonneman, by Wednesday next week they are to call his office. Most of the environmental testing has been done on the buyout

homes and bids will need to go out for a demolition contractor. The demolition contractor will be responsible for leveling all areas of the lot, seeding the grass, sealing wells, all driveways will be taken out, but will try to keep as many trees as they can. There will need to be a new committee for Green Space. The committee will need to take a look at the lots and decide what to do with the lots and have a plan in place by June 30, 2009.

Resolution 2008-020 – City of Stockton as a willing participant and partner for the proposed Winona County and/or city joint Small Cities Development Program comprehensive rehabilitation projects contained in the business and community development application. The project would help low to moderate income residents with rehabilitation of their homes. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept Resolution 2008-020, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on Wilbright's fence facing inwards, this is against our Zoning Ordinance. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to discuss this with the City Attorney, Karl Sonneman to resolve this problem. Motion seconded by Rick Przytarski, with Mark Potter abstaining from vote due to conflict of interest. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on Wilbright not hooking up to the City Sewer System, the Garvin Brook Drive residents were also discussed about hooking up since the project is finished. By the Sewer Ordinance a regular letter will need to be mailed stating they have 30 days to hook up, if they do not hook up a certified letter will be mailed stating they have 30 days to hook up. If they have not hooked up by the 60 days, Karl Sonneman would need to get a court order to install the sewer into their homes with Sheriff protection during that time frame.

Heidi Bagniewski requested bike licensing since her kids had their bike stolen twice. She found her bikes in the Sheriff's sale but without the license she couldn't get them back. The City of Winona would not license her bikes as she does not live in Winona. Lisa Gibbs stated her bike is registered with an agency and will get that information to the Clerk to give to Mrs. Bagniewski. The Clerk was instructed to get bike ordinances from surrounding towns to see what they do.

Jaye Fritz from the Garvin Brook Disaster Relief Fund would like to see if the City is acceptable for GBDRF to pay to have a City of Stockton website. They would help set it up and possibly pay for the first years maintenance. It would cost \$100 per year per page to maintain. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept this generous gift, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

The City Council meeting on September 9th will have to be moved due to Primary Elections being that day. Rick Przytarski made a motion to move the September Council meeting to Monday, September 8th, with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

The air conditioner for the Community Center had to be repaired twice in the last month. It was requested to get an energy efficient replacement. Council requested getting a 14 seer or an 18 seer bids.

HBC has requested a room to rent to field complaints, Gary Evans discussed this with Mayor Roberts, their office here would be open the same as the City Hall hours. Gary Evans was not in attendance, Clerk was instructed to call Rollingstone City to find out their agreement with HBC.

The City of Stockton lost a Welcome sign due to the flood. This will be sent on to the Promotional Group to see if they will buy the signs.

The alleyway between Beeman and Bagniewski was discussed, the alleyway should have gravel put down but the City needs to know where the pins are. Mrs. Bagniewski will have a company out at the end of September to survey her property. Lisa Gibbs asked why it would be the City's responsibility to gravel the alleyway when her parents street has not been maintained. This will be tabled until Mrs. Bagniewski has her survey done.

Jeff Morey is putting 2,000 cubic yards of fill onto his property, the Clerk has discussed this with DNR about the Flood Plain Management Ordinance. The Ordinance states only 1,000 cubic yards can be placed on a lot, however, Bill Huber stated since there will be a structure being placed on it Mr. Morey can fill that amount. He has signed the Fill Permit, and been instructed to reconstruct the natural waterway and to stay off the Highway Right-of-Way. Mark Potter made a motion to send him a letter stating he must reconstruct the waterway, do a compression test, and bring a concrete house plan before anything more happens on his property. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Chad's Business:

During the power outages, Lift Station #4 cannot use the generator. The other three lift stations are working. Chad called the panel company and because it's an add a phase our generator isn't big enough. Currently Chad has Kimo's pumping emergency numbers for now. Chad will need to get estimates for a new generator, he was also instructed to get one for the wellhouse.

Mark Potter made a motion to close the Stockton Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:57 P.M.