

On Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Public Hearing for the Dan Merchlewitz Variance Request at 6:49 PM. Council members in attendance were Chad Wangen, Lisa Gibbs and Dave Johannes. Doug Seberg was not in attendance.

Mayor Chris Parker read the details of the variance request out loud. He stated that Mr. Merchlewitz wants to enclose his current carport, turning it into a garage. His lot size is substandard which is why he needs the variance to do this. Council members asked Mr. Merchlewitz questions about his current carport and the building permit and CUP he had for it. They also asked if he intended to keep the doors on both ends of it when he turns it into a garage. He said yes he did because it would help in a flood situation. Mr. Merchlewitz also said he wants to turn it into a garage so his property will look better. Mayor Parker then opened up the discussion to the public. There was no public discussion. Dave Johannes made a motion to adjourn the public hearing and Lisa Gibbs seconded it. Motion passed and the public hearing was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

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On Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 6:58 PM. Council members in attendance were Chad Wangen, Lisa Gibbs and Dave Johannes. Doug Seberg was not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the June 12, 2012 minutes with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

#### **Old Business:**

**Water Project:** Bill Trygstad was in attendance and stated that letters went out to Wapasha and Heselton Construction Companies. Wapasha had to power wash the Reservoir and thought they saw a small leak, so will return tomorrow and make repairs if necessary. They will then need to wait a few days, power wash it again and then paint it. Heselton will be sent another letter as they haven't fixed anything yet.

**Phase III:** The MN Department of Health has approved the plans for the Phase 111 Water project and the permit should come this week. Mr. Trygstad also sent letters to MN DOT and the Canadian Pacific Railway for permits. MN Dot has approved the plans and will be sending a copy of the two permits and approval letter soon. The Railroad has also approved the plan for crossing. They have sent a notice to their licensing agreement section to draft a license for the city and will send it in about a month. The normal process will cost \$770 for rental, which is a one-time fee plus \$200 for processing, for a total of \$970. An additional \$1800 would be needed to expedite receiving the license and permits from them sooner than one month. These permits will state any specific conditions that need to be included in the contracts. This should be known before they are put out for bids. Mr. Trygstad will try to find out if there are any conditions other than what he already has been informed about, without paying the extra \$1800. Mr. Trygstad is still drafting the Potter easement and it should be done for the July council meeting. Advertising for Phase III Water project will go out for bids July 4, 2012. Bids will be opened at 3:00 PM on July 31, 2012. A motion to open bids at the July 31, 2012 council meeting was made by Mayor Chris Parker and seconded by Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

**Consolidation of July Council Meeting:** There was discussion about having only one council meeting in July, but instead the dates were changed to July 17<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>, so two meetings would still be held. Changing the dates made the time frame of advertising for bids and opening them work out correctly. Dave Johannes made a motion to change the meeting dates in July to the 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Chris Parker seconded it. Motion passed.

**9<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert-drainage:** Bill Trygstad said that a crew will come on Thursday, June 28, 2012 to shoot the ditch line to make sure there are no low spots. The council asked Mr. Trygstad if the bill for this could be sent to Winona Mechanical and he said yes. It was suggested that before and after

pictures are taken for proof. Mr. Trygstad said they would do this. He will have more information on this at the next meeting

**Dan Merchlewitz Variance:** Council discussion on this matter resulted in the variance being approved with the following conditions: The variance must mention that the height of the garage will be taller than his home, it must include measurements of the finished garage, He will need a site plan with the exact location, purchase a flat fee permit, have the variance fee paid and make sure the materials meet the City ordinance specifications. Motion was made to approve the variance by Dave Johannes and seconded by Mayor Chris Parker. Motion passed.

**Charlie Schell -Water Line:** There was some discussion about what needs to be done to get water to the cabin Charlie is building, but since Charlie was not in attendance there was no further discussion.

**Ball Fields:** Dave Johannes said he had no updates and that no work will be done until next year before the next season begins.

**K-9 Donation:** The City received a letter from the Winona County Sheriff's Department asking for a donation of \$1000 toward the purchase of a new dog for the canine unit. After some discussion and considering the fact that the City is unhappy with the Sheriff Department's response to some of the calls out here, the Council decided not to give them a donation.

**Jim Jaskola – Approval of permit to build a new garage:** Mr. Jaskola presented his site plans, materials list and said colors will be aesthetically pleasing for the garage he wants to build. Everything was in order and approval was given. A motion was made to approve the permit by Mayor Chris Parker and seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed. Mr. Jaskola will fill out an application and get his permit next week.

**Updates:** Gary Smith will be moving his shed by June 30, 2012.

Lance Ladewig was sent a letter explaining what needed to be done for him to hook up to water/sewer at his new garage and how it would be assessed. Lance has not responded to the letter.

**Chad's Business:** Visu - Sewer will be here next week to grout in preparation of the pipe segment for the cured in place pipe lining. The proposal for this was \$2900. The Mayor signed the proposal which will get faxed to them June 27, 2012.

Zach Rinn has been mowing grass and is doing a good job.

Chad said there is a tree in the ball park that is almost dead and the others are ash trees which will probably succumb to the ash borer, when it gets here, so we should maybe think about planting some new trees. The council said fall would be the best time to plant trees.

Dave Johannes brought up a problem about a bush in the right of way by Wilbrights property. It really obstructs the view at that intersection. Neil Hjelmeland said he had noticed this also. Whether Chad trims it up or the State Hwy. Department take care of it, it will get taken care of. There was also some discussion on that same intersection and how people coming down the hill from Winona, think they can pass on the right. Mayor Chris Parker had recently witnessed a near accident because of this. The State Patrol is aware and will try to monitor this situation better. Hopefully when they resurface Hwy. 14 they will square it off better, which should help this issue also.

Dave Johannes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Gibbs seconded it. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.