

On Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at the Stockton City Hall, Acting Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:01 P.M. Council members in attendance were Chad Wangen, and Lisa Gibbs. Council members not in attendance were Doug Seberg and Chris Parker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept the agenda with a second from Chad Wangen. Motion passed.

December packet included an extra Planning & Zoning committee meeting for Monday, December 13, 2010. Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the December 2010 minutes, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the Financial Report with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Water Project: Bill Trygstad composed a letter to Haselton Construction regarding the curb stop findings and curb stop boxes being the wrong height. The letter requested they excavate the curb stop locations next spring to either verify proper installation or to reinstall the unit's property or have the City attorney draft an agreement that Haselton will be accountable for costs incurred the next ten years on those service lines where problems exist. A copy of the letter needs to go to the Sewer & Water Committee for discussion at the next meeting. The letter also stated no final payment will be forthcoming until these problems are resolved.

Wapasha has finished with the covers, but don't have the five-year bond that the City requested for the seeding. Wapasha has agreed to the five years, but the bond company will only go up to three years. Bill Trygstad stated there is a possibility of letting the two-year bond ride and then at the end of those two years, rebond for another three years. Retainage still owed is about \$13,000. Council stated if Wapasha has it in writing, the City should discuss it with our attorney to see what needs to be done.

Sand points: Bonestroo sent out a letter stating the project has met substantial completion and has been suspended for the season. Due to the weather conditions Fitzgerald Excavating was unable to complete the fine grading and restoration of the years and will return in the spring to finish the project. There were a few things on the Clerk's punch list which should be completed this week yet.

Flood Bonding: Bill Trygstad has not been able to get a hold of Steve Cook. The plans are in the process and he will get the plans in to Dave Kramer before the end of the year. Plans will go to the Clerk as well.

North Broadway Bridge: Contract and Bond was given to council in their packet to look over, these have been approved by the City Attorney. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept the Contract and Bond for Minnowa Construction. Motion seconded by Chad Wangen. Motion passed. A discussion of the engineering fees for the project was exchanged. Yaggy-Colby Associates came in at \$41,040 with Erickson Engineering around \$41,000 as well. Clerk was waiting on one more engineering company bid.

Council seat: Ron Volkman and Chad Wangen received 7 votes apiece. They decided to flip a coin by Acting Mayor Dave Johannes. Ron Volkman called heads and the flip was tails. Chad Wangen will be installed for a four-year term.

TNT – final budget: Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the final budget, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

New Business:

Donations: City received \$7,000 from Stockton Area Promotional Group. City must give 10% of that away. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to give Stockton 4-H group, the Stockton First Responders and the Winoan Food Shelf the donation to be split three ways. Chad Wangen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Clerk Backup: Discussion was held on the need for a back up. City will need to run an ad for minimal part-time worker that must be local. Can submit a resume or fill out the application from the website

Action Items:

- Chad finished his list of procedures for Water and Sewer daily items. Jerry Johnson commented on a great job that Chad did with the recent heavy snow fall. Jack Roberts and Jerome Daniel asked about digging out the fire hydrants. Greg Reps has been working with Chad on getting intersections cleared and fire hydrants dug out. Place on the access channel and website of cleaning your neighborhood fire hydrant.

Building Permits:

- Planning & Zoning met Monday, Dec. 13th to discuss the CUP that was requested by Jack Roberts to turn the Commercial property into a studio apartment. Only change would be corner shower stall in the women's bathroom. Committee recommends passing the CUP since the surrounding area already has apartments. Lisa Gibbs granted the CUP, with a second from Chad Wangen. Motion passed.

Chad's Business:

- Got a bid for replacing valves in lift station #1, O'Laughlin Plumbing and Heating cost of \$8,465. The valves are about 20 years old. Council would like to see another bid. Possibility of getting them rebuilt instead. The general maintenance company didn't show up for the second bid, so Chad is looking for a new company
- Chad's vacation: Would like to either get paid for the extra banked time over the 120 hours we can accrue or keep his extra time for next year. Discussion was held on changing the Employee Handbook to change Chad's banked time accrual to slide with what is given in vacation time. Estimated cost of banked over would be \$2,248. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to pay Chad for his excess time in a separate check, motion seconded by Chad Wangen. Motion passed unanimously
- In January discuss the employee handbook and the 120 hour accrual for Chad.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting with a second from Chad Wangen. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Bethany Winchester
Clerk - Treasurer