

On Tuesday, July 13, 2021, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at Stockton City Hall at 6:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Neil Hjelmeland and Mark Potter. Council member Travis McElmury arrived at 6:15 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: none

Clerk Winchester added SAPG 10% donation and Stockton Days temporary liquor license under new business. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, motion seconded by Mark Potter. Motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to accept the financial reports and to pay all bills. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs; motion passed.

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the June 8, 2021, minutes with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Ext.** – Elcor Construction has a pay estimate #4 in the amount of \$21,779.81. If there are any problems, a punch list has been constructed and will need to be added. Discussion was held on the ditch between 8880 and 8940, the reseeding has not taken well.

**Solar Panels:** Olson Solar Energy from Onalaska, Wisconsin was in attendance to discuss their plan. Their system would cost \$83,582.36 with 107 solar panels and produce 58,294 kWh of energy produced. They also have a 25-year warranty, with a payback about year 10 and a new savings of \$203,087.40. Solar Connection out of Rochester quoted \$155,000 but sent an email stating that there are no fire setbacks and access aisles or that our system wouldn't qualify us for net-metering, which would further reduce our financial return. They also stated that theoretically we could produce 97% of all the power consumed by our properties, the financials of doing so are not likely in the best interest long term for the City. Jordan Potter from Winona Renewable Energy was in attendance and stated that Winona County does not have the fire regulations that Rochester or Wisconsin has. Council would like to hear from the League of MN Cities to get an impartial view of the project, and to talk with Kent of MiEnergy.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2020 Audit:** Monica Hauser from Hawkins Ash, CPA's was in attendance to discuss the audit. The General fund profited by \$117,322; water & sewer reserves profited by \$87,962 and the blacktop funds was at a loss of (\$476). The City has a total of \$1,615,507 assets and liabilities, with \$381,031 assigned and \$700,777 unassigned balances. The Water Fund has a loss of (\$60,586), but with depreciation added back a profit of \$54,407. The Sewer Fund has a profit of \$12,763 and with depreciation added back a profit of \$52,055. Big changes for the Water and Sewer funds were the GO Bond was paid out of Water and the E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Extension out of Sewer. Current debt is \$654,000 for the Water Funds for the GO Bond on the wellhouse addition and 2<sup>nd</sup> well. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the 2020 audit; motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2021-July-13:** Resolution to accept the inheritance from Ruth Hinton in the amount of \$19,807.09. The stipulation is that only 10% of the principal can be used in each five-year period from her death (April 29, 2021) and to be only used on Hinton Park. A separate fund will need to be secured for these funds. Mark Potter made a motion to accept resolution 2021-July-13; motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

**Limited Use Permit resolution:** MN DOT has updated the language and terms of its Limited Use Permits and requires a new resolution to provide maintenance and use by the City for the new Welcome signs. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the resolution, with Lisa Gibbs seconding the motion. Motion passed.

**SAPG donation:** The City received \$10,000 and is required to donate 10% (\$1,000) to a non-profit. Ada Stangl from the Girl Scout Troop 44762 requested funds for their silver award. They would like to label our walk/bike path with signs. Dave Johannes made a motion to donate \$1,000; motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

**Stockton Days liquor license:** Stockton Days is requesting a temporary 3-day liquor license for September 10-11, 2021. Travis McElmury made a motion to grant the license with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed.

#### **CITY MAINTENANCE**

- There has been vandalism at the City bathrooms, spray painted the toilet and let fireworks off in the bathrooms. Chad would like to get better cameras; discussion was held on getting a game camera out at the ballfield bathrooms.
- E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street dry run has trees down, and he's taking care of them.
- Native grasses area still needs to be brush mowed, but he's hoping for dryer weather.
- Jordan Potter discussed a battery backup for the lift stations.

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

**Water Line:** Cody Ellinghuysen at 8440 D Street has requested to come across City property to put his water line in. The sewer line runs along the east side of the gravel road and the power line runs along the west side of the road. Discussion was held on liability and hardships; council would like to have the attorney contacted to discuss.

Mark Potter made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.