

The Oath of offices was said by Mayor Christopher Parker and council member Jack Roberts.

Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 PM, at the Stockton City Hall. Council members in attendance were Jack Roberts, Lisa Gibbs, Neil Hjelmeland and Chad Wangen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Jack Roberts added an ice rink to old business, Mayor Parker stated the sidewalks, walking path and pedestrian bridge could be consolidated, and Clerk Winchester the fee schedule to the 2013 appointments. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept the agenda with correction and additions, motion seconded by Jack Roberts. Motion passed.

Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the financial report and pay all bills with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the December 11, 2012 minutes, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ice Rink: Discussion was held on where to place an ice rink, under the pavilion or on the corner of Sixth & E Street. Council requested Chad Larson to plow the corner area of the City block for an embankment and flood the area an inch at a time providing the weather holds for an ice rink.

Sidewalks, Walking path and pedestrian bridge: The grant cycle is beginning for MNDOT, and Mayor Parker would like to move forward on a plan for these projects. Mayor Parker shared a map of the walking path around town and would like to hire an engineering firm to be working on these projects. Jack Roberts would like to know what the cost of hiring Yaggy Colby would be before planning.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Senior Room/Library: Robyn Wehlage and Leasah Lilla requested having the Senior's room as a lending library. Since the senior's disbanded there is no money in their account and the room would need funds for book shelves. Lisa Gibbs requested a plan on paper with administrators that would be responsible in order to release funding. The group could become a 501C3 (non-profit), which would then own the bookshelves or a group of volunteers which would then be owned by the City

SEMMCHRA resolution: 2013-01-22 "Authorizing a Public Hearing on the 2013 City of Stockton Small cities development program application". Lisa Gibbs made a motion to adopt the resolution and set a public hearing at 6:30 P.M. on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at City Hall, motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland. Jack Roberts abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

**2013 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 – Chad Wangen nominated Jack Roberts, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland.

**Fee Schedule:** is attached. Lawn Maintenance shall have a \$20 per hour also attached to the \$100 machine part. City Hall rent will be \$50 per room with a \$50 deposit per event, there must be a checklist before and after events.

Motion made by Neil Hjelmeland to accept the 2013 appointments and 2013 fee schedule, with a second by Chad Wangen. Jack Roberts and Lisa Gibbs abstained due to conflict of interests. Mayor Parker voted aye, motion passed.

**City Maintenance:**

- New city truck: Chad Larson can be looking to replace the City truck and will also purchase a plow. A silent bid will be made for the old truck with a minimum of what the trade in would be. Chad is to discuss with Jack Roberts for estimates, with a ceiling of \$30,000.

Chad Wangen made a motion to close the Stockton Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

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Mayor Parker opened the closed employee meeting at 8:22 P.M.

Closed Employee meeting: opened 8:22 PM by Chris Parker

Budget was set for 3.5% raise which would be a 61 cent raise per hour for Beth Winchester and Chad Larson, with Margo Riemann receiving 40 cents per hour raise and Greg Reys and Zach Rinn receiving a 35 cent rise per hour.

Mayor Parker would raise 3.5% now, have a closed employee meeting in February to discuss criteria the employees should set for the year, and meet again in June to review the criteria.

Jack Roberts made a motion for a 3.5% raise across the board, with review in June on criteria that will be set in February, motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the closed employee meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.