

On Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Jack Roberts called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 P.M. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Mark Potter, Rick Przytarski and Cheryl Beeman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Addition to the agenda was made by the Clerk under old business Chris Meier, under new business to add Natural Gas lines and Individual Septic Systems. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

Cheryl Beeman would like the council to have the email that was sent to the Clerk by the Prairie Island Tribal Council (page 1, paragraph 12). Also noted was page 2, paragraph 4 about the Emergency Siren, strike out "email the Council members with the quote" and add - get approval from three council members to order siren. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the April 2008 minutes with changes, and Mark Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Under Financial Report, bills to pay, #19, Emergency Siren – the Clerk was instructed not to pay this bill as the full shipment has not been received. Clerk was also instructed to pay back the water and sewer checking each in the amount of \$2014.50, for the Zenk, Read & Trygstad bill from the general checking. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the financial report with these changes, seconded by Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the Flood Report, with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed unanimously.

The Stockton City Building Inspector, Chris Meier, has written a resignation to the City. Mr. Meier has taken a new job and it would be a conflict of interest with the City to continue. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept his resignation, with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Under Mr. Meier's recommendation he would like to have Greg Olson appointed as the new Stockton City Building Inspector. Mr. Olson has filled in for him during vacations and the Clerk has worked with Mr. Olson before. Rick Przytarski made a motion to appoint Greg Olson as the new Stockton City Building Inspector, with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed.

Bill Trygstad called with the news that the Bonding Bill for the Bridges will be taken with large bridges this year, and the smaller ones will be on hold for next year. Mark Potter made a motion to wait for Trygstad's approval of the North Broadway Bridge before discussion with Harmida, Inc. on cost sharing of the sewer project. Lisa Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SEMMCHRA has written a Voluntary Acquisition Program Plan for the Buyout properties. The plan stipulates the policies and procedures that direct the administration

and implementation of the flood hazard mitigation voluntary acquisition program in Stockton. The plan was developed to achieve the following objectives:

- < To combine all available funding into a cohesive program with consistent rules
- < To allow for maximum flexibility in the Program to best meet the needs of Stockton and the individual property owners.
- < To minimize the complexity and red tape for the City and the individual property owners.
- < To assure that applicable State and Federal regulations and compliance provisions are met.

There were two residents that asked about the policy and salvaging items from their homes. One would like the buyout homeowners to have a week or two to get those things out of their home that is salvageable, another would like to salvage some things to be used in their new home to reduce building costs. Joe Wheeler said the salvaged parts could be taken of the appraisal value. Mr. Wheeler also stated once the demolition crew is ready; they should work with the homeowner for any salvageable parts. Leasah Lilla brought up the fact Homeland Security and the City have already told the homeowners previously to get what they want out of the homes, and that they shouldn't be held liable for what they were told then. Each home in the buyout is now on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Lilla also asked that the Council wait until the June meeting to adopt the plan and to let the public see the plan. Mr. Wheeler stated if the Council waits, the City could halt the progress on the buyout program, and the policy can be amended at any time in the future. Mrs. Beeman asked for a flood victim meeting to share this at. Adam Johnson asked if this policy could be mailed to the buyout homeowners. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the Stockton Voluntary Acquisition Program Plan. Motion seconded from Mark Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Potter made a motion to send the buyout homeowners the policy, with a second from Rick Przytarski. Motion passed unanimously.

Under flood projects: the Clerk called Winona Mechanical on Wednesday, May 7, since they were suppose to start work on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Winchester was told they would begin May 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>. Bill Trygstad also called Winona Mechanical and he was told the equipment would arrive Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and begin work on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Winona Mechanical was also told that if the work was not finished by their contract date of June 15<sup>th</sup>, FEMA would withdraw their funding and the City would have no way of paying them.

Under the Garvin Brook Drive Sewer/Water project, Bill Trygstad is weeding out the water costs, as that is included in the City Water Project. Winona Mechanical also has this job.

The Emergency Siren failed again during a Tornado Watch. The Clerk has received box 2 of 2 and is waiting on box one. There has been no installation date pinned down yet either. Cheryl Beeman would like to do an Ad Hoc Committee to get a plan of action to make residents aware of bad weather, and any resident who would like to be on that committee should contact Mrs. Beeman.

