

On Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 P.M. Lisa Gibbs and Rick Przytarski were in attendance. Dave Johannes arrived at 7:03 P.M. Council member Cheryl Beeman was not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to the Agenda were under new business Council member Beeman's resignation and outside lighting. Added under old business was the City Attorney. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept the agenda with additions with a second from Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

Corrections to the January 2010 minutes, on page one, paragraph 2 should state "parking sites for rental buildings" and "per rental should be added". Page 2 under the closed meeting, it should state "closed employee meeting" instead. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the January 2010 minutes with corrections, seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the Financial Report, with a second from Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Water project: The water ordinance is still being investigated at the Committee meetings. Water rates were also under discussion at the committee meeting. Currently the Committee is recommending a \$10 base fee and \$3.00 per 1,000 gallon usage fee. With the conservation rate, up to 9,000 gallons at \$3.00 and then \$5.25 per 1,000 gallons. Mayor Parker would like the water rates to be set by the April Council meeting, since water hook up will begin in May. The Council would like the Committee to see what the new addition uses and compare it to the cost of operation would be for the year, they would also like to see the tie in for the sewer usage costs.

Bonding projects – No Bill Trygstad, no discussion

Donation of SAPG funds: There is \$1,000 to be donated. Beth Winchester asked for the Stockton First Responders, also the 4-H could use money for the community garden. Barb Odegaard asked if computers could be available for public use, though the donation money would need to be given away. Ms. Odegaard also said the Lewiston Fire Department could use the money. Dave Johannes made a motion to give \$500 to the Stockton First Responders and \$500 to the 4-H Peppy Pals. Rick Przytarski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

City attorney: Clerk Winchester requested a request for proposal (RFP) go out to the attorneys that surrounding towns use. Rollingstone uses Ron Benson, St. Charles uses Wayne Schable from Lewiston and Minnesota City uses Mike Price. Mayor Parker recommended Mike Price. The Council would like to send RFP's to all three attorneys to see about interest and pricing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

4-H Community Garden: Al Schmidt and Morgan Schmidt presenting the 4-H Peppy Pals reported on the Community Garden from last year. Morgan requested permission to have another garden this year at the same property. Council agreed as long as the club is willing to maintain the property, they may have a garden on there.

Council member Cheryl Beeman had a written resignation letter. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2-9-2010 to recognize her resignation, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Recommendations to be brought forth at the March council meeting. This position will be from March 2010 to January 2011. Dave Johannes would like to recommend Chad Wangen.

Outside lighting: Clerk Winchester would like to get the outside lights replaced completely. Lisa Gibbs would like to get estimates on different type of lighting, such as security, brightness and placement. Mayor Parker would like this resolved before the next council meeting, and would like to hear what the Council would like to see done. Lisa Gibbs requested poles in the parking lot. Currently we have a photo cell lights. Would like to have illumination of both parking lots, and both doorway lights should be bright at night, possibly have a pole on either side of the south parking lot along with the Old Town Hall light. Lights would be the Old Town Hall, two on the west side of the City Hall, two on the south of City Hall, and one over each entry door to City Hall. Council requested not to spend more than \$5,000 for all seven lights and for the cost to come out of the Franchising Funds. ACTION ITEM

Chad Business: nothing

Mayor Parker received a letter from a student in town requesting to have a public ice rink, the student suggested the small retention ponds. Upon discussion between the Mayor and Clerk, thoughts of the north retention pond would be a better place to have an ice rink. Mayor Parker requested the student come to the Green Space committee to discuss this item.

Lee Henry asked what the building permit fine of \$1500 would go toward. Fine would be placed in the General Funds.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to close the Stockton City Hall Council meeting, with a second from Dave Johannes. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

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Mayor Parker opened the closed employee meeting at 7:58 P.M.

Council and employees will work together to build job descriptions of responsibility and tasks, Mayor Parker will tabulate these lists and email out the Council members. Council should bring forth their own expectations and employees should have goals for the year in mind.

Goals will be due on February 22, 2010.

Mayor Parker adjourned the closed employee meeting at 8:11 P.M.