

On Tuesday, July 11, 2017, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 PM. Council member in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Neil Hjelmeland, Mark Potter and Travis McElmury.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: none

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the agenda, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the financial report and pay all bills, with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to accept the June 13, 2017 minutes, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

New well & addition: Bill Trygstad was in attendance with information on Eagle Construction beginning the concrete floor on Wednesday and the walls of the building to be started on Monday.

Comprehensive Plan: The plan is complete; each council member has a draft of the plan to look over and to bring any changes to the next council meeting. Dave Johannes made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:45 PM for the completed comprehensive plan. Mark Potter seconded the motion, motion passed.

Assign Monies: Lynda Rickoff, City Auditor, requested the City assign/commit/restrict money from accounts for GASB #54 of the City's account balances. Currently, \$40,159.60 from General Funds is restricted for Water hook-ups, \$20,000 from Designated Funds are assigned to Welcome Signs, \$20,000 from Designated funds are assigned for the Old Town Hall fix, General Capital Equipment funds are committed at \$29,300.81. Blacktop funds are committed to capital projects funding, with \$50,000 assigned to street improvements. Sewer Capital Equipment funds are committed at \$10,440.43. Sewer reserve assigned \$50,000 for sewer improvements and \$150,000 assigned to pond fixes, the remainder is assigned for capital project funds. Water Reserve funds of \$37,103.10 are committed to water improvements. Charter Franchise fees has assigned \$10,000 to street lights, and the remainder to be free to use. HBC Franchise fees are assigned to be used for capital outlay projects. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the assigning of public funds, with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed.

Apartment Sewer Billing: Joseph Winandy, attorney for David Brommerich and Charlie Heins came to discuss past billing of sewer charges and the new amendment to the Sewer Ordinance. Mr. Winandy stated our ordinance is not authorized to charge on a per unit rate, and that he wants the \$1500 special assessment against Mr. Brommerich property to be dropped as efficiency apartments doesn't spend enough sewage as a 5-bedroom house. Wayne Schauble was in attendance to discuss what Mr. Winandy has argued. Council asked why this was not addressed in 2015 when the first assessment was placed on the property. Clerk Winchester stated the \$1500 is for the year 2015 and 2016 of unpaid sewer bills assessed against the property. In June of 2016, the Clerk reduced the bill as some of the apartments were empty, she adjusted the bill and sent him the adjusted statement, which Mr. Brommerich did not pay. Council agreed to leave it as billed, but to clean up the Sewer Ordinance. Mr. Winandy stated that since the Council will not take any action, he will take it to District Court; Mr.

Winandy and Mr. Brommerich left the meeting. Council did discuss metering sewer, but Brommerich is the only apartment complex that is not on City Water. Mark Potter made a motion to have Wayne Schauble clean up the Sewer Ordinance, motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously. The League of Minnesota Cities will take over the case once the City gets served the papers.

NEW BUSINESS

Co. Rd. 23 fix: Bids were opened today, Clerk Winchester should hear tomorrow about when it will be fixed, she will place it on the access channel, the website and Facebook.

CITY MAINTENANCE

- Maintenance Garage: Electric needs to be finished, and RP Electric will bury the line from the pole. Potter needs to know when it's done to do the horizontal insulation.
- E. 9th Street guardrail: Chosen Valley testing has been contacted, Bill Trygstad will be there when they come sometime next week. Clerk Winchester will email council once a date is set.
- Sand Shed: dead issue
- Chip seal streets: Cannot do Coal slag as they have an environment citation. Chip sealing is the only thing left. Fahrner will be doing the chip sealing, since they will be in town to chip seal Co. Rd. 23 too.

Travis McElmury made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.