

On Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 P.M. Council members in attendance were Neil Hjelmeland, Lisa Gibbs, Jack Roberts, and Chad Wangen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Forum: none

Additions to the old business were the Lewiston Ambulance contract and Lewiston Fire Department contract. There was a change of speaker for the feasibility study, it should read Chris Parker and not Yaggy Colby. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept the agenda with additions and change, motion second by Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed.

Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the financial report with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the January 22, 2013 minutes with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

N. Broadway Bridge: Tom Wilson from Erickson Engineering requested payment on an outstanding bill for \$4707.63 for inspections done on the bridge. The project has been closed out, but the one thing on the punch list has not been finished. Mayor Parker also received a letter from the state, which has inspected the bridge, and requested approach and clearance signs. #7 on the punch list is erosion on the southeast corner requires rip rap, which Minnowa has placed, they just put in large boulders and not smaller rock for the crevices. Jack Roberts made a motion to pay \$2,000 now, and have Minnow to come back to place in rip-rap in the cracks in the southeast corner and to place the paddle signs at the ends of the bridge. Lisa Gibbs seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Ice Rink: With the onset of warmer weather, the rink is not setting well. Spring or Summer the council shall look for a better area, since the City has various pieces of property.

MN DOT landscaping: MN DOT has a Partnership program. Mayor Parker met with the District six leader and their landscape architect. Discussion was held on the sidewalks, bicycle paths, power lines and City markers. They also discussed the City Welcome signs, and Mayor Parker would like for the City to put off pursuing them until the architect looks into the difference between right-of-way and clearance area. DOT would pay for the boxes and planters and the City would pay for the greenery, but would need volunteers to plant it. The green-space committee will need volunteers for this project, with a meeting in mid to late March.

City Hall rental: The Clerk has had members of the public backing out of renting the hall since the raise in price. Members of the audience stated that for \$50, she would rather go home and do her dishes than rent the kitchen for that price. Council agreed that Chad Larson should find a "10-minutes" parking sign for the mailboxes. Jack Roberts made a motion to change the fee to \$25 rent per room, and \$50 deposit per event Jack. Neil Hjelmeland seconded the motion, motion passed.

Feasibility Study: Quote from Yaggy Colby has a lump sum fee of \$3,200 including reimbursable expenses for a trail plan and feasibility study. Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the proposal and to move forward with the study, motion seconded by Chad Wangen. Lisa Gibbs oppose, motion passed with four ayes.

Lewiston Ambulance and Fire Department annual meeting was last week. Jack Roberts and Neil Hjelmeland went to the meeting and brought the contracts, \$4844 for Ambulance and \$3787.07 for Fire Department. The reduction in the Fire Department contract is based upon property valuation, but it would also be because the City has the availability for water at our fire hydrants. Residents should have lower home insurance since the City now has fire hydrants, and will need to contact their insurance companies for a reduction.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clothing recycling bin: USAGAIN would place a 4'x4'x6' bin in the parking lot, customers drop off unwanted clothes and shoes and they pick them up. There is a revenue share program that the City could benefit from. Council would like the representative at the next council meeting to discuss.

Cell Phones: Sprint will be dropping Nextel, which is the only cell phone that works in the City, without a booster. On June 30th they will be stopping Nextel and tearing down the cell phone tower. Neil Hjelmeland would like the Verizon representative back to discuss other options of the 180-foot tower that they wanted to place on the property. Lisa Gibbs would like alternate solutions instead of the 180-foot tower.

Ordinance #130 and Ordinance #110A: Ordinance #130 is for Background Checks and Ordinance #110A is re-write of the Sewer use regulations. Chris Parker made a motion to hold a public hearing on February 26th at 6:30 PM for Ordinance #130 and at 6:45 PM for Ordinance #110A. Lisa Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

CITY MAINTENANCE

Street seal coating: Bill Trygstad was in attendance to discuss maintaining our streets since nothing has been done when they were officially laid in 1999-2000. There was 3500 square yards of blacktop, excluding Wadewitz subdivision, McCorquodale subdivision (8th) and Potters subdivision (9th). City could do sections of the City at a time, but the manholes will need to be raised if the City does an overlay instead of seal coating. Seal coating is a layer of oil then a layer of chips; the chips are rolled in and then swept off. Chad Larson will need to map out the areas that need repairing for the next council meeting.

Sewer TV/Repair: Bill Trygstad talked about doing another section of the City and since most of the TV'ing was done during the water project. Chad Larson would like the mobile home park TV'd after they hook into the City Water system. However, Hickory Lane needs to be seal coated, and the sewer should be looked at now in case of any repairs needing to be done on the sewer line.

Snowplowing: A resident called Jack Roberts and Neil Hjelmeland about Chad Larson plowing out to the Cemetery. Mayor Parker suggested Chad continue with plowing only if there is measurable snow, and have the Cemetery Association pay \$25 to clear out the Cemetery if needed.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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Mayor Parker opened the closed employee meeting at 8:32 PM.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide job descriptions and review the criteria for the coming year. Clerk Winchester provided the descriptions and responsibilities for the year.



Mayor Parker suggested the Clerk's monthly duties be changed to responsibilities and not projects by month and to add under the Clerk duties daily supervision/guidance of part-time or full-time office personnel.

Have a listing put together for Clerk's assistant position. Council will meet again in June to make sure the descriptions are being met.

Chad Larson will be on vacation March 1st – 9th and will have a backup during that week.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the closed employee meeting with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

