

On Tuesday, December 14, 2021, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at Stockton City Hall at 6:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Neil Hjelmeland, Lisa Gibbs and Travis McElmury. Mark Potter was not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor Johannes opened the Truth-in-Taxation meeting at 6:02 PM. There was no attendance.

Public Voice Forum: none

Neil Hjelmeland approved of the agenda, with a second from Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

Travis McElmury made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs; motion passed.

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the November 9, 2021, with correction to Erica Pinter's name to capitalize on paragraph 4. Neil Hjelmeland seconded the motion; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Final Budget: Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to set the final budget at \$100,000; motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution for polling place: No. 2021-Dec-14 to have 8600 D Street, Stockton Community Center as the polling location for the 2022 elections. Travis McElmury made a motion to accept the resolution, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Resolution for ARPA money: No. 2021-Dec-14-A to accept \$1,276.93 from the American Rescue Plan act. Money to be used for water or sewer connections, or any sewer, water or street projects and for employee COVID testing or illness. Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the resolution with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Dog Park: Neil Hjelmeland started the discussion to have a dog park in town. It would need fencing and a sign for rules and regulations. Discussion was held on an area to house the park. It could be the 2 lots in Garvin View Estates, any one of the back lots on W. 5th Street, next to the Maintenance garage by the creek area or behind the ballfields, or by 8290 W. 6th Street lot. Council will look at the designated areas and discuss at the next meeting.

RFP for new Attorney: Current attorney has retired, and there are 2 in Winona that do Municipal law. A notice for proposal will be sent to them, with a quote date of January 6, 2022 for the Council to look over before the next meeting.

Beth's vacation: Clerk Winchester will be on vacation from December 23, 2021 to January 3, 2022. As January 3rd will be the employee's holiday of New Year's Day.

BUILDING PERMITS

New Garage: Jim Kavaloski at 8950 Old Co. Rd. 23 has the survey finished and a new proposed area for the garage has been drawn. Greg Olson does have the building plans, but no comment has been made. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the building permit, pending Greg Olson's approval. Motion seconded by Travis McElmury; motion passed.

Jim Kavaloski is also asking for reimbursement for a maple tree that came down that he paid to remove at a cost of \$1500.00. Once the survey had been completed he realized that the tree was on City property. Travis McElmury made a motion to reimburse Jim Kavaloski \$1500; motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

CITY MAINTENANCE

- \$15,000 for a new mower – Council agrees to buy or order the mower.

- Chad would like an onsite generator for the wellhouse since the current one on the trailer is having a problem with the fuel pump. Should also look at ones for each lift station too. Money can come from ARPA money. An electrician would need to look at to wire up and see what size generator would be needed.
- Mayor Johannes received phone calls about the plowing and scalping grass along the streets. Chad would need to fix those areas.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to close the Truth-in-Taxation meeting; with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.