

Plaques were given to outgoing Mayor Chris Parker and Council member Chad Wangen.

On Tuesday, January 13, 2015, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Neil Hjelmeland, Travis McElmury, Lisa Gibbs, and Jack Roberts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: Joan Roberts asked about the cell phone tower and Natural Gas. Clerk Winchester had heard from Juan Galloway about the engineers still working on the Natural Gas. But Curt Walters is no longer with Buell Consulting for the Verizon tower, Ms. Winchester will look over the Verizon folder to see if there is another name and phone number to contact

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept the agenda with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the December 9, 2014 minutes with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Fee Schedule: Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the 2015 fee schedule as presented. Motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland, motion passed unanimously.

Back room furnace: The furnace has been fixed, for the old senior room and the First Responder room. Since the thermostat is in the First Responder room, council would like to get it changed to the Hillsdale/Promo Group room instead.

Evans sewer line: Paul Evans would like to get the SAC waived from his bill. Both WAC & SAC were waived in 2013 & 2012 but not for last year. Discussion was held on what the Water Access Charge (WAC) and Sewer Access Charge (SAC) were to be used for and what impact it would have to waive the fees. Council will not waive the fees at this time, as the money is to be used for maintenance of the systems.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Appointments:

City Attorney – Wayne Schauble
 City Building Inspector – Greg Olson
 City Auditors – Russell & Associates
 City Depositories: Winona National Bank, Merchant's Bank
 City Engineer: Zenk, Read, Trygstad & Associates
 City Newspaper: Winona Post
 Tree Inspector: Lisa Gibbs
 Fire Warden: Beth Winchester
 Weed Inspector: Lisa Gibbs
 Emergency Director: Beth Winchester
 Acting Mayor: Jack Roberts

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the 2015 appointments as they stand. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs, motion passed unanimously.

Stockton Pumphouse liquor: The new owners are Kee Xiong & Chong Yang who have bought the property, it will be renamed KC Pumphouse. Council needs to accept off-sale liquor license, 3.2 liquor license and gambling. Their application has been made for liquor license, just waiting on the liability insurance before sending to the state for approval. Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the liquor licenses and gambling providing the paperwork is accepted at the state. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs, motion passed unanimously.

City Maintenance

Dirt pile: There are numerous piles on the old Renk property that Chad Larson would like to get rid of. He asked that if someone was willing to come and get it, they could have it for free. Clerk Winchester will ask the attorney about this.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Jack Roberts. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

Mayor Dave Johannes opened the closed employee meeting at 7:46 PM. All council members were in attendance.

Beth, Chad, Margo & Mike were all asking for 3.5% raise for the year 2015. Discussion was held on employee reviews and why they were not done last year.

Mayor Johannes and one council member will meet with each employee during the months of February and March to discuss roles and goals for the year. Another meeting will then be held at the end of the year to discuss those goals for January 2016 raises.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to give the employees a 3.5% raise across the board and to prorate it to January 1, 2015. Motion seconded by Travis McElmury, motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to close the closed employee meeting, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM