

On Tuesday, June 9, 2015, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Jack Roberts, Neil Hjelmeland, and Travis McElmury.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: Marilyn Bronk complained about the neighbor's fields not being cut, since there is an ordinance against having grass that high, and both corners are overgrown and could cause an accident, a letter should be sent regarding the problem. Joan Roberts asked Mayor Johannes about the yellow sawhorse on his property, when the kids are out on the cul-de-sac it is partially in the street to warn drivers to slow down.

Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the agenda, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the financials and to pay the bills, motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the May 12 and May 23, 2015 minutes with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Radium Violation:** Bill Trygstad was in attendance to discuss the ownership of the lot the City needs to buy for the new well. Jack Roberts made a motion to have Mayor Johannes the executor of buying the lot, beginning with an offer of \$25,000, and counter-offering up to the asking price of \$37,500. Motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland. Mr. Trygstad passed out a sheet supporting two other wells in the Wonewoc formation showing lab test results for radium, nitrates, iron and manganese. Council would still like Chad Larson to take samples from two wells in our area to be tested. Jack Roberts made a motion to have 2 wells in Stockton to be tested, with second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

**Natural Gas:** Josh Severson updated the Council on the progress they have made. Severson did have a map of the proposed installation lines; discussion was made on not running the line past TDI and houses by out by themselves due to cost increase. The City would only be held accountable for the Franchise Agreement; it would be up to Severson to decide whether the project would be feasible for them to do.

**Water Rates MHP:** A letter was sent to Dave McCorquodale, who was in attendance, for a \$522 base fee per month which includes the \$150 base fee for a 6" commercial pipe, and a \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons of water usage rate. The \$522 base fee per month would be for 20-years only, at that time the base fee would go to the going rate of a 6" commercial pipe. Discussion was held on the \$522 base fee; with Mr. McCorquodale stating the other residents didn't have to pay to hook into the system, so why should he. Council would like the minutes pulled from the Phase III discussions and check them over before discussing any further. Next council meeting will be June 23, 2015 and this will be the only agenda item.

**Water Rates:** tabled until further discussion

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2014 Audit:** Lynda Rickoff was in attendance to discuss the 2014 audit findings. The City's assets are a combined total of \$6,911,489, which is down from last year. The only debt the City

has is a contract for deed for the 2 lots in the Garvin View Estates. The intergovernmental revenue is up from last year due to FEMA's final payment from the Flood of 2007, the Highway 14 beautification grant and SEMMCHRA's rehabilitation grant. The Sewer fund is operating at a \$5,313 profit, but the Water Fund, due to depreciation is at a loss. Discussion was held on depreciation, and without the depreciation in the water funds, they were at a profit of \$6,632. The only deficiencies Russell and Associates could find was in the segregations of duties, which is impractical to correct due to limited resources and staff. Also preparing the financial statements, this again is impractical due to staff limitations and audit adjustments, which will be maintained by the auditor. Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the 2014 audit and sending it to the state, motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

**2015 Liquor license:** Stockton Saloon will have an On-Sale license for \$700 and a Sunday Sale for \$50, and KC Pumphouse will have off-sale license for \$100, On-Sale license for \$100 and a Sunday Sale for \$50. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the liquor licenses with background checks and insurance completed. Motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland, motion passed unanimously.

### **CITY MAINTENANCE**

- MN Dept. of Health sent a variance request on the fluoride concentration. The variance will allow the City to lower our concentration to 0.7 mg/L from 1.0 mg/L. Council agrees to the variance.

- There were 2 bids on the Chip sealing: Bargaen at a cost of \$74,110 and Fahrner is for \$77,815.92 without sweeping, must add \$6200 for sweeping afterwards, for a total cost of \$84,015.92. 75% of the town would be done, and the money would come from General Funds, with blacktop paying back the general funds once taxes come in. Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the Bargaen quote, but not have the project done around August 15, 2015. Motion seconded by Travis McElmury, motion passed unanimously.

- MPCA did a sewer wastewater inspection last week; Chad Larson received the inspection summary. They suggested that dial alarms should be on every lift station, Chad will get a quote to outfit the other three stations with dial alarms. They also requested the City have a Phosphorus Management Plan, Chad and Beth can supply the information and once its finished.

- Urinal & Water fountain – Water fountain does need to be handicap accessible so it will not fit in the niche in the wall. The urinal will also need to be handicap accessible. PMG send a quote for \$1100, but there was not bid from O'Laughlin plumbing.

- Dave Johannes received a complaint from Wm. Wehlage about the drainage issue next to his driveway and the N. Broadway Bridge. Mayor Johannes requested Chad to look at the area and requested a solution be brought forward.

Jack Roberts made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.