

On Tuesday August 9, 2011, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker opened the Public Hearing for an ordinance establishing a police department in the City of Stockton at 6:45 P.M. Council members in attendance were Chad Wangen, and Lisa Gibbs.

The ordinance is to create a police department in the city limits; it is required to pass the ordinance first in order to contract out for services or to hire an officer. The City Council would have the authority to hire the officer or accept the contract for services. There are complaints of ordinance violations, neighborhood complaints and speeders along Highway 14, and the Sheriff's department is a hit or miss situation.

Discussion was held on the police report for the weekend of July 30th. Deputy went to the home of the subject, but the property owner told the deputy to get off his property and that the Sheriff's Department had a vendetta against them. The deputy left wrote his report and closed the case with no ticket or warning given.

If the council does not pass the ordinance tonight, they would need at least a two month span to pass it the next occasion, since it would need to be put through another public hearing.

Lisa Gibbs requested the public to contact their County Commissioner, Marcia Ward, to discuss their complaints about the Sheriff's department.

By a show of hands no one voted for the ordinance, and 90% were against adopting the ordinance.

The public was more interested in the hiring of an officer than actually against the ordinance.

Mayor Parker asked one last time for input on the ordinance.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing at 7:19 P.M.

On Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:19 P.M. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Dave Johannes and Chad Wangen. Not in attendance was Doug Seberg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk Winchester added under old business: E. 9th Street culverts and Al Mueller's embankment. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Chad Wangen. Motion passed.

Dave Johannes requested to add an omission on the Building Permits from the July 2011 minutes. Discussion was held that Charlie Schell needed a variance to place on the existing garage; this should have gone back to the committee and then back to the Council. Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction, motion seconded by Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

The Randy Hodgdon bill was for the brickwork out at the ball fields for the sign, this money did come from the designated funds. Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the Financial Report with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Water Project: Water main blew out on E Street on Wednesday, August 3rd. Chad Larson did turn off the segment and Winona Excavating came to look at the area. There was no water hook up

along that segment so Winona Excavating came the next morning to fix. Clerk Winchester has not received the bill yet. The pipe is lying outside the garage on the City hall block. Bill Trygstad thinks a bad pipe or something was dropped on the pipe. However, the factory does test the pipes before leaving the factory. Mr. Trygstad has contacted the pipe manufacturer and the contractor to discuss. Mr. Trygstad would like to get the pipe supplier to come and see the pipe and maybe get it tested. Winona Excavating went back to a joint so there is only one split made to replace the pipe. Bill Trygstad will hold the final payment for Heselton since it could jeopardize their payment.

Wapasha are up on the hill doing the earth retaining wall, which should be done in a few days. They will then continue with the rip rap that will be by the tank. Bill Trygstad did go up there before the meeting tonight, however, the gate was open and the ladder was open to the tank top, he will call and remind to lock up every day. Jack Roberts discussed the grate on reservoir road, though he did state the rain does lean toward the south and maybe a grate across the whole street would solve the problem which is what was discussed at the Committee meeting. Grates cost \$150 per foot and the rip rap was already covered by the grant, so the grate would need to go back to Jack Noll for grant approval. Council agreed to stop the rip rap until Mr. Trygstad can get an estimate for the grates and if the grant covers the grate proposal they would like to go with the grates instead. Bill does not have a pay estimate for Wapasha either. Mark Potter should be invited to the next committee meeting to discuss the gravel that is coming down onto the blacktop and causing our drainage to fill up.

2007 Flood Bonding: Bid was opened tonight at six p.m. There were three bids with the lowest bidder being Corcoran's at \$87,663 with no bid for the alternate; next was Winona Mechanical for \$95,360.50 with alternate \$101,777.05 and third was Winona Excavating at \$128,130.29 and alternate is \$139,374.53. The engineers estimate was \$135,255.

Alternate bid was to put a stabilization mat in at the dry run instead of an erosion control mat. Council can go with base bid or with alternate bid depending upon which blanket they would like. Total Flood Bonding grant \$135,255 – estimate was \$174,900 in the beginning. One of the projects has been completed already and they will reimburse us for that one. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept Winona mechanical with the alternate, subject for approval by County and State, Chris Parker seconded the motion. Bill Trygstad will send Dave Kramer the winning bid.

North Broadway Bridge: Jim from Erickson Engineering was in attendance with the bridge being 95% done. Council discussed not paving the bridge area until next year since the sewer excavation was deep. There were some concern on the North West side of the bridge, Jim stated that it is up to plan, however the grade is too steep to maintain by the homeowner. Jim has met with Wehlage, and if the culverts were raised a foot the ditches would also raise a foot and probably help with the embankment. There are two manholes that are buried on the north east side and they could just be dug out and made a steeper slope. Wehlage requested if they would take out the last tree and slope that area and bring that dirt into the ditch to raise that up. Change order would be needed to fix the problems Wehlage has, estimate would be on hourly use and maybe some material to be brought in about \$1,000. Chris Parker made a motion to pre-approve change order but not to exceed \$2500, Dave Johannes seconded the motion. Motion passed. There is a main line valve that is poking through the ditch, Chad Larson stated it is not an ideal place but shouldn't cause problems. Dave Johannes asked about the rip rap on both sides of the bridge, the rain we were having seems to undermine underneath the rip rap, by the lift station. Jim stated it will sink and lock itself after time.

