

On Tuesday, January 8, 2008, Mayor Roberts opened the Public Informational meeting for the Water Project at 6:00 P.M. at the Stockton City Hall. Council members in attendance were Mark Potter, Lisa Gibbs, Rick Przytarski and Cheryl Beeman.

Mayor Roberts stated this would not be a Public Hearing, only an informational meeting as the publication was only 9 days long in the Winona Post, not 10 days as is legal.

Karen DuCharme and Joe Wheeler from SEMMCHRA were present and distributed a flyer for the Water Project. It will consist of construction of a 150,000-gallon water reservoir, and distribution lines throughout the city, with an estimated cost of \$3,160,200; there will be a grant of \$680,000, with the rest being in a long-term loan. This is also on the assumption of 167 units, with additional 12 new homes per year. Homeowner assessments will be \$3,174 or approximately \$295 annually for 19 years. The monthly fees will be a base charge of \$15 per month with average water usage of 5,000 gallons per month, having an average water bill of \$36.25 per month. This price does not include a \$1,600 hook up charge per household nor does it include the cost of laying the water line from the street hook up to the home.

The loan would be for 40 years at an interest of 4.75%.

Residents questioned about the extra 12 homes per year, these could also be commercial businesses as well. They will have to hook up just like residential would.

Discussion was held on sewer capacity for these homes, some are on City sewer and some are not, but with the repairs and TV'ing done recently there is more capacity now.

The deep wells could be used for gardening or washing cars, but no inside use. These wells once dry would need to be plugged and capped. This would also be an added cost to homeowners. SEMMCHRA would help the residents in applying for assistance with the cost of capping their wells.

Garvin View Estates would not be assessed for these costs since they already have water, however, new homeowners would be assessed.

The main lines would run along the City streets in the right-of-way, some blacktop would be disturbed, but would be replaced.

Residents wanted to know why this is being discussed since they already have water by their own wells, since it's only Garvin View Estates that would need a reservoir. There are a few homeowners that do not have well water, and are getting bottled water until Council can make a decision to move ahead, or stop the project.

Hal Kenner brought up the subject of chemicals added to the water; studies show fluoride can be harmful to their health.

Discussion was held on having the project go to referendum or to be tabled for a few years until people can get back on their feet after the flood devastation. However, the longer the City waits on the project the more cost will be involved, and the City would need to begin planning from scratch.

Council member Beeman requested Harold or Mike Wadewitz to be present for more discussion.

Public Informational Meeting closed at 6:55 P.M.

Mark Potter made a motion to open the Public Hearing for amendment to Ordinance #124, regulating the use of ATV Vehicles. Seconded by Rick Przytarski. Motion passed at 6:55 P.M.

This amendment would exclude any governmental vehicle use for City business. Mayor Roberts asked to change the amendment to any governmental or emergency vehicle use.

Mayor Roberts asked for any opinions.

Mayor Roberts asked for a second time for opinions.

Mayor Roberts asked for a third and final time for anyone's view.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to close the Public Hearing, with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed at 7:04 P.M.

On Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Jack Roberts called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:04 P.M. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Mark Potter, Rick Przytarski and Cheryl Beeman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to the agenda were made by Mayor Roberts to add SMLM meeting under new business and also SCD program under new business. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

Corrections to the December 2007 minutes are as follows:

Page 1, paragraph 6 should state "\$15,000 to \$18,000 if all cost of project were assessed."

Page 5, paragraph 8 should state: "made a motion to purchase for the City an ATV vehicle"

Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the December 2007 minutes with corrections, seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to accept the financial report with the intention of paying back the Sewer Operation fund from the FEMA payment. Seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to accept the Flood Financial report, with a second from Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

Erickson Engineering submitted the North Broadway Bridge plans to Winona County for bonding.

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Under Flood of 2007:

1. Steve Drazkowski emailed Mayor Roberts to notify the Flood victims he is working on the quick start program money. That only part of the funding has been handed out and that the residents are getting frustrated with the State upholding the money.
2. Flood Mitigation Committee meeting is January 15th at 6:00 P.M. here in City Hall.
3. SEMMCHRA has the budget for the total home buyout, elevation only and the home only buyouts. Currently 16 total home buyouts, with a cost of \$2,333,120. 5 homes want to be elevated at a cost of \$162,500 and 4 home only buyouts at a cost of \$586,200. Winona County is currently amending their Hazardous Mitigation plan, but once it has been submitted to the state and approved, the buyouts would then be submitted to be approved. This money would be on a first come, first serve basis. Timeline is looking at late spring, early summer, since the properties would need to be appraised, then Homeland Security would need to check on the funding from other sources to make sure no double dipping has been done. Once that is done, an offer will be made to the homeowner, at that time the homeowner could re-appraise their property, or accept the offer. If the homeowner does not accept the offer, the project would end then. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the local government resolution #2008-013, in submitting the application to the MN

DNR for funding of this project. Seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Winona Mechanical have received the contracts, they will do a daily check to see if the four major projects can be started.
5. Lift Station #3 build up has begun, waiting on electrical to be completed.
6. Resolution 2007-010 accepting donated money to the City Flood Fund 2007 for the Stockton Flood Victims in the amount of \$1581.15 from Hoff Funeral Home. Mark Potter made a motion to accept Resolution 2007-010 with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.
7. Discussion was held on the emergency siren for the City, it is being replaced, just waiting on estimates.

