

On Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 P.M. Lisa Gibbs, Rick Przytarski and Dave Johannes were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Appoint new council member: Rick Przytarski nominated Jack Roberts and Dave Johannes nominated Chad Wangen. This would fill the position of Council member until January 2011. There was one vote for Jack Roberts and two votes for Chad Wangen. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept Chad Wangen as Council member, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed. Chad Wangen read his oath of office.

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the agenda, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Correction in the February 2010 minutes, page 2 should have Hall taken out of the adjourned meeting. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the February 2010 minutes, with correction. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Under general bills to pay there are two Menards bills for the same invoice, Beth will delete one of them. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills, with correction, motion seconded by Rick Przytarski. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

Water project: Bill Trygstad has seven easement forms but still needs Wadewitz temporary road and Potter's reservoir area which he still needs to get the property descriptions from court house. Clerk Winchester will take care of the signing of the easements and will also get the other two once they are done for signatures.

Pay Estimate No. 4: \$17,265.77 to Heselton Construction, this estimate was signed January 14, 2010. Change order 1: Add blacktop to the mailbox area at a cost of \$6469.85. Change order 2: replace unsalvageable driveway culverts at a cost of \$2400. Change order 3: replace storm water piping at TDI at a cost of \$3301. Change order 4: install service lines by power ram and not moling due to unstable soil at a cost of \$24,555.60. At the next sewer/water committee meeting Bill Trygstad will have a compensating change order to show what was used, council would also like the committee to go through a line by line item for usage and cost ratio. Mayor Parker signed the change orders.

Reservoir still needs to be cleaned, painted, filled and tested, with a May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Bill Trygstad still needs to get some well pump information from Chad Larson or from Dave or Mike Wadewitz.

The committee has finished the water ordinance. Rick Przytarski made a motion to hold a public hearing on April 13, 2010 at 6:45 P.M. Motion seconded by Chad Wangen. Motion passed.

The water rates set forth by the sewer/water committee would be a \$10 base fee and a \$3.00 fee per 1,000 gallons with an average usage of 4,000 would cost \$22 per month. The conservation rate would be \$5.25 after 9,000 gallons used, which would cover all residential, commercial and industrial users. Discussion was held on keeping the rates as they are or implementing the new rates. Council members agreed to leave the water rates as they are until September 1, 2010 to review how much water is being used by the new residents and how much operations & maintenance costs.

At the last council meeting Jack Roberts asked for the sewer/water committee to tie in the sewer rates with those that would be hooking into the water system. Those that do hook up would have a base fee of \$5.00 with \$3.50 per 1,000 gallon up to a maximum of 5,000 gallons, so the monthly maximum would be \$22.50 for sewer. Wm Wehlage stated the City should not favor one resident over the other because of connecting to the water system, all residents should then be at a flat rate of \$22.50. Sewer rates will be discussed along with the water rates in September 2010.

Flood Bonding: Bill Trygstad stated the City would need to spend the money this year. These projects will be under one state aid number and all will be done this summer/fall. Mr. Trygstad would like to have Heselton done first before another company comes in to do the work.

City Attorney: Three RFP's were sent out but only one came back. Wayne Schauble charges \$145 per hour for local governments on a non-retainer, on-call basis, and \$125 per hour for municipalities on at least 2 hours per month of work. Clerk Winchester will invite him to our next council meeting to discuss with the City Council.

**New business:**

Steve Drazkowski discussed the action up at the state capitol from the deficit to LGA cuts and GMAC to the green acres program. Mayor Parker would like Mr. Drazkowski to help with our railroad bridge on the north side by Co. Rd. 23. This bridge was thought to have kept water back during the Flood of 2007, with suggestions of needing the span to be doubled and cleaning out the underpass.

Al Mueller wrote a letter for bank stabilization along the creek area at the back of his property. The City looked into flood funds for help, but there was none available. The Stockton, Rollingstone, Minnesota City Watershed might possibly get money to help with finishing the stabilization. The City would not spend any of our money, but would offer our help to find the funding. Council requested a letter be sent to support Mr. Mueller's request.

Wadewitz land Lease: Rent would be \$400 per year beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. This would be the same lease for the Mud Bog area that Harold Wadewitz had for the last five years. His son, Dave Wadewitz would like to have the same lease applied but the rent would be \$400 per year beginning May 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2014. Rick Przytarski accepted the lease for the next five years, with a second from Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

Snow policy: Will be tabled since the Council did not get the policy.

**Complaints:**

Dan Merchlewitz has the garage doors back on the carport, with the heavy plastic still around it. Since this was addressed in the August 2009 letter Mr. Merchlewitz has already been notified and he complied in taking down the doors. Council would like a letter addressing the August 2009 letter with non-compliance and would like to have him assume the risk and liability the building could have, with a \$300 fine for not complying and to bring the carport to a reasonable level of code. Mr. Merchlewitz would also need to apply for a CUP.

Deb Kienow at 8920 Rollin' Sunset Drive has an enclosed trailer and an open trailer in the back yard. She will be sent a letter to have them removed.

**Action Items:**

Outdoor lighting: The lights are ordered and waiting for them to arrive before Heim installs them for about \$600, with lights costing around \$1200.

**Building Permit:**

Ken Oevering: Planning/Zoning committee recommended the building materials must be the same as the primary building or he will need to split the lots. Mr. Oevering does have a proposed legal description separating the parcel, but it is not recorded. Council agreed with the Committee recommendations.

**Chad's Business:** none

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting with a second from Chad Wangen. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

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No closed meeting as Mayor Parker did not have the information compiled and the council decided the meeting went on long enough, will table until next council meeting.