

On Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Parker opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance #102-A, Charter Franchise Agreement at 6:45PM. Council members in attendance were Chad Wangen, Jack Roberts and Neil Hjelmeland. Council member not in attendance was Lisa Gibbs.

Mayor Parker asked for discussion.

Mayor Parker asked for discussion a second time.

Mayor Parker asked for discussion a final time.

Jack Roberts made a motion to close the public hearing, with a second by Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed; public hearing adjourned at 6:49PM.

On Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Parker called the Stockton City Council meeting to order at 7:00PM. Council members in attendance were Neil Hjelmeland, Chad Wangen, Lisa Gibbs and Jack Roberts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Barb Odegaard & the 4-H Garden was added to the Meeting Agenda as New Business. Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the agenda with addition and Lisa Gibbs seconded it. Motion passed.

Two bills for BP Gas were added to the financials under general fund, as bills to be paid. Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the financials with the additional bills. Neil Hjelmeland seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the minutes from the Feb. 26, 2013 City Council meeting as written. Neil Hjelmeland seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**CHARTER FRANCHISE:** Mayor Parker asked for discussion; there was none. Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the Charter Franchise Agreement, Ordinance #102-A as written. Lisa Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**WALKING/BIKING TRAIL:** Bryan Holtz from Yaggy Colby presented the "Trail Master Plan" put together by Yaggy Colby for the Walking/Biking Path. He also showed a large map of the proposed walking/Biking Looped Path. See attached draft for details of the proposed sections of the looped path and the costs associated with each section. He suggested applying for grants to help cover costs, but said it would be best to acquire the two lots belonging to Mike Wadewitz (one to be purchased by the city for \$35,000 and one to be donated by Mike Wadewitz) prior to sending in the grant application and or applications. Mayor Parker suggested giving Mike Wadewitz \$20,000 up front for the purchase of the one lot with the balance of \$15,000 to be paid to Mike Wadewitz over the next 2 or 3 years. A contract acceptable to both parties would be written up for this agreement, with the upfront money coming from the Park & Recreation Fund. Mike said he would prefer the \$15,000 to be paid over 2 years rather than 3 years.

Bryan Holtz mentioned that Winona County has also been in the process of planning a bike/walking path that could possibly connect with the City of Stockton's path if it is approved by the Stockton City Council. Bryan Holtz said that he would provide feedback and any needed information to Beth when she works on writing the grant applications. He suggested applying for the maximum dollar amounts available from the grant and or grants. It was noted that Yaggy Colby charges \$900.00 to write a grant application. Mayor Parker mentioned that the proposed bike/walking path is one of the priorities on the strategic planning list. There was some discussion about using the area on city property along 5<sup>th</sup> street rather than along Hwy. 14 as one of the sections, but Mayor Parker pointed out that the proposed Hwy

14 section is needed in order to qualify us to have a Hwy 14 pedestrian crossing, because its purpose is to connect the Broadway & Hwy 14 sections of the path. Jack Roberts asked if it is possible to have an additional pedestrian crossing at Section H instead of the bridge crossing over Hwy. 14. This crossing would require flashing lights because of the speed limit in this area. A question was asked if there are still plans to put in a park on Wacholz Drive and the answer was yes.

Mayor Parker asked for a motion to procure the Wadewitz Property (2 Lots). Lisa Gibbs suggested that it be tabled until the next meeting, so the council members could have a chance to thoroughly look over the Trail Master Plan Booklet provided by Yaggy Colby. It was agreed that it would be tabled until the next meeting. It will be put on the agenda for the March 26, 2013 meeting along with the strategic planning information.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**4-H GARDEN:** Barb Odegaard said the 4-H planned to plant and take care of a garden in the same spot as last year. The produce from the garden will be shared with the community. Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the 4-H garden proposal and Lisa Gibbs seconded it. The motion passed.

Jack Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Neil Hjelmeland seconded it. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41PM.