

On Tuesday, December 10, 2013, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Public Hearing for Verizon Cell phone tower Conditional Use Permit application. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Neil Hjelmeland, Jack Roberts and Chad Wangen.

Winona County Planning director emailed a list that the Council may require. Discussion was held on lighting the tower for aircraft, Curt stated only if the tower is 200-feet or near an airport would they consider putting on a light. Life Flight from LaCrosse and Mayo from Rochester should be made aware there will be a new tower since they do sometimes land at Stockton for emergency purposes.

Verizon has an agreement with the land owner that if the tower is no longer used within one year, it will be taken down.

Council would like FCC licensing to meet the requirement of no interference with other communications as part of the CUP.

Neighbor Paul Ziebell was in attendance and he opposes the cell phone tower. Council agreed that this tower would bring in more people buying homes and for cell phone users to get better coverage.

Mayor Parker asked again for comments. Adam Johnson asked what the timeline would be; Curt stated they could be breaking ground next spring. The tower itself will be fenced in, but not the buildings.

Mayor Parker asked for the third time. The City's Zoning Ordinance states if permit not used within one year the CUP is null & void and if the cell phone tower is discontinued it must be pulled within 90 days. Also if the CUP changed from what was being applied for, another CUP must be filled out. So if another cell phone company wants a tower, they would need to pull their own CUP. Council agreed that if Emergency Services would like to install an antenna they could without a review.

Jack Roberts made a motion to close the public hearing with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously, hearing was closed at 7:11 PM

On Tuesday, December 10, 2013, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at Stockton City Hall at 7:11 P.M. All council members were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: Jack Roberts discussed getting a quote from Excel Energy on natural gas; he has contacted the company to get a quote.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept the agenda, with a second from Jack Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.

Financials: Discussion was held on the Erickson Engineering bill that has yet to be paid. Erickson Engineering says Minnowa has laid the rock, but Chad Larson stated they laid it North of the Creek and not South where it was needed. Discussion was held on the Pay Estimate #1 for Dunn Blacktop on the MHP bill for a cost of \$19,415.42. Bill Trygstad wrote saying Dave McCorquodale owes the City \$17,937.28, Mayor Parker asked that the money be received by Dave before the City pays. Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay Dunn Blacktop after the payment from Dave McCorquodale. Lisa Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the November 26, 2013 minutes, seconded by Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

Verizon Cell phone tower CUP: Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the CUP, with the following conditions: If the tower is not being used, or becomes obsolete, the tower must come down. Second, FCC licensing stating the tower will not interfere with other communications. Third, a review will be made every year, but a new CUP must be applied for every time a new antenna is placed on the tower. Jack Roberts seconded the motion, motion approved unanimously.

Budget final: \$100,000 is final amount to be sent to Winona County Auditor by December 31st. Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the final budget amount of \$100,000. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs, motion passed unanimously.

Building Permit:

- Verizon Cell Phone Tower: Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the Verizon Cell phone tower, with Neil Hjelmeland seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Next meeting will be January 14, 2014, there will be no second council meeting for December.