

On Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 P.M. Council members in attendance were Dave Johannes, Doug Seberg, Chad Wangen, and Lisa Gibbs.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Elected council members Mayor Chris Parker, Chad Wangen and Doug Seberg took their oath of office.

Doug Seberg made a motion to accept the agenda with a second from Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

Correction on page 2 of the December 2010 minutes should state Winona Food Shelf. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the December 2010 minutes with the correction, motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Under the Financial report, the Stockton 1<sup>st</sup> Responder payment of \$1250 should be clarified to state it is for their yearly insurance payment. Chris Parker made a motion that any fees incurred to vacate a street or alleyway should be paid by the person requesting the vacation, motion seconded by Dave Johannes. Motion passed. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the Financial Report with a second from Doug Seberg. Motion passed.

#### **Old Business:**

**Water Project:** Bill Trygstad wrote a letter to Wapasha Construction requesting the 5-year bond or they need to provide an acceptable alternate that will protect the City during the next five years. Bill Trygstad was not in attendance, but did call before hand to let the clerk know there has not been any response to the letter.

Haselton will meet with Bill Trygstad in his office Wednesday morning to discuss the curb stop problems. Sewer & Water Committee stated there are two separate problems, the curb stop valve and the depth of the curb stop boxes. Committee did recommend James & Chad go through in spring to recheck the rest of the curb stops that are not connected to the water system. Committee also recommended not pursuing the 10-year warranty idea, but to have them fixed instead.

Dave Johannes brought up the committee also recommended on buying a locator and handheld GPS for Chad. Bill Trygstad will need to give the City the water plans, council would also like to request a PDF file as well. Dave Johannes made a motion to buy the locator and GPS, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed. Chris Parker made the motion to not exceed \$500 on the GPS, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Mayor Parker talked about the requirement from LMC on water jetting. Mayor Parker will get more information on the subject.

Mike Wadewitz commented on the high chlorine level every third day. Chad Larson stated that is when the pump kicks in. Mr. Wadewitz stated Norm's can recalculate the system for the chlorine level.

**Flood bonding projects:** Bill Trygstad is still working on and he is almost finished, final plans will go to Dave Kramer.

**North Broadway Bridge:** Nothing to report.

#### **New Business:**

**Vacate West 8<sup>th</sup>:** Lance Ladewig would like to vacate West Eighth Street from the alley in Block 55-56 westerly along 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Blocks 64-65. In January of 2010 the snowmobile route was approved and rerouted along W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street since it's a City Street. Snow mobile club staked the path and said resident took out the signs without approval. This street could also be for future development. Dave Johannes made a motion to not vacate, with a second from Chad Wangen. Motion passed.

**Flooding Concerns:** There was an email from a resident about St. Charles who got a grant for a gauge to measure rainfall and water level shifts. Jack Roberts discussed this with Bob Builder, Winona County Emergency Director, and there is no money for these gauges. Mr. Builder is still trying to find funding. Mr. Roberts also stated the watershed district is still working with Winona County on this. The watershed district is offering pond cleanout for the farmers to be paid by them and some of them are being done now.

**Yearly Appointments:**

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

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept all yearly appointments, with a second from Doug Seberg. Motion passed.

**Concerns or complaints:**

Garvin Brook disaster relief is looking for funding. Will keep in the file for possible future donation.

Mayor Parker discussed County Sheriff contracts, he will look into this for more information.

**Action Items:** None

**Building Permits:** None

**Chad's Business:**

- The permit for the well is requesting static water level, but Chad doesn't have the capability to do so. He has called Thern Well to discuss. Chad will also discuss a spare pump with them.

- Generator: Chad has been trying to get it running, and if the battery is charged it will turn over. Council requested the generator be taken to a diesel mechanic to take a look at it, and for Chad to get bids on new generators.

Doug Seberg made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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Bethany Winchester  
 Clerk - Treasurer

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Mayor Parker opened the closed meeting for employee negotiations at 8:10 P.M.

Clerk Winchester requested a raise of 3.5%, which would be .56 cents more per hour, bringing the hourly rate to \$16.62.

Mayor Parker requested a list of objectives from the employees to compare for next year. The City pays for life insurance and partial retirement but not health insurance. Dave Johannes made a motion to give the 3.5% raise across the board, which includes Chad Larson's sewer and water reports, with effective date January 1, 2011. Motion seconded by Doug Seberg. Motion passed.

Discussion of the 120 hours accrual bank time stipulation in the employee handbook. Council requested this to be changed that Mr. Larson must take a minimal amount of 80 hours in order to get paid whatever is over the 120 accrued hours which will be paid out in December.

Greg Reps will be paid \$12.56 per hour, he would like more hours and Chad Larson could be teaching or training Greg on daily or monthly things.

Doug Seberg made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.