

On Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 P.M. All council members were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chris Parker made a motion to accept the agenda with no additions, motion seconded by Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the December 2011 minutes, motion seconded by Doug Seberg. Motion passed.

Financial Report has new general bills to pay and new sewer bills to pay. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the financial report, and to pay the bills except for the Erickson Engineering bill under general since they have not contacted the City yet. Chris Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed

**Old Business:**

**Water Project:** Bill Trygstad was not in attendance, but did call to say that Heselton has been sent the final paperwork since they have paid the City for the engineering work. Heselton has not signed the paperwork. Wapasha has found cracks on the roof of the reservoir that will be sealed, but he was waiting for a proposal from them on how they will seal them. Mr. Trygstad also noted that the pinhole leaks are not a major or minor leak, and they are probably frozen now and cannot be fixed until warmer weather. Mr. Trygstad also stated the handle to the tank top was rusted, and it should have been stainless steel, which they will need to replace. Chad Larson stated the roof cracks are from the corners of the lid inward. Discussion was held on contacting a structural engineer from another city to have a second opinion. Mayor Parker stated he will contact the City of Winona's structural engineer to check out the roof on the reservoir. Mr. Trygstad will talk with his structural engineer and get a list back to the City of the problems that need to be fixed.

Municipal Pipe is the water main supplier and Northern Pipe is the manufacturer of the pipe. Mr. Trygstad hasn't heard back from Northern Pipe to come pick up the blown out pipe.

**Flood Bonding:** Winona Mechanical hasn't called Bill Trygstad back on the problems that were reported to Mr. Trygstad. The E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Wacholz Drive is holding water on the south side of the new culverts. Also the E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street culvert is holding water on the east side. Mr. Trygstad recommends no payment until spring since the problems need to be fixed.

**MN DOT update:** The overlay project will begin at the end of July with Highway 14 being resurfaced from St. Charles to St. Mary's College. They will be ripping off 1" and placing on 3" of blacktop. There is a map that was received about the resurfacing. An alternative to the landscape medians could be a painted median, there is grant money available, but the earliest would be 2016-2017 season.

Transitions zones have been recommended and submitted to St. Paul for approval and we should hear back around March 2012. The City could also landscape along highway to slow down drivers, there is a full project grant program available, but we would need to plant the trees.

MN DOT recommended changing the welcome sign areas to the train bridge on West and on the East to the driveway that will be closed since a second entrance along Hillside Lane.

Mayo Parking at old Post Office area, should only cost about \$10,000 - \$15,000, this would help getting cars off County road 23.

**New Business:**

**Lance Ladewig:** A CUP request wouldn't be needed. If he split out the lot the garage would be the primary building. And since the property is already zoned commercial, there would be a zero lot line setback for the front with a 25-foot setback off public road, alleyways, or residential district. Max size of lot is 25,000 square feet and cannot exceed 35-feet or three stories high. Mr. Ladewig was instructed to go back to the Planning & Zoning committee to get the lots drawn out for survey and recorded.

**Strategic planning:** Council received a sheet from Mayor Parker on what has been discussed as a project or a goal. If anyone has something to add email Mayor Parker so he can place it on the list. Discussion was held on date and time; Council would like to meet Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to set objectives and priority for the next year, 5 years, and 10 year goals.

**Committee participation:** Council would like another call to go out to the public to have more public participation, and if no public participation then maybe a second council meeting instead. Council instructed a letter be sent to all property owners for participation, and review committee attendance at the March Council meeting.

**Yearly 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: Dave Johannes

Chris Parker made a motion to accept the list, but allow additional appointments for the City Building Inspector and the City Engineer. Motion seconded by Doug Seberg. Motion passed.

**Fee Schedule:** Listing has stayed the same as it was from last year. Discussion was held that if the council goes to two council meetings per month, their wages would need to change. Chris Parker made a motion to increase the Variance request to \$300 per parcel and the Conditional Use Permit to \$150, motion seconded by Doug Seberg. Motion passed.

Water no read fee was discussed, there about 15 households that don't regularly read their water meter. Clerk Winchester will check on the late fee MN Statute, and about a higher non-read fee. Discussion should be sent to Sewer and Water Committee to talk about.

Discussed lawn mowing fees at \$100 for equipment and \$20 for wages per hour, council wants to change the per hour wages to \$25, with a minimum charge of one hour. Chris Parker made a motion to accept the fee schedule with the changes in variance, CUP and lawn mowing, with a second from Doug Seberg. Motion passed.

**Building Permits:**

Lee Henry: Since the letter stated he had until January 4<sup>th</sup> to take down the addition, or bring in a building plan from a contractor, the \$1000 fine should stand since Mr. Henry did neither request. The letter is to be sent to the City's attorney, along with the behavior of Mr. Henry at the Planning & Zoning Committee meeting on December 19, 2011.

Planning & Zoning Committee: Committee recommends having the zoning ordinance state "same color scheme as primary building" and omit same materials. Though Dave Johannes did find in the Zoning

Ordinance, Subsection 14, 14.1 (D) (1) that "Building materials shall be attractive in appearance, of a durable finish, and be of a quality that is compatible and harmonious with adjacent structures. All buildings shall be of good aesthetic and architectural quality, to ensure they will maintain and enhance the property values of the neighboring properties." Dave Johannes made a motion to change Section 4, subsection 4, (F) of the zoning ordinance to the paragraph above, the public hearing will take place on February 14, 2012 at 6:45 P.M. Motion seconded by Chris Parker, motion passed unanimously.

**Chad's Business:** none

Chris Parker made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Doug Seberg. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

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Mayor Parker opened the closed employee meeting at 8:25 P.M. All council members were in attendance.

Larry Sass would not take the job since he didn't want to do water and sewer parts. Council would like to advertise for a public works person, that will have to be sewer and water licensed in the future.

Job List would include plowing, mowing, trainable or licensed for water and sewer maintenance (list class licenses, Class B for driving or can get on), Class D wastewater and water licensed or willing to pursue within a year – high school graduate or equivalent – must be able to lift at least 50# - prefer mechanically inclined. This would be for a Public Works assistant, with price being determined by experience.

Beth Winchester would like a 3.8% raise since that is what COLA for the Midwest area by CPI. Discussion held on different % increases and final hourly pay. Council would like to see what a pay step program would be for next year, since the City only goes by pay equity laws, and any full time personnel would receive the same pay though Chad Larson and Beth Winchester have seniority.

Clerk Winchester budgeted 3.5% for our raises, and there was a 3% raise last year and nothing the year before. Next year's raises should depend upon our performance and goals getting done this year. Council should bring list of problems to be solved to next meeting and set them as goals for this year.

Chris Parker made a motion for a 5% raise across board, and any new part-time assistant to \$11.50 per hour, Doug Seberg seconded the motion. Chris Parker rescinded the new part-time assistant to be determined at time of hiring. Doug Seberg seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Greg Reys could still be on-call back up, but wants to be placed back on a contract at \$25 per hour. In the past the City's had a licensed Wastewater and Water person get the same price.

Mayor Parked made a motion to close the closed employee meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.