Leasah Lilla requested the Council to look into Natural gas lines, she stated if the Water Project passed this would be the time to install those lines as the homeowners lawns will be torn up to put in water lines. Joe Wheeler said the City must finance the Natural gas lines and assess the residents to be paid back over time. Excel would be the company in our community. Mayor Roberts will call his contact to discuss the possibility.

Clerk Winchester must get Appendix A of the Confined Space Program to the City Council. Mark Potter made a motion to adopt the Confined Space Entry Program, with a second from Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

Mayor Roberts requested the last page of the Employee Right to Know program be changed to state 2005, not 20058. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the Employee right to know program, with the correction. Seconded by Mark Potter. Motion passed.

Lisa Gibbs asked about Part Time help, their direction would be under Chad Larson. The part time help would receive a new job description. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the Public Works job description and the Clerk-Treasurer job description with the change of adding a Supervisor position under the Public Works description. Mark Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Resident Ron Volkman brought up the Individual Septic Systems (ISS) in town are not being inspected, and this could be the cause of the contaminated wells. He had talked with Winona County employee, Pat Bailey, and the MPCA about these systems. The ISS should be inspected every three years, and the City Council had given the County the approval to do the inspections. Mr. Volkman asked that since 9<sup>th</sup> Street East of Wacholz is on ISS the City set a precedent. The developer of 9<sup>th</sup> Street did not want City Sewer, but the 8<sup>th</sup> Street developer did. Mayor Roberts will ask Pat Bailey to the June council meeting to discuss sewer for the rest of the City. Ron Volkman will ask Pat Bailey who has ISS and who has an inspection certificate of those septic systems.

Renewal of the:

Stockton Valley Saloon – on-sale, off-sale and liquor license

L&S Grab n Go – off-sale 3.2 license

Jack & Joanie's Café – on-sale 3.2 license

There have been no problems from the Sheriff's Department, and the Clerk has the dram shop insurance for the Stockton Valley Saloon. Mark Potter made a motion to renew the liquor licenses for these areas, with a second from Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the creek clean up. Some residents have been complaining the Work Force Center are trespassing on their property and they have cut too many trees down on their property. Jim Jaskola talked with the DNR, who says the homeowners have property, right to the creek. The Work Force Center is quick to cut the trees down, but removal is taking a month. Discussion was held on buying seedling trees to replace those the homeowners have lost. Lisa Gibbs stated the City cannot get them right now, but could do so for next fall. Lisa Gibbs asked that Steve Runkle be at the June meeting

to discuss this. The City was told in the beginning the Work Force Center would only be cutting the trees that are down in the creek, or hanging over into the creek areas.

A resident asked why Chad was mowing Sue Schreiner's property. The City Maintenance is using her garage to store things after the flood; with the agreement the City would mow her lawn. There is no rental agreement in place, and the Council did not approve of this at the time it was offered. Mark Potter made a motion for the Clerk to write a one-page rental agreement, with the stipulation the City will mow her property in exchange for storing equipment in her garage, and to show the agreement to all Council members before signing. Rick Przytarski seconded the motion. Cheryl Beeman opposed the vote, Lisa Gibbs approved, motion passed.

Mayor Roberts went to an Ag district and Rural Conservation District meeting for Winona County. The purpose of this meeting was for a Bluff land Development Ordinance for the surrounding Townships. If anyone is interested these meetings will continue.

Chad's Business:

1. He checked the manhole for the flow at TDI, there is not a lot of extra water running through it.
2. Municipal Pipe & Tool has televised and repaired E Street and found another manhole on Highway 14 that was also televised and repaired.
3. The flows for the sewer system are normal for a wet year.

There were two estimates for flooring in the senior's Room, First Responder Room and the back hallway. The Stockton Area Promotional Group is looking into refurbishing the gym. Floor Coverings of America quoted \$7171.26 for vinyl flooring, and base. Rivertown Custom Resurfacing quoted \$15327.20 for epoxy flooring with 2 seal coats. Council requested more opinions of carpeting the senior's Room and tiling the First Responder room and back hallway.

The Sewer/Water Committee is asking for a Public Hearing on June 10, 2008 for the Water Project. Lisa Gibbs asked if this could go on the ballot, Clerk would look at procedure for this. Discussion was held on the Water project with residential participation. Mark Potter made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the Water Project June 10, 2008 at the Stockton City Hall. Motion seconded by Rick Przytarski. Cheryl Beeman and Lisa Gibbs opposed the motion. Mayor Roberts broke the tie with an approval. Motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to close the Stockton Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned 9:35 P.M.