

On Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at Stockton City Hall, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 6:58 PM. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Jack Roberts, Travis McElmury and Neil Hjelmeland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: Jack Roberts will be moving out of town in April and will resign his position as councilmember at the April meeting. Council can make an appointment or leave the seat vacant until elections this year; however, the council will need to reappoint an acting Mayor.

Agenda: Neil Hjelmeland, under new business, request to look into putting up a volleyball court. Lisa Gibbs, requested snowmobiles on public property, under City Maintenance. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Jack Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills. Motion seconded by Jack Roberts, motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Jack Roberts would like a correction on Page 3 to take out "behind his home". Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the January 12, 2016 minutes with correction. Motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Radium Violation: Bill Trygstad was in attendance, with a final plan for the piping on the new property and a preliminary plan for the wellhouse and connecting pipe. Mr. Trygstad still needs electrical and mechanical plans to be done for the wellhouse. Discussion was held on having the well house redone in metal siding and roofing, which will be put as an alternate in the bid. At the March Council meeting, the plans need to be approved, and final estimates will be given. Clerk Winchester & Bill Trygstad will update the application for the State soon.

Water ord./Rate sheet: Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the progressive no-read rate change and to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 8th at 6:45 PM for changes to the Ordinance. Travis McElmury seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Little Library: Barb Odegaard from the Stockton Peppy Pals 4-H has a little library ready to put up. Ms. Odegaard asked the Council where it should be placed, with the suggestion of placing it on the East side of the building where the entry doors are. Barb Odegaard will contact Chad Larson on helping place the post for the library in the spring time.

NEW BUSINESS

Co. Rd. 23 resurfacing: Winona County Highway Department brought the plans to resurface the CSAH 23 from Highway 14 south to CSAH 25. Curb and Gutter will be kept, there will be some new culverts replaced, there will be closures on the road for half days, and the bike path entryway will be made wider. The project is currently out for bids to either use re-milled blacktop or concrete, with the project being finished by September 2, 2016. The contractor will have 55 days from the start of the project to finish. Stockton Council Resolution 2016-Feb.-9 for the plans to construct/reconstruction of CSAH 23 within the limits of the City of Stockton, and said plans are approved was read. Jack Roberts

made a motion to pass the Resolution 2016-Feb.-9, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

MHP antenna: Clerk Winchester sent the Kowalik letter to Wayne Schauble to look over. John Kowalik requested a Hamm radio antenna back in 2011 from the City, since the property owner did not want it, the subject was dropped. Back in November 2015 Mr. McCorquodale stated he did put up an antenna and requested the minutes, which Clerk Winchester did copy off for him. In December 2015, Mr. McCorquodale requested a letter be sent to John Kowalik stating he is in violation of the Stockton Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Schauble stated that since Kowalik is a lessee of land, the letter would need to go to the property owner Dave McCorquodale. Council would like the letter be written to Dave McCorquodale as instructed by the City's attorney.

Volleyball Court: Neil Hjelmeland was approached to have a court made; discussion was held on a sand vs grass court. Dave Johannes will discuss it at the Promotional Group to see if they would be willing to donate money. Bids will need to be pursued for this.

CITY MAINTENANCE

Snowmobile: Lisa Gibbs brought up that snowmobile tracks are on the 2 Barb Lane properties and on the Co. Rd. 23 property that the City owns. Mayor Johannes will go talk with the residents of Barb Lane to discuss the ordinance.

Chad Larson: if looking at volleyball court, look for the horseshoe pits to be refurbished too.

Discussion was held on plowing the cul-de-sacs better and whether a snow fence could be erected on West 8th Street so sand could stay on the street instead of blowing off.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Travis McElmury. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Mayor Dave Johannes opened the closed employee meeting at 8:07 PM.

Discussion was held on the timesheets that have been started, and all the employee descriptions were printed out for the council to view. Council would like to have the descriptions emailed to them to look at.

Since the timesheets have been created and implemented the employee's requested their 1.5% raise. Discussion was held on the timesheets vs a program. Jack Roberts made a motion to grant the pay raise of 1.5% across the board beginning February 16, 2016, and to continue with the timesheets, providing a table can total the data. If tables cannot be done, then a program should be implemented instead. Neil Hjelmeland seconded the motion. Lisa Gibbs voted aye, and Travis McElmury opposed the vote.

Travis McElmury made a motion to close the closed employee meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM