

On Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 P.M. All council members were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Dave Johannes added under new business, City Building, to the agenda. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition, motion seconded by Chad Wangen. Motion passed.

Lisa Gibbs pointed out the railroad is Canadian Pacific for the railroad letter and Mayor Parker stated the MN DOT meeting should state from St. Charles to Winona and not Lewiston as stated. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the November 2011 minutes with corrections, motion seconded by Chad Wangen. Motion passed.

Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills but the Erickson Engineering in the amount of \$4,707.63, motion seconded by Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Water Project: Bill Trygstad was not in attendance, but did call and state Wapasha has not done the leak test, but he did talk with them and they want to wait until spring since it's too cold to check, and repainting will need to be done. Council agreed not to wait until spring to check for damages, to do so now while the weather is holding.

Heselton still has not made the City payment, Bill Trygstad is holding onto the last payment to them until we have received our payment.

Municipal pipe hasn't picked up the water main, the guy that was supposed to do so retired and Bill Trygstad will discuss with the new man.

Flood Bonding: Bill Trygstad did email over the Pay Estimate #2 for \$2,917.09. The project is finished, still holding back 5% retainage. Dave Johannes doesn't think the rip rap was added to the Ninth Street culvert, Jerome Daniel states they did add but to the North side of the culvert and not the south side of the culvert to match the apron. Council would like to see this fixed first before payment.

Bridge: Tom Wilson, of Erickson Engineering, was in attendance. There are two pages of punch list items; most of the paving was done without an inspector on site. Pay Estimate #4 in the amount of \$5,645.85 was discussed; this is without \$30,000 for blacktop payment nor the 5% retainage. Mr. Wilson will discuss with Minnowa Construction about the paving. Dave Johannes made a motion to pay the Pay Estimate #4, motion seconded by Chad Wangen. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on Erickson's Engineering contract and the money that has already been paid. The contract was for an estimated \$47,040, the City has paid \$61,238.08 in construction, inspection and documentation alone. Mr. Wilson stated that if the contractor keeps dragging the job, the engineer still needs to keep coming back, which would be paid by the hourly rate. Mr. Wilson and Clerk Winchester will discuss the contract and payments with Mayor Parker, and upon agreement will pay the \$4,707.63 bill. Mayor Parker made a motion to pay the bill of \$4,707.63 once the agreement has been reached, motion seconded by Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

Donation from the Stockton Area Promotional Group in the amount of \$25,000 has been presented. Pattie Olsen and Ken Oevering of the Promotional Group presented the designs for two welcome signs for the City. Discussion was held on the font type and what would be on the signs. Currently the two signs would be from Biesanz stone, with stone cradles and have solar powered lights. These signs will need to be on a cement base and some landscaping will need to be done. Estimated

total for the two signs and solar lights are \$4,226.76. Ken Oevering requested the balance be used for a city garage.

Donating 10% of the \$25,000 was discussed. Dave Johannes made a motion to donate \$500 to the following organizations, 4-H Peppy Pals, Stockton First Responder, Garvin Brook Disaster Relief funds, Santa's Elves and Winona Area Food Shelf. Mayor Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lance Ladewig has requested to vacate D Street from Main Street to Eighth Street. The intention would be to build a 40' x 80' storage shed behind the Beeman home. Mr. Ladewig does own property on both sides of D Street. With the sloping and filling Lance thought he would need this long of a driveway to access the garage. Dave Johannes stated that he would not be able to build this large of a garage with his primary building being his house. Lance has not gone to the planning and zoning committee to discuss the building part. Council agreed to table the request until he met with the Planning & Zoning Committee to discuss the garage he would like to build first.

City Building: Dave Johannes received some estimates from various contractors for a 40' x 100' City garage. Materials alone could cost \$40,000 without garage doors, or a steel Building could cost \$25,000 without doors. A wooden post structure at about \$80,000, but for the whole project with insulation, and heat would be \$125,000 to \$150,000. Discussion ensued about whether this is a priority job for the city to pursue, but it was requested no further research be done until the City can put together a priority list.

Building Permits: Lee Henry still has not given a plan for the addition. He's still in violation and should be fined for a non-conforming permit. The building permit fee would be about \$611.84. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to inform Mr. Henry of the violation, and fine him \$1,000 unless the building comes down or the permit becomes valid within two weeks from signature on certified letter. Dave Johannes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chad's Business: NONE

- Native grasses have been planted.

- Mayor Parker requested to have a strategic planning meeting to discuss what priorities need to be made. It was requested to have the idea's be brought to the January meeting and then hold a special Council meeting after that to discuss a priority list.

Dave Johannes made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Chad Wangen. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Mayor Parker opened the closed meeting at 8:29 P.M.

Since Greg Reps isn't working out at the back up public work's man, Chad Larson would like a new part-time assistant. Chad would prefer to have two backups in place.

Council instructed Clerk Winchester to call Larry Sass to see if he would still be interested in the job; his starting wage would be \$12 per hour. Greg Reps would be the second backup person; he will need to turn in his cell phone as well.

Dave Johannes made a motion to close the closed meeting, with a second from Chris Parker. Motion passed, closed meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.