Garvin Brook Drive sewer/water plans will be handed out next meeting.

Small Cities Development program is a residential or commercial rehab program. This is providing safe and sanitary housing and providing commercial building stabilization to the residents of the City of Stockton. Resolution 2008-014 is designating a grant application for the 2008 Winona County SCDP application and approving a cooperative agreement policy. This is to utilize recaptured Revolving Loan Funds for housing rehabilitation activities. Also on the table is Resolution 2008-012: Resolution identifying "Slum and Blight" conditions in a target area of the City of Stockton, this is a program for downtown revitalization and development. Mark Potter made a motion to accept Resolution 2008-014 and to accept Resolution 2008-012, seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Southeastern Minnesota League of Municipalities will meet January 30th in Pine Island beginning at 6:00 P.M. Information will be in the Clerk's Office.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the amendment to Ordinance #124, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Stockton Area Promotional Group has donated \$45,000 to the City of Stockton, 10% of that needs to be donated to a non-profit organization. Rick Przytarski made a motion to donate \$4,500 to the Garvin Brook Disaster Fund, to be put towards the flood victims of Stockton. Motion seconded by Mark Potter. Motion passed.

Russell & Associates quoted the City of Stockton for a three-year audit. 2007 would cost \$5000, 2008 would be \$5750 and 2009 would cost \$6000. Our current auditor cost is \$6400. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept Russell and Associates as our new auditors, seconded by Mark Potter. Motion passed.

Yearly Appointments:

Newspaper – Winona Post

Official Depository – Winona National, Lewiston State Bank &

Merchant's Bank

Tree Inspector & Weed inspector – Lisa Gibbs

City Building Inspector – Chris Meier
City Attorney – Karl Sonneman
City Engineer – Zenk, Read, Trygstad & Assoc.
Acting Mayor - Mark Potter
Emergency Director & City Fire Warden – Beth Winchester
City Auditor – Russell & Associates
City Insurance – Wunderlich Insurance Company

Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the appointments as they stand, with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed unanimously.

Chad Larson asked for winter tires and wheels for the tractor, approximate amount would be \$3,000; these would be useful for creek cleanup and in wintertime. Mark Potter made a motion to buy winter tires and transferring the money out General Capital Equipment Account. Seconded by Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to close the Stockton Council meeting, with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed, meeting adjourned 8:45 P.M.

Mark Potter opened the closed meeting at 8:45 P.M. to discuss Employee wages, seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Employees are making \$15.17 per hour, with Chad receiving \$375 for the Sewer Report, and \$40 per week for the Water Report and \$30 for cell phone use per month.

Rick Przytarski asked to have job descriptions for both employees by April 2008 and would also like to see Performance reviews in place.

Clerk Winchester asked for a 2.3% raise, the Cost of Living Adjustment is 2.3%, this would be a 35-cent raise, bringing their wages to \$15.52 per hour. Clerk Winchester also asked to be placed on full-time pay instead of 32 hours a week.

Chad receives 10 hours for vacation, while the Clerk receives 8 hours. Both employees receive 9 days of holiday per year. Chad will receive 110 hours of vacation this year and Beth will receive 88 hours of vacation.

Chad Larson would like a 95-cent raise between hourly wage, sewer report and water report, and also asked for \$40 per month for cell phone.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to raise hourly wage to \$15.52 and for Chad Larson to receive an added 60-cent raise between sewer report and water report. This motion also included \$40 per month for cell phone until the Clerk can look into buying cell phone's for the Mayor and Maintenance personnel. Mark Potter seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Mark Potter made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting. Rick Przytarski seconded the motion. Motion passed. Closed meeting adjourned at 9:27 P.M

Break down of Chad's 2008 wages

$$15.17 + .35 = 15.52$$

wants .95 raise - .35 = .60 to be placed between

$$75\% \text{ sewer} \times .60 = .45$$

$$25\% \text{ water} \times .60 = .15$$

Sewer Report – currently making \$375.00 per month

2080 hrs per year divided by 12 months = 173.33 hours per month

$$375.00 \text{ divided by } 173.33 = 2.16 \text{ per hour}$$

$$2.16 + .45 = 2.61 \text{ per hour} \times 173.33 \text{ hours per month} = 452.39 \text{ per month}$$

New sewer report wage \$452.39 per month

Water Report – currently making \$40.00 per week

40 hours per week = \$1.00 per hour

$$1.0 + .15 = 1.15 \text{ per hour}$$

$$1.15 \times 40 \text{ hours per week} = \$46.00 \text{ per week}$$

New Water report wage \$46.00 per week