

On Tuesday, January 11, 2022, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at Stockton City Hall at 6:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Mark Potter, Lisa Gibbs, Travis McElmury and Neil Hjelmeland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: none

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the agenda with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills. Motion seconded by Travis McElmury; motion passed.

Travis McElmury made a motion to accept the December 14, 2021, minutes with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

RFP Attorney: none

Dog Park: 3 residents were in attendance in opposition of having a dog park in any residential area. Discussion was held on location, size and rules of the area. Concerns were barking dogs, not picking up after the dogs, not having dogs on leashes to and from the area and putting the park in an area that may have problems later on like near a waterway. Discussion was held on whether it should be 100-feet away from any waterway, and 200-feet from any residential neighbors, need to look at the disability act and must have shade and water for the dogs. Council would like a postcard to go out to the residents and see if there is enough interest in pursuing the project.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Appointments: City Attorney – RFP in place

City Building Inspector – Greg Olson

City Auditors – Hawkins & Ash

City Depositories: Winona National Bank, Merchant's Bank

City Engineer: Davy Engineering

City Newspaper: Winona Post

Tree Inspector: Lisa Gibbs

Fire Warden: Beth Winchester

Weed Inspector: Lisa Gibbs

Emergency Director: Beth Winchester

Acting Mayor: Mark Potter

Fee Schedule – Water & Sewer Rates

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the 2022 appointments, with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

10% donations: City will need to donate \$2500, Steve Cook offered up a scholarship fund. Discuss possibilities at next council meeting.

Close alleyway: Brennan Laska of 8260 W. Main, was in attendance to request the closing of the alleyway between 8260 and 8220 W. Main Street. Lisa Gibbs stated that Clerk Winchester needs to look at the past minutes as there was some discussion about closing it then, and the Council would like to hear why it was never closed. Mr. Laska does have an electric easement with MiEnergy if the City would close the alleyway.

CITY MAINTENANCE:

- Chad going on vacation January 14-30th, Mike will be checking sewer and water.
- Key Electric will come on Thursday morning for outside generator for well and lift station #2.
- Dump truck needs to have the DOT sticker, but he couldn't get it in, he asked Mark Potter to take it in at Lewiston.
- Mower bid has come in at \$16,000 and Chad has order it.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Mushroom farming: Resident was not in attendance.

Mark Potter made the motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Travis McElmury. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Mayor Dave Johannes opened the Closed Employee Meeting at 6:49 PM.

Employees are requesting 5% raise as the COLA is 5.9% for Mid-West area. Budgeted for 3.5%. Discussion was held on raising half now and half in July as well.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to give a 3.5% raise, pro-rated to January 1st and across the board, with another closed meeting in June to discuss another raise possibility. Neil Hjelmeland seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mark Potter made the motion to adjourn the Closed Employee meeting; seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting closed at 6:56 PM.