

On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, Mayor David Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at Stockton City Hall at 7:00 PM. Council members in attendance were Neil Hjelmeland, Lisa Gibbs, Travis McElmury and Mark Potter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: none

Dave Johannes requested to move the Election results resolution to the top of the agenda. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the agenda, with the change. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs, motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to accept the financials and to pay all bills. Motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland, motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept the October 9, 2018 public hearing and minutes, seconded by Mark Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Election Results Resolution:** Resolution 2018-November-13 states that the General election was held on November 6, 2018 with 337 persons voting. The race for Mayor, candidates David Johannes and Christopher Parker resulted in a tie vote at 162 votes each. By state Statute, the canvassing board determines the result by lot. The Clerk chose to have the candidates select a card, numbered 1-10 and whomever was closest to number 5 got to call heads or tails on a coin toss. Chris Parker won the card draw and called heads. The coin was flipped, and the end result was tails. Dave Johannes was declared the winner of the Mayor race. For the Council race, Travis McElmury got 174 votes, Neil Hjelmeland got 172 votes and Kevin Northouse got 171 votes. Travis McElmury and Neil Hjelmeland won the Council race. Mark Potter made the motion to accept the results with Dave Johannes as Mayor and Travis McElmury and Neil Hjelmeland as Council. Motion was seconded by Lisa Gibbs.

Candidates Chris Parker and Kevin Northouse petitioned to have a recount. Hand Recount of the ballots will be Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Winona County Government Center boardroom, where the public is welcome to come. Travis McElmury made a motion that if the recount changes the outcome of the votes, the Stockton City Council will meet on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:00 PM with a new resolution. Mark Potter seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**S. Broadway Fix:** Tim Stockman from Davy Engineer was in attendance to discuss the fix. MNDOT stated that there is a problem and that they may or may not have funding for part of the project. Mr. Stockman stated that which ever design the Council chooses, it will take time to draw up the plans and get a bid out to do the job. Option #1 is to install a Valley gutter at a cost of \$25,735. Option #2 is to regrade the street at a cost of \$78,491. Option #3 is to place an area drain at a cost of \$46,090. Mr. Stockman stated that the street regrade would be a more permanent fix, where the other 2 options will need to be maintained. Council will table the subject, to look over their options.

**E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer:** The preliminary opinion of the sanitary sewer extension for the homes along the South side of E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street has a cost of \$171,890. The sewer pipe would run from E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and across the dry run to Gavin Brook, then along the south side of E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Discussion was held on a \$20,000 mound septic system or assessing the property owners \$28,700 for the project. Council will table the decision until the cost of the mound system goes up, or the assessed amount can come down.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Special assessment resolution:** Resolution 2018-Nov-2018 is directing delinquent utility charges to be placed on the 2019 property tax rolls. Sewer Utility owed is \$8,993.25, Water utility is \$946.46, with a total of \$9,540.37. Also, a sewer connection at a cost of \$13,083.09 at 5.5% interest for 15 years will also be added to a home. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the Resolution 2018-Nov-13, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITY MAINTENANCE**

**Snow Plow** – The new box is on, the plow blade has been repaired and Chad Larson put in 2 new batteries, but the truck didn't start. He did put on a battery jump and it worked fine. The starter may be going out.

-- Reservoir: Chad Larson went up to the reservoir on a sunny day, and he can see the bottom, so he would like to wait another 2 years before getting a company to inspect the reservoir.

-- All the ash trees are out of the