

On Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m., to amend the Zoning Ordinance for Subsection 18, Fences. Lisa Gibbs asked why the changes were made. Some of the changes is the residents can no longer place their fence on the property line, and there is no height restriction except up to six feet, and no front yard setbacks. Mike Wadewitz stated most don't have fencing in the front due to fire protection. Lisa Gibbs would like to see it go back to the committee to discuss.

Mayor Parker asked for a final time on opinions.

Doug Seberg made a motion to close the public hearing, with a second by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, public hearing adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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On Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 6:56 p.m. All council members were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to agenda were made by the Clerk to add under new business the public hearing and by Mayor Parker under old business, WoodStockton. Chad Wangen made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, motion seconded by Doug Seberg. Motion passed.

Doug Seberg made a motion to accept the April 2011 minutes with a second from Chris Parker. Motion passed.

Doug Seberg would like to see expenses vs. budget numbers and trend balances of the other accounts. There were new bills to be paid added from the council packets. Doug Seberg made a motion to accept the financial accounts and pay all bills. Motion seconded by Chad Wangen, motion passed.

#### **Old Business:**

**Water Project:** Bill Trygstad was not in attendance, he had called to relate that Haselton has finished all curb stops, and they now can be adjusted 2" each way. Haselton will need to meet with the City to discuss the ends. Bill Trygstad emailed them a punch list today, as they still need to pay the City for the reservoir filling. Jack Roberts and Dave Johannes both said Haselton did a good job of not disturbing the yards.

Wapasha has not called to look at their site yet, should be within the next week, Mr. Trygstad will know more at the Committee meetings. Chad Larson says there are some areas of repair above the reservoir and one below, Jack Roberts also said there are gullies on the bottom half. Fitzgerald's should be coming back to fix their problems and filling depressions and landscaping.

**Flood bonding projects:** Plans have been sent in per Bill Trygstad, although he still has some forms for MN DOT to be filed today. DNR has not responded back either. Council hoping to begin bids next month.

**North Broadway Bridge:** It is possible for the bridge to be done in 3 – 4 weeks time. The piers are almost done, but the cement needs to set. Mr. Trygstad commented there may be a change order on the sewer, he needs to talk with Mike Wadewitz on the sewer changes. Mike Wadewitz reminded them last month of fill they could be using, Clerk Winchester will call Erickson Engineering about the fill. Approach to the storm water ponds are needed and it doesn't look like the plans have it on there, however, if the gravel that gets scraped up from the temporary road could be used to that approach, Clerk Winchester will also ask Erickson Engineering about this.

**Police Coverage:** Mayor Parker would like to have a closed meeting with individual, as he has talked with Sheriff Brand and they could be deputized by him. Scope is not speeding, would be ordinance enforcement. People would call Mayor Parker, and he would call the individual or the Sheriff could call him if its ordinance issue.

**Green Spaces:** Native Grasses were supposed to be done in two weeks not one week, although it hasn't been done with the rain. Lisa Gibbs will call him again, and also remind him about the storm water ponds needing grass established, this is a MPCA violation. Once the native grasses are established within three years, then the paths will be mowed. 8230 W. 5<sup>th</sup>, the oaks have died, but Lisa will go back and look at them again to make sure, and she will get

pricing for new oaks as well for next meeting. Barb Lane: Michael's trees need to be planted, bench is in the gym. 8290 W. Main is done with the planting. 8600 Co. Rd. 23 has the 4-H garden, the pine trees are in, the Clerk will talk with Al Schmidt about a garden this year, a bench is also needed. 8760 E Street needs more bushes and a bench. 8770 Wacholz will need money for playground equipment, about \$4,200 this is without installation, also need lilac bushes. 8370 W. Main, the BP needs to fix the slope, cost for table and bench also needed. 8290 W. 6<sup>th</sup> should be left as is. 8530 & 8560 D Street could possibly add more trees, maybe fruit trees. These are just recommendations; the Committee can bring cost estimates to the next Council meeting.

**East Fifth Street:** Bill Trygstad did not have a cost but it would end up being a 20' x 155' street. Lisa Gibbs doesn't see how this will solve the problem, and the City would just be throwing the money away.

**WoodStockton:** The committee meeting was held, and since no one showed the plans will be tabled with a possible spring time target. Meeting may be in July for next year's event.

