

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 P.M. Dave Johannes, Lisa Gibbs and Cheryl Beeman were in attendance. Rick Przytarski was not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to the agenda were the Water projects commitments under new business and a closed meeting for employee review after adjournment of the City Council meeting. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Mayor Parker asked about the open issue of the CUP for Lee Henry Sr., in which he had provided a blue print and the City Building inspector has reviewed the print, payment on this building permit will be forthcoming. Jack Roberts clarified on page three, under Building permits, the parking sites for the Creamery building should be 1.75 parking sites per rental should be needed. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the December 2009 minutes with both clarifications, seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the financial report with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Dave Johannes amended his motion to accept the financial report with except to not pay for the Haselton Construction for the blacktopping. Amended motion seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Old business:

Snowmobile Trail: Dan Vail would like to request having trail go from South Co. Rd. 23 to West Eighth Street. Dan Vail has the signs and will be putting the signs up with approval from Council. Dan Vail will also need to contact Mary Renk to have the trail go across their property by the creek. Currently the path follows Highway 14. Discussion was held on having the trail along Ninth Street behind Lisa Gibbs house to West Eighth by Gene Gibbs property. Gibbs & Renk would need to approve of this move first in writing.

Water Project: Bill Trygstad was in attendance. The projects have invoices for payment sent to Jack Noll, which should only be a few things. Today Haselton cleaned the bathroom at the Roedeske home and gave cable to the residents whose underground electric fence was damaged. Mayor Parker asked if there was a punch list for the spring, Mr. Trygstad stated not yet, but will look at surfacing as well once the snow begins to melt. There are two curb stops to be put in yet. Dave Johannes asked about the sodding that was supposed to take place, but they put erosion stabilizer on instead. They will come back in the spring to finish the sodding.

Reservoir: Wapasha had asked to use City Water, City gave a response back, Wapasha has agreed to the City's conditions. Paint has been picked for the outside color, and Bill Trygstad has related it to Wapasha. Still suggesting end date of May 2010. Will probably paint it first and then fill it with water.

Bill Trygstad asked if he should be at the sewer & water committee meeting on January 25th. He will not come unless something comes up with the projects.

2007 Bonding projects: Far as Mr. Trygstad knows, the funding will not be cut, but the City will need to do the projects this year. Mr. Trygstad will need to meet with the state for determination of having the projects done this summer. Mayor Parker would like to get bids in March, so that the projects won't be tabled at the County level.

Blight & Slum resolution: There are five businesses on the list for financial help in renovating or repairing their businesses with money from SEMMCHRA. Jack Roberts stated it doesn't force the owner to do anything with it, however if the City wants the funding to have the businesses repaired or remodeled the City will need to pass this resolution. Mayor Parker stated the term slum & blight could potentially back the City into a corner. SEMMCHRA has guidelines on labeling a business standard or substandard. Discussion was held on whether the business owners were

contacted about the program and whether they would use the program to repair or renovate. Lisa Gibbs stated the resolution has been done year after year, but our businesses are probably not even aware of this loan/grant. Tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

Donation: \$1000 needs to be donated to non-profit organizations, Mayor Parker asked for ideas at the next council meeting.

Water project commitments: There are 81 new users that have signed up to hook into the City Water System. Discussion of the council took place on whether to bond for the assessment or should the City use their funding. Also on how much should the assessment rate be and for how long? Dave Johannes requested a pricing model for the water rates. These should be discuss at the sewer & water committee with a conservative rate model that the state has brought out, with one flat rate for residential, commercial and industrial. The Committee should also discuss how the assessments will be done, should the City hire a plumber or should the resident bring in their plumbers bill.

Yearly appointments: Leasah Lilla stated there was a few months ago where there was talk of the City Attorney and the City Inspection. There have been a lot of times Sonneman has not met the City's deadlines. However, he is the leading lawyer that knows City government. Council requested to research the City Attorney to find a new one. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the Yearly appointments with the exception of the City Attorney until further information can be gathered. Motion seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Chad's Business: No business. The trash pump has been bought. Televising has not been done yet, Bill Trygstad will call the company to have it done.

Dave asked about the fire hydrants and the snow piling up around them, he requested flags to be placed by the fire hydrants. Bill Trygstad stated usually the home owners would take care of the snow; this should be something the sewer & water committee should look into, could possibly have adopt a hydrant like Winona. Mr. Trygstad did state the City is ultimately responsible to keep them clean.

Dave Johannes made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Parker opened the closed meeting at 8:17 P.M.

Beth Winchester requested a raise of 3.5%, which would be .54 cents more per hour. She cited since the federal taxes went up last March and PERA will be going up, more will be taken out of their wages.

Dave Johannes would request a 3% raise, which would be a 47 cent raise.

Mayor Parker would like the City Council to provide a list of project goals for each of the employees for the year. He also requested Beth and Chad to acknowledge what are our responsibilities, and get a bulletin of the various tasks that we do. These lists should be done by January 26th for the council to review.

Cheryl Beeman brought up having an employee review, which Rick Przytarski made mention of last January.

Cheryl Beeman also stated that the mileage has dropped; currently the City goes with the IRS rate.

Dave Johannes made a motion for a 3.5 % raise, motion seconded by Cheryl Beeman, with effective date of January 1, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl Beeman made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.