

On Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at Stockton City Hall, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Neil Hjelmeland, Travis McElmury and Jack Roberts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: Maxine Daniel asked if the Sheriff Deputy would be here tonight, Mayor Johannes stated he has talked with the Sheriff about the speeding, ATV's and drug issue. Mrs. Daniel stated on Sunday morning about 4 am there were 2 cars racing all the way down Eighth Street and even if she would have called them it would have likely been over with by the time they arrived. Mayor Johannes with Sheriff Ron Ganrude, who has already stated they need the proof (picture or video) in order to follow through. They were racing on the highway, Wacholz Drive and E. 8th Street. Jack Roberts stated a complaint form should be filled out and that complaint form should be sent to the Sheriff's Department. Joan Roberts asked about barking dogs at 1 am and 4 am, she also would need to fill out the complaint form.

Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the agenda, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills. Motion second by Lisa Gibbs, motion passed unanimously.

Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the October 13, 2015 minutes, motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Radium Violation: Bill Trygstad was not in attendance tonight, he called to state the topography needed one more day to finish, and he will be at the December meeting to discuss the plans.

Building inspector: Greg Olson was in attendance to discuss the complaints against him. Some of the issues were footing inspections that the contractor called him to do within a two hour period, when the permit states 24-hour notice, and he did ask him to send him pictures, which seemed correct. He would like to continue to serve in this position.

Water Meters: Chad and Beth met with Dan McGrane of Metering and Technology solutions to discuss water meters with radio reads. In any case all of the 114 water meters will need to be changed out; the meters the City does have are no longer made and frequently stop. Metering and Technology has a quote for a handheld system, with all 114 meters at a cost of \$\$31,590. This system would have Chad Larson reading the meters once a month by driving by. There is also a Beacon system, which is pinged off of a satellite, and the initial startup cost would be \$31,971, and a subscription fee of 89-cents per meter, per month. Clerk Winchester contacted Plumbers Mechanical Group for a quote on radio-read meters with a hand held device. Dakota Supply Group quoted \$26,090 for 114 water meters and the hand held. Mike Wadewitz stated the new meters should be tamper proof too. Council would like to know if the City did all 114 meters at once would we get a price break? Council would also like two quotes from 2 plumbers to change out all the meters, and to fix the ordinance to have a fee for no outside meter.

NEW BUSINESS

Ellinghuysen home: Keith Ellinghuysen was in attendance, he has been working with FEMA to reduce/remove his flood insurance. John Devine, FEMA NFIP specialist, emailed the City stating Mr. Ellinghuysen had an elevation certificate done 8/31/2015 and it revealed that his home is not in compliant since the crawlspace that exists under the addition is not properly ventilated and his air conditioner condenser was installed below Base Flood Elevation (BFE). The City will need to rectify the situation and let him know our enforcement actions. Chris Meier, Stockton's Building Official during the Flood of 2007 was in attendance and discussion was held on who should be responsible to inspect permits that are in flood plain and steps to help Mr. Ellinghuysen in reducing his flood insurance. Discussion was also held on Mr. Ellinghuysen's deck being attached to the house, putting the whole home into a lower elevation, Chris Meier will see if the deck could be detached from the home. Mr. Meier will also talk with FEMA about the crawlspace vents; he will need the crawlspace size, which Clerk Winchester will email to him. The air conditioner condensers can just be raised by block to the right elevation. Jack Roberts made a motion to waive all permit fees, with a second from Travis McElmury. Motion passed unanimously.

County Assessments: Currently there is \$14,644.87 to be assessed by Winona County for unpaid sewer, water and miscellaneous bills. Travis McElmury made a motion to assess any unpaid bills to Winona County, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

Small Cities Grant: SEMMCHRA will be closing the Business and Community Development grant. Mayor Johannes and Clerk Winchester will be meeting with them on Monday, November 16th to discuss what steps need to be done for the closing. Travis McElmury made a motion to close the grant, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Jack Roberts abstained due to conflict of interest, motion passed.

CITY MAINTENANCE:

- Boy Scouts will be doing the library houses
- Sunshade will be done next year.
- Signs up for no motorized vehicles on paths. Dennis Jacobs can be on it, City vehicles or emergency vehicles as well.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Next meeting will be December 8, 2015