

On Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at Stockton City Hall, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Neil Hjelmeland, Travis McElmury and Jack Roberts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: Jack Roberts asked about Mr. Ellinghuysen fixing his home. FEMA has been notified that corrections will take place in the Spring.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept the agenda, motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the Financial Report and to pay all the bills. Motion seconded by Travis McElmury, motion passed unanimously.

Mike Wadewitz would like to make a correction under the Water Meters from the minutes. He stated that the new water meters should be sealed to prevent tampering with too. Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the November 10, 2015 minutes with correction. Seconded by Neil Hjelmeland, motion passed unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**SEMMCHRA:** Buffy Beranck and Karen DuCharme were in attendance from SEMMCHRA. They offered an Administrative contract with the City to pay \$250 annually for administering the grant from the small cities rehabilitation grants. If the funds are repaid by the borrowers then the fee will be taken from those repayments. Goodhue County attorney has restructured the contract and Winona County attorney has also taken a look at the grant. Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the SEMMCHRA administration contract, motion seconded by Travis McElmury. Motion passed, Jack Roberts abstained.

**Radium Violation:** Bill Trygstad was in attendance, he stated that the topography has been finished, and the background drawings are done. There will be two parts, one contractor for the well drilling and one contractor for the building. He is still working on the mixing part of the wells, but has come up against some roadblocks on the process. Mr. Trygstad will have drawings at the January Council meeting.

**Building Inspector:** The second person Clerk Winchester called, he never called back after two phone calls. Currently there is no one that wants to take it. Greg Olson would still like the job. Neil Hjelmeland stated that the complainer should come and write out a complaint form. Mayor Johannes stated if Greg found out who complained, he may hold their permit up.

**Water Meters:** Ferguson Waterworks bid a quote for Neptune water meters, and handheld for \$9425.00 and water meters at a cost of \$27153.46, with installation at \$8050.00 for a total cost of \$44,628.46. PMG quoted \$6,325 to install all new water meters. DSG quote for \$26,090 plus PMG quote would = \$32,415 to install all new water meters. Discussion was held on the current water meters, the amount of water that gets lost per year, and the pros and cons of pursuing the new water meters. Discussion was held on where the money would come from if the Council went forward with the project. Council would like this tabled until the well house is finished, they would also like to have a larger no-read fee, and to have one for no outside meters. The water ordinance will need to be redrafted for the January meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Truth in Taxation:** Mayor Johannes asked for any concern on their taxes. Winona County assessors have stated the City does not have to hold these meetings, that the County can hold them for us.

**SAPG donation:** Dave Johannes presented a check for \$7,500 for the City. 1% needs to be given away to a 501C3. Jack Roberts made a motion to donate half to the Stockton First Responders and the other half to Stockton 4-H Peppy Pals. Motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johannes would like to use part of that money for an ice rink. Nice Rink Company has a backyard system for a 30 x 70-foot for \$2600, plus shipping the total would be about \$3000. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to buy the ice rink, with a second from Travis McElmury. Motion passed unanimously.

Jack Roberts made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Next meeting will be January 12, 2016.