

On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at Stockton City Hall at 6:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Brian Koetz, Mark Potter, and Carissa Blagborne.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: Ralph Benicke discussed the new ballfield sign; he is requesting that to reinstall a “Ralph Benicke Memorial Field” sign that was there before. It was taken down due to being badly damaged, and no one can read the concrete sign that is there. letter read requesting a new Benicke sign, and the wooden one was taken down due to being badly damaged. The council ordered a new sign for the ballpark.

Steve Cook requested a “no horn” for the Railroad tracks. MN City has no horn on either side of their tracks, but since it’s a county road, the council will need to ask the county for this request.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by Carissa Blagborne. Motion passed.

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all the bills. Motion seconded by Carissa Blagborne; motion passed.

Brian Koetz made a motion to accept the January 9, 2024, minutes; seconded by Carissa Blagborne. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**LAND LEASE:** Dave Wadewitz has been renting the “mud-bog” area for 20 years and would like to continue leasing it for the next 2 years at \$400 per year. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the lease; seconded by Brian Koetz. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Fire/Amb. Contracts:** Brian Koetz went to the department meetings and discussed their annual reports. Fire contract is \$6011.19 and Ambulance contract is \$8899.00. Carissa Blagborne made a motion to accept both contracts; motion seconded by Brian Koetz. Motion passed.

**New Auditor:** Out of 11 companies only one responded with a quote. Clifton Larson Allen LLP responded with \$33,665 for the first year’s audit. Clerk can ask for an extension in June so the city can look for another quote if needed, or the city could split the Clerk-Treasurer position and only have an audit done once every five years. The council requested to table this until more information can be gathered.

**New Software:** DSG will no longer be supporting our water meter reading software by October 2024. A quote for \$4,995 to implement their new software has been received. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the quote for the new software; seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.