

On Tuesday, May 13, 2025, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at Stockton City Hall at 5:54 P.M. Council members in attendance were Brian Koetz, Lisa Gibbs, Mark Potter and Carissa Blagborne.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Public voice forum: none

Mayor Johannes added the communication tower to old business. Dave Johannes made a motion to approve the age3nda with addition; motion seconded by Carissa Blagborne. Motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to approve the financial report and to pay all bills. Lisa Gibbs seconded the motion; motion carried.

Brian Koetz made a motion to approve the April 15, 2025, minutes with a second from Carisaa Blagborne. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Liquor license: Off-Sale at JLL pumphouse, On- Sale and Sunday Sale at Riser's Pub has been requested to be renewed. Carissa Blagborne made a motion to approve the liquor license; seconded by Brian Koetz. Motion passed.

Communication Tower: Mayor Johannes had 2 sites that were proposed. The current favorite at the end of E Street is too low and would require too much fill to raise, so it has been eliminated. Other 2 drawings were the one by the maintenance garage, but it will be the way for the 4 wheeler/snowmobile riders. With the other site being behind the ballfields on the triangular piece. Mark Potter made a motion to approve the ballfield area, with Brian Koetz seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 audit: Sterling Shatek was in attendance from CLA to discuss the audit. Currently it is a draft, but the final approval should be soon. Current cash fund balance for the city's major funds total \$1,500,137. Both the general, sewer, water and blacktop funds are in the profit for the year 2024, minus any depreciation. Other than the GO Bond for water, that is the only debt the city has. Original budget and actual amount variance were over by \$92,823 cash fund balance at the end of the year. Auditors did not find any material weaknesses in financial reporting beyond the limited number of staff that is typical of small cities. Dave Johannes made a motion to approve the 2024 draft audit: seconded by Carissa Blagborne. Motion carried.

CITY MAINTENANCE

MN Pumpworks: For lift station #4, 2 new pumps were installed but it blew out 2 capacitors. MN Pumpworks has now quoted the city a new electric panel at a cost of \$24,926. New pumps can be put in but no VFDs will be installed, and without a new panel the generator cannot be run. Call MiEnergy for a 3-phase power to that generator.

Deb Anderson, City cleaner, asked for the windows at the OTH professionally cleaned, with a quote of \$179 from Winona Window washing. She would also get a quote when he's here for the Community Center to be done. Mrs. Anderson also asked if the furnace room at the Old Town Hall be locked and brackets be placed in the bathroom for the mop and broom. Maintenance related so no approval.

Mark Potter made a move to close the Stockton City Council meeting with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

The closed Employee meeting was opened at 6:38 PM by Mayor Johannes.

The full-time public works ad has gone out with a deadline of May 30, 2025, at 5:00 pm. Dane Wilbright does not want the full-time position, but will continue mowing and maintenance. Discussion was held on having the new person wait for the training on sewer & water until the city knows whether the person will work out. No changes will be made to the hourly wage or hours until the new person gets hired and another closed employee meeting will take place.

Dave Johannes made a motion to close the closed employee meeting, seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.