#### **New Business:**

**Emergency management:** Council was emailed the Emergency handbook to look over, and report any omissions or removal of any data. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the handbook, with Lisa Gibbs seconding the motion. Dave Johannes would like to have a committee for emergency management to look at the plan, and make detailed plans of what should occur when a disaster happens. For the committee there is help available from Winona Health, Mr. Johannes will contact them to see what they can produce for us. Emergency management committee will meet Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Insurance waiver:** Chris Parker made a motion to not waive the right for monetary limits on the municipal tort liability insurance. Motion seconded by Dave Johannes, motion passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing:** Fencing Amendment for the Zoning Ordinance was discussed at the Public hearing. Lisa Gibbs stated it should be sent back to committee since there are no front yard setback requirements. The amendment would alter the ordinance by stating the fence cannot be on the line, and cannot exceed six feet, unless you get a conditional use permit for higher. Discussion was held on how the wording should be stated; Council would like the amendment to go back to the Committee to discuss.

#### **Complaints/Concerns:**

- Temporary fill areas: These would be behind the BP, 8310 W. Main and the Renk property next to the Maintenance garage area. There is temporary fill on the properties, with no building taking place; these have been in place since then the flood. The properties need to either renew and build or get rid of the temporary fill. Council instructed the Clerk to send a letter to each property owner, with stipulation of renewing or removing fill.

- Daniels: There are three property owners that converge and have fireworks and bon fires, Sheriff Deputy Chris Meyer did arrive this past weekend, but did not write any tickets. The fire was ten feet high and there was no ticket written for that either. In result, the Sheriff dept. is not enforcing the law, and two of the council members will go to the Winona County Board members to discuss why they are not following through with the complaints. Clerk Winchester will get the Council members on the County Board agenda.

- Neil Hjemeland: 8880 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street has a driveway and culvert problem, the ditch is not providing adequate drainage. Chad Larson said the ditch was shot about a year or two ago. Council would like to have Mr. Trygstad to estimate what it would cost for the south side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street to be redone.

#### **Building Permits:**

- 16 Jenny Lane: John Kowahilk would like his permit to go back to the planning & zoning committee per his request and bring back to the Council next month.

- Schell: Charlie Schell is bringing in an existing garage, and the committee would like to recommend he paint it the same color of the cabin since it's already built. Mayor Parker stated as long as he is willing to paint the garage it should be alright. However, the Zoning Ordinance states Mr. Schell needs to apply for variance on the garage, with public hearing on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. However, if permit stated an existing garage and the committee and council passed the permit, then it's already approved.

- Planning & Zoning committee should look at the section of accessory building needing to match in material section.
- Cook and Carlson have not finished what they are supposed to do last year with matching their house with garage.

**Chad's Business:**

- Generator: Norms electric was here today and they stated it will need two transformers, one for the well house and one for the lift stations. Dave Johannes will call the electrician to discuss the estimates. The well house has not been wired, since it will need to be compatible with the generator.
- Chad had cost estimates for a 48" deck mower. Gravely is \$6895 and John Deere is \$5099. This is not a replacement, but an addition to the fleet.
- Graphic Design wants \$24 per whole sign for the City Sewer ponds no trespassing, Chad thinks about 20 are needed for the sewer ponds. Council also requested no parking signs at ball fields and non-motorized signs for all green space committees. Since no trespassing signs are general maintenance Chad should just order all the signs he needs.
- There will be a closed employee meeting after council meeting.

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Mayor Parker opened the closed employee meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Chad Larson's list of things to do is getting longer, and he should be getting Greg Reps to help him. If Greg cannot work then Chad was instructed by the Council to get Larry Sass to finish the list. The ball field still needs the cable and it was requested that Chad finish it tomorrow since Thursday is softball night.

MN DOT is replacing all the signs along the Highway, so Chad has been marking the sewer and water lines. Greg was off selling cows and couldn't work during that time. Two of the lift stations broke down last month.

Margo Riemann is working on dog licensing and water billing. There is a list of what we can do and we pick off that list when we have time. She is working 31 to 33 hours every two weeks. Mayor Parker would like to get a structure for the ordinances first before Margo starts on the rewriting of the ordinances.

Council did instruct Chad to buy the John Deere mower and pay out of the Designated funds.

Clerk Winchester will adjust Chad's water and sewer reports to show the 3.5% raise by gross and not by hour.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to adjourn the closed employee meeting, with a second from Doug Seberg. Motion passed, meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.