Culverts on south west side were put back since they were in the plan. There will be no blacktop laid on them. The flood bonding plan calls to take them out and reshape that side too.

Police Coverage: Public Hearing was held earlier, Chris Parker made a motion to table the subject until further need of it, and Chad Wangen seconded the motion. Dave Johannes abstained from the vote with an agreement from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

East Fifth Street: Dave Johannes stated it's not cost justifiable, and Lisa Gibbs agrees. Jack Roberts stated there were three people that brought the problem, and the Council should pay taxpayers money to fix the problem. Dave Johannes made motion to table the subject with a second from Chris Parker. Motion passed.

East Ninth Street culverts: Neil Hjemeland was in attendance, and requested what was the progress of the project. Bill Trygstad has shot the culvert, but he's not sure how far the council wants to go along the ditch and how far along the street. Council could request Potter Construction, Winona mechanical, Winona Excavating and Minnowa to bid on the street. Mr. Hjemeland is the only culvert that needs to be fixed along the whole street on the north side of 9th. City does not have any ordinance regarding who maintains or owns responsibility of the culverts and ditches. Bill Trygstad will contact the construction companies with the information they have already gathered.

Al Mueller embankment: Jack Roberts from the Watershed district came to discuss the 150 long area. The watershed district is willing to give up \$4500 to help. Mr. Roberts will contact Soil and Water Conservation up in Lewiston to help out. Potter Construction did give an estimate of \$24,608 that was given two years ago. Jack Roberts will get more info from Soil & Water Conservation district and from the County. This project will probably be for next year so he will come back to the council with more information.

Building Permit: Charlie Schell is in violation with bringing in the garage, it was stated he must request a variance. The Council can issue a fine, and the variance application be brought to the committee. Building permit was \$495 and can go up double – Chris Parker made a motion to fine Charlie Schell \$400 with request for variance, motion seconded by Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

Green Space: - Christine's Landscaping will come this month and a letter needs to be written to the railroad about the weed problem.

Plan and Zoning: - Letter of removal of the shed to the Smiths, since it's in a floodway.

- Ordinance rewrite of the "material and color" of the accessory structures. Discussion was held on the way it should be stated. Dave Johannes thinks the word material should be dropped and that it should match in color. This will go back to the committee to discuss.

- Vacate Broadway: recommended each property owner come and ask the council.

Chad's Business:

- Well generator is ready to go and everything works.

- control structures out at sewer ponds are done.

- Bids for new tires are \$125 apiece, this is maintenance issue.

- The big mower and pickup will need to be replaced soon, Chad to get estimates.

- Chad will be taking off rest of this week for vacation, and Greg will be on call.

- Trouble with finding someone to line the sewer line out on Main Street, neither company called him back. Bill Trygstad will ask around.

- Bids on sewer lift station inspections: Lift #1, both impellers replaced and wear rings \$3600 for materials only and also #2 needs wear plate and suction cover for one pump #2 \$3278 for parts – this does not include labor, which would be Pump and Control about \$4000 in labor. So about \$10,000 worth of work, this will come out of sewer checking for maintenance. Lift #4 was plugged again with

rags, Chad placed a basket in the one of the manholes and there hasn't been anything in the last two weeks.

Chris Parker made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second by Dave Johannes. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Mayor Parker opened the closed employee meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Margo Riemann's six month introduction has passed, she is doing the water billing and the dog licensing.

Discussion was held on giving her more work to do such as the sewer accounts and the general funds in the future since she did graduate with an accounting degree in May. Discussed the option of having Margo deal with the public for one day, so Beth could begin the rewriting of the ordinances.

Currently Mrs. Riemann works 2 days a week at 16 hours at \$10.50 per hour. Margo would be available for a third day in the week as she only works two days a week.

A raise of 3% would be about 31 cents; Dave Johannes stated a 50 cent raise. Council agreed to a 50 cent raise, pro-rated to the beginning of August.

Council would also like to see a growing job description for the part-time clerk, and to write down what she does and when it needs to be done.

Lisa Gibbs brought up all the unnecessary lawn mowing that Chad Larson and Greg Reps do. There is an ordinance that homeowners must take care of the right-of-ways, and they need to stop mowing what others are suppose to take care of.

Dave Johannes made a motion to adjourn the closed employee meeting with a second by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting closed at 9:37 p.m.

Bethany Winchester, Clerk – Treasurer

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