

On Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker opened the Public Hearing at 6:55 P.M. for the Council Wages Ordinance. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Dave Johannes and Chad Wangen. Not in attendance was Doug Seberg.

Ordinance states if the Council establishes two or more meetings per month the council member pay will be \$50 per council meeting, instead of the current \$75 per meeting. And Mayor will receive \$65 per meeting instead of \$85 per meeting.

Discussion was held on the reason for having a second council meeting, with the low Committee attendance the Council decided to switch to a second meeting.

The Ordinance will not be in effect until after an election, and the new council members are installed, which will be January 2013.

Mayor Parker asked three times for discussion on the Council Wage Ordinance.

Chris Parker made a motion to close the public hearing, with a second from Dave Johannes. Motion passed, public hearing was adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

On Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Chris Parker called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:07 P.M. Council members in attendance were Chad Wangen, Dave Johannes and Lisa Gibbs. Doug Seberg was not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Corrections to the May 8th minutes, page 3 under complaint, it should state Dan Merchlewitz needs to remove the doors and be fined \$500, not "or" be fined. Also on page 2 under Speed signs, the MN City bus parent company, Durham should be corrected. Chris Parker made a motion to accept the May 8, 2012 minutes with corrections, seconded by Dave Johannes. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Council Wages: Dave Johannes stated he would like to have two meetings per month to shorten the meetings and he would be fine with cutting the wage to equal what they are getting paid now. Discussion was held on additions to the agenda and having a signup sheet for those that want to be added before the meeting. Chris Parker made a motion to accept Ordinance 2010-8-17, Council wages, with a second from Dave Johannes. Motion passed unanimously.

The **Mowing map** and Part time worker should be bundled together. Lisa Gibbs highlighted a map to show what Chad should be mowed. Chad Larson has stopped mowing the right-of-way areas two weeks ago and you can see where he stopped mowing already. A letter should be sent to homeowners regarding the mowing of boulevards and the cost if the City mows these areas. Dave Johannes made a motion to send letters to residents about the boulevard mowing, being effective June 15th, with the cost of what will be charged for not mowing. Lisa Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Part Time Worker: Dave Johannes made a motion to hire Larry Sass as a part-time mower at \$10 per hour, and if Mr. Sass does not want the job to advertise for the job. Lisa Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chris Parker is still looking for a backup for sewer & water

Ball Fields: Dave Johannes looked into the cost of the ball field infield mixes. One company would skin off four-inches and it will cost \$8,000 to \$10,000 to haul the material in, but does not include placing it out on the field. Dave Johannes stated this should be on next year's budget to be done next year. Clerk Winchester will look into grants for the resurfacing, and possibly have Mark Potter scratch the field and re-drag it.

UPDATES:

Sewer & Water: Bill Trygstad was not in attendance but did call with an update. His company had computer problems this past week so he still needs to do the Phase III plans. He would like an approval to send the applications and payments to MNDOT, which would be a bond, and the Railroad which would be \$500 and to the MN Dept. of Health for about \$100. Dave Johannes made a motion to have Beth Winchester be the authorized signer on these permits, with a second from Chris Parker. Motion passed.

Mr. Trygstad will email Ms. Winchester when he is ready to meet with Lee Potter on the easement area, either the end of this week or early next week. Wapasha has to re-do the top of the reservoir since they filled the cracks with the wrong filler. Chad Larson stated there are not problems. Mr. Trygstad sent a letter to Heselton dated May 18th about the blacktop areas that need to be repaired. Mr. Trygstad also emailed Winona Mechanical for placing smaller rock on the South side of E. 9th Street culvert and he will need to reshoot Hjemeland culvert area soon. Jack Noll was not in attendance but did send an email stating the amount available from the grant is \$107,078. Lisa Gibbs stated she would like to see the Potter easement taken care of before the project starts.

CHADS BUSINESS:

- There is a concern about the embankment by the walking bridge that is crumbling. Discuss with the DNR to see what can be done.
- Resident would like to take the pitcher's mound out of the ball field. Chad can do that.
- Chad needs 25' x 4' of sod for behind the building yet, he has been taking some from Broadway where Aarre's culvert is going in. This is a maintenance issue.
- Chad has a list of the weekends and weeks he will be gone, Greg Reps is still on contract to check sewer and water. The list is hanging in the Clerk's office.

Dave Johannes made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.