

On Tuesday, January 14, 2014, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at the Stockton City Hall at 7:00 P.M. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Jack Roberts, Chad Wangen and Neil Hjelmeland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: Jerome Daniel asked about the new welcome signs and the speed sign progress. The welcome signs may be rolled into the Highway 14 Beautification project, and the Speed signs are waiting a MN DOT permit.

Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the agenda, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the financial report and pay all the bills, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed universally.

Correction on page 1, under Financial report, it should state the "money be received from Mr. McCorquodale". Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the December 10, 2013 minutes with correction, seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed simultaneously.

OLD BUSINESS

Fee Schedule: There are no changes to the Fee Schedule. Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the fee schedule, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed collectively.

Water Violation: The lab results came back, both the well house and 19 Jenny Lane came under the amount for violation. However, MPCA states they will not accept the results since it was not done by their independent lab, and the City is still under a violation. Clerk Winchester and Bill Trygstad will get together to discuss options, and the Council would like Mr. Trygstad at the next meeting to discuss the technical questions.

HBC Franchise Fee Ord.: Ordinance 128-A has a new term date of December 31, 2025. Chris Parker made a motion to hold a Public Hearing; January 28, 2014 at 6:45 P.M. Chad Wangen seconded the motion. Motion passed commonly.

Hwy. 14 Beautification project: Mayor Parker and Clerk Winchester met with MNDOT to discuss the project. The plan is available at City Hall, which consists of additional trees and shrubs through Main Street. A resolution is needed for authorizing the application and a primary contact person. The cost of the greenery would be about \$12,000, and the DOT would grant the City \$8,000-10,000. DOT also had a computer drawing of some welcome signs, with a cost of \$25,000 per sign. Mayor Parker requested DOT look at the areas of Bronk Farm, and the mobile home park entrance for placing the signs. The trees & shrubs would be ordered and delivered the first weekend of May, and volunteers would be needed that weekend to help plant. Chris Parker made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-01-14A, for authorizing the application and a primary contact person. Motion seconded by Jack Roberts, motion passed all together.

NEW BUSINESS:

2014 appointments: 2014 Appointments are as follows:

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 2014 appointments, with a second from Chad Wangen. Jack Roberts and Lisa Gibbs abstained from vote. Jack Roberts and Lisa Gibbs abstained due to conflict of interests. Mayor Parker voted aye, motion passed.

All hazard Mitigation Plan: Winona County and Clerk Winchester have been working on a new plan since the old one was from 2000. Jack Roberts made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-01-14, adopting the Winona County All Hazard Plan. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs, motion passed firmly

City Maintenance:

Ice Rink: Morgan McElmury would like an ice rink on the northwest corner of City Hall. She is willing to help Chad Larson clean and maintain the rink. Morgan will need to get with Chad to discuss the details.

Complaints/Concerns:

Creamery Dog: A renter has been sent two certified letters about her dog running loose; she has been fined \$25. If a third complaint is received the Winona County Sheriff's Department will be notified. The Sheriff's department is already made aware of the problem as a neighbor has reported the dog running loose and lunging at her.

Jack Roberts made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Mayor Parker opened the closed employee meeting at 7:48 P.M.

Budget was set for 3.5% raise which would be a 63 cent raise per hour for Beth Winchester and Chad Larson, with Margo Riemann receiving 42 cents per hour raise and Chad Larson water report to \$52.37 per week and sewer report to \$509.48 per month.

Discussion was held on employee reviews. Lisa Gibbs would like to have individual reviews, and Mayor Parker suggested the council write out their suggestions or concerns and he would meet individually with the employees in June/July to discuss their reviews.

Chad Larson would like help for the upcoming season. An ad in the papers would request 30 hours a week, with pay of \$12.50 per hour as a general maintenance person with the opportunity to become licensed in sewer and water.

Jack Roberts made the motion to raise wages by 3.5% across the board beginning January 1, 2014, motion seconded by Chad Wangen. Motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to close the closed employee meeting, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.