

On Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at Stockton City Hall, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the public hearing for the new Water Ordinance #121C at 6:45 PM. Council members in attendance were Jack Roberts, Lisa Gibbs, and Neil Hjelmeland. Travis McElmury arrived at 6:50 PM

Discussion was held on the outside reader fee, how much to charge and when does it get charged? Chad Larson reads them 2-3 times a year and the first read the City will charge a \$50 fine and a notice go out to the resident. When Chad Larson checks a second time and still not on, the City will charge again, with a second notice.

Mayor Johannes asked for any opinions.

Lisa Gibbs asked how current houses were turned on for water when the outside reader was not attached. If the plumber says they'll do it later, the water shouldn't be turned on until the outside reader is attached.

Mayor Johannes asked three times for comments or opinions.

Jack Roberts made a motion to close the public hearing, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed, public hearing was closed at 7:03 PM

On Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:03 PM. All council members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: Jack Roberts asked about the volleyball courts, Dave Johannes will ask at the next Promotional Group meeting.

Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the agenda, motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the February 9, 2016 minutes, motion seconded by Travis McElmury. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Radium Violation: Bill Trygstad had two preliminary plans, one for the new well and one for the wellhouse addition. Mr. Trygstad is having some issues with the controls for the wellhouse and blending it in the reservoir, since the reservoir has no power. He is waiting for the Department of Health to get some answers, instead of coming up with cost prohibitive ways. Mr. Trygstad and Clerk Winchester will go through the PFA application next week, and the application and preliminary plans will need to be approved by council at the second meeting on March 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Discussion was held on the wellhouse plans.

Water Ordinance: Changes to the water ordinance will be in Section 1.02, Subdivision 3, "Water will only be turned on at the curb stop, by the City, when installations of both inside meter and outside reader have been installed. A fine will be imposed for not being in compliance (see fee schedule), a notice will go out to the homeowners to fix the problem within 10 business days. If not fixed in 10 business days, the water will be shut off until the problem is

fixed." Jack Roberts made a motion to accept Water Ordinance #121C, and to set the no outside reader fee at \$50 per time when the City reads the meters. Motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

Mobile Home Park Antenna: Dave McCorquodale's attorney has emailed to let the City know that they have filed with the court to remove the antenna at Country Valley Mobile Home Park, and are waiting to hear back from on a court date.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Rate Study: Beth Winchester and Margo Riemann put together a rate study for the last four years of actual numbers of revenue and expenses to show gain or loss, with and without depreciation. The 2016 rate sheet shows changes to the cost of per 1,000 gallons of usage and base fee. The 2016 rate sheet is to show PFA that the City can pay them back. There were also figures showing the actual gallons used and sold the last four years, and the water budget for 2016 based on the last four years of actual numbers. Bill Trygstad brought up that the all residents have benefited from the water system, by fire hydrants, and the City could do a base charge for everyone in town because they do have it accessible. Chad Larson stated you need to make the water look attractive so others hook into the system to collect more fees. Council would need to wait on the actual numbers from the radium compliance project and what will need to be paid back to the PFA for the loan.

Temp. Liquor License: Stockton Day's association is requesting a temporary liquor license for the weekend of August 12-14, 2016 for their three day event. The cost would be \$100, and once passed at the Council, the application will need to be sent to the state for approval. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept to grant the Stockton Day's association a temporary liquor license during that time period. Motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland, motion passed with Travis McElmury and Dave Johannes abstaining from the vote.

CITY MAINTENANCE

Chip Sealing: Neil Hjelmeland stated that now that the snow has melted, you can really see the loss of chips. He would like to have a game plan in place in case residents complain about it. Chad Larson stated if they fog seal it when the rest of the City gets chip sealed, they will have to sweep it first. Council requested Chad Larson to get quotes on crack sealing, which will need to be done first, and chip sealing.

Chad Larson asked about the chips at the ballfield parking lot, Neil Hjelmeland stated to call the townships and ask if they want them.

The next council meeting will be March 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Jack Roberts made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, motion seconded by Travis McElmury. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.