

On Tuesday, June 15, 2011, 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.

Dave Johannes requested the Schell garage to be added under the building permits on the agenda. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition, motion seconded by Doug Seberg. Motion passed.

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the May 2011 minutes with a second from Doug Seberg. Motion passed.

Financial Report:

Maxine Daniel submitted a bill in the amount of \$82.50 for replacing the pressure reducing valve. Their pressure was slowing, and the plumber found PVC shavings in the reducer. Council agreed to pay the bill.

Minnowa Construction submitted a pay voucher #1. The request for the grant money will need to be in by June 21st in order for payment. The City is to pay the bill, with reimbursement from State Aid funds. Council discussed where we would get the amount of \$350,000. Clerk was instructed to get a floating loan to cover the whole cost of the bridge for six months, the General fund will make payments and the loan is to come from Winona National. If no loan approved, Clerk was instructed to pay \$100,000 and then the rest of the bill when the state money comes in.

Doug Seberg made a motion to approve the financial report and pay all the bills but Minnowa Construction, motion seconded by Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Water Report: Bill Trygstad met with Wapasha along with Chad Larson and Wm. Wehlage. They were invited to come to the Sewer/Water Committee to discuss seeding.

Haselton: Bill Trygstad stated everything is done, and would like to request a final payment. Chad Larson said they still need a hydrant valve on Co. Rd. 23 by Lee Henry. Haselton also needs to send Chad an extension. They haven't paid the City for filling the reservoir, and the newest bill from Trygstad for the curb stops should be sent to Haselton for payment. Council requested getting the bill down to \$31,000 instead \$91,000. Mr. Trygstad will get the bill to Haselton for signature and then onto Jack Noll tomorrow for payment before government shutdown July 1st.

Flood bonding projects: Bill Trygstad has letter from Rollan Larson, the district state aid, stating two of the five projects are not eligible. The E Street covering of riprap and the dry run clean out, both projects must show that they will help the road system. Council needs to determine if the City wants to continue with those projects and if so, the City will be responsible for payment. E Street was about \$18,000 and tributary was \$17,000. Mr. Trygstad could debate the first 300-feet of the dry run showing it will help Wacholz Drive. Council requested Mr. Trygstad to pursue the 300-feet of dry run to be part of the project. MN DNR has approved of the dry run project and the City did receive the permit.

North Broadway Bridge: Next Monday will begin the sewer work and Trygstad will be doing the staking and inspection of the sewer parts. Bridge is coming along and the sidewalk is poured. It will probably take 10-14 days for the underground sewer part. MN DOT sent the grant agreement that the Council needs to pass. Chad Wangen made a motion to sign the grant agreement, with a second by Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

Police Coverage: Dave Johannes and Mayor Parker discussed through email that contacting the Winona Co. Sheriff first before going to the Co. Board meeting. Mayor Parker did call Sheriff Brand, and his advice was to call the non-emergency line and request no lights or sirens. They will also get more deputies for speed traffic in the area. MN DOT will be painting the turn lanes at Wacholz Drive, Rollin' Sunset Drive on Highway 14 painted with arrows and signs. Sheriff Brand stated that unless his deputies actually see the problem they cannot ticket the individuals, unless the citizen has a photo of the violation when they arrive. A part-time police officer would cost about \$30,000 to \$40,000 in wages per year, not to mention about \$10,000 to get started for the car. The City would need to bring in new ordinances to capture the costs of speeding and state fines on the Highway. Stockton could share services with Goodview or Lewiston, but a contract would need to be written. Since the Sheriff is aware of our problems the City should give them time to fix the problems.

Green spaces: Native grasses still have not been done, and Chad Larson will need to mow these areas. The areas were too wet before and Kyle Herring will need to spray again for weeds. The 4-H will be doing the community garden again. Adam Johnson says the 7 oak trees have new growth, however there is one that has growth on the bottom of the trunk, but Lisa Gibbs says they need to be replaced. Lisa Gibbs will get 5 new oaks.

East 5th Street: Bill Trygstad's estimate to pave, with a gravel base on a 20'x155' will cost about \$23,500. Council would like to take a look physically at the site before making any decisions. Since the project is under the \$50,000 City doesn't have to go out for bids.

Emergency management: Dave Johannes discussed our first meeting. The Committee discussed resources and to read the management handbook to make it more specific for the citizens. The group also discussed the possibility of forming a CERT program (community Emerg. Response Team), since there are grant funds available if the group is sponsored by another organization, such as the Lewiston fire department. Committee will continue to meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

New Business:

2010 Audit: Lynda Rickoff from Russell & Associates discussed the 2010 Audit.

Net Assets as of December 31, 2010 are \$6,193,675 which is up from 2009. Most of that is from the water project and greenspace grants. The City paid down \$50,000 in debt for the 1999 GO Bond, there is enough funds to cover the cost of the remaining \$290,000 and Mrs. Rickoff requested the City pay the GO Bond off. There is still money from FEMA that Bill Trygstad needs to write a letter for about \$85,000
Sewer Funds are operating at a loss of \$2,050; while the Water fund is at a loss of \$25,000 she suggested raising the rates on both. Both accounts include depreciation. The fund balances are high in the amount of \$542,523, and the Council will need to make resolutions on how to spend the money, though the City will not have to use the money for those designations, it will show the City needs that money and why we raise taxes. There were a few major capital asset transactions mainly for water expansion, meters, utility trailer, greenspace plantings and engineering services for the Bridge project. For those residents that do not have their outdoor meters installed Mrs. Rickoff requested raising the monthly charge and letters to state this needs to be done. There were 8 problems that the Clerk and Auditor are working on to correct. The City will need to set new policies for the GASB No. 54 Accounting standards and Clerk Winchester will have six months to write those policies. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the 2010 Audit with a second from Doug Seberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding paying off the GO Bond. Dave Johannes made a motion to pay it off and designate the rest to Road & Bridges, motion seconded by Chris Parker. Motion passed.

Liquor Licenses: Stockton Saloon requested a temporary liquor license for the Stockton Ball fields on June 4th and 5th. By email Mayor Parker, Dave Johannes and Doug Seberg approved of the temporary license. Stockton Saloon: Off Sale \$100, Sunday special license \$100, and on sale liquor license \$700. Stockton Pumphouse for 3.2 Off sale license for \$100. Dave Johannes made the motion to approve the liquor licenses with a second from Doug Seberg. Motion passed.

Promotional donation: Stockton Area Promotional group has donated \$8,000 and the City needs to donate 10% of that. Dave Johannes requested money for the Emergency Management Committee to buy kits that are reassembled. Mayor Parker made a motion to give \$500 for the Emerg. Management, \$500 to the Stockton First Responders and \$100 to the 4-H Peppy Pals. Motion seconded by Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

Bike Path: Doug Seberg discussed having a path from Highway 14 north along Co. Rd. 23 to Minnesota City. It was suggested he call the Winona Co. Planning department, they had a plan a few years ago.

Complaints/Concerns:

Plan/Zoning:

- Cook & Carlson still need letters for the garage not matching the primary buildings, Clerk will give a 30 day request to fix the problem.

- Schell: Mr. Schell had a garage on his permit, since it doesn't specifically state what type of garage; Mr. Schell will need to apply for a variance to have the garage painted as the primary building.

- Amending the zone ordinance: Eliminate the word "material" and change to color instead. .

- Fencing to look at: Clerk Winchester still needs to check on the definition of "clear view".

Sewer/Water:

- Generator passed the load test and Norman's Electric is buying the materials; should begin work soon.

- Televising sewer line: televising not to be done, but repairs from E Street to Broadway on Main Street; Chad Larson will get estimates.

- Blacktop cracks & repairs: MHP needs to be redone; Jack Roberts has a contact for the crack sealing. Hillside Lane needs to be done too, plus the manholes in Garvin View Estates need to be cut out and redone.

Chad's Business:

- Banners on the wrong side of the poles, though he did that because the flags are on street sides. Jerome Daniel stated he will need to make room for the Christmas decorations as well. Chad stated there were several issues on why he placed them where he did. Mayor Parker would like to get them higher, and if he needs to rent a bucket truck to do so, they need to be placed on the street side. Chad says to do it right we should get our own posts. Clerk Winchester will find out what it will cost to get our own poles.

- Joan Roberts asked for more wood chips for the back of the school building. Lisa Gibbs stated we should transplant what is there and the rest should be sodded since the water runs off the roofline there.

- Sandblast the community center was discussed.

- Attorney letter from Chad's accident in December 2010, Clerk Winchester sent it to Wayne Schauble to deal with.

Doug Seberg made a motion to close the Stockton Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.