

On Tuesday, June 2, 2020, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Special Council meeting at 6:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Mark Potter, and Neil Hjelmeland. (1)

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Special Council meeting was called to discuss the E. 9th Street Sewer Extension, Tim Stockman, City Engineer was present with a large drawing of the project for the attendees to examine.

The project will only serve the homes on the south side of E. 9th Street, there are 2 alternatives. Alternative #1 is 3 manholes and a deeper main line along 9th Street at a cost of \$244,817.50. Alternative #2 is 4 manholes, but not as deep on the main line at a cost of \$233,132.50.

Discussion was held on gravity feed, erosion control measures, driveways and culverts being salvaged, and asking the homeowners to take out their landscaping instead of the City contracting it out.

Clerk Winchester will request another 10-foot easement from Les & Heidi McElmury and discuss with them on taking out some trees.

Homes on the North side of E. 9th Street will need to run their service line north to E. 8th Street as it will be a cheaper option. There are no service laterals installed on the new line for these homes because there is not enough grade for gravity feed.

Homeowners were instructed to request estimates from plumbers to find the cost of putting a sewer service line from their home to the City service. They could get quotes for both E. 8th Street line and E. 9th Street line, but the E. 9th Street line would need grinder pumps installed in each home.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the Stockton City Special Council meeting, with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Mayor Dave Johannes opened the Informational meeting at 6:35 PM. Council members in attendance were Neil Hjelmeland and Mark Potter. City Engineer, Tim Stockman was also in attendance.

Homeowners in attendance were Paul Evans, Robbie Schultz, Randy Peterson, Duane & Stacy Eide, Phil Hanke, Janice Brown, Trevor Daily, Phil Giers and Nick Jakusz.

City discussed the Ordinance #119, An Ordinance Establishing Sewer Connection Charges, and those that live in Zone B. Section 5 states that the owners shall pay a sewer hookup charge of \$1,000 at the time the property is connected, and they shall also pay \$1,500 once the system is installed for an availability charge. There will be no special assessments on properties from this project.

City Ordinance #110-A, Sewer Use Regulations state that once the sewer is within 100-feet all buildings are required to connect to the sewer system within a 30-day period. Discussion was held on the council making a determination on whether to defer the 30-day period and request that homeowners hook up to sewer when the home actually needs to. Discussion was held on the South side homes do immediate hookup to recoup some costs, but the North side homes can be deferred. Council will discuss at the June 9, 2020 Council meeting.

Currently owners would need to pay \$1,500 sewer availability charges once the project is finished, also \$1,000 once hooked into the City System, and any plumber costs from the home to the City Sewer line.

Discussions held on the 30-day connections, what the fees are used for, and what the state law is for sewer hookup to water hookups.

Clerk Winchester explained that those that cannot afford to pay the costs of the hookup fee, availability fee and plumber fees, there is money available from the City. The City would assess the property at a 5.5% interest rate at 15-years. Both the interest rate and years could change by a council vote.

Discussion was held on homeowners putting in mound systems and not having the sewer extension done, and what the relative costs would be.

For those that have already hooked up, they will be charged the \$1500. But they will have the option to pay that bill until November 15th, anything NOT paid will be assessed to their property taxes.

Mark Potter made the motion to close the informational meeting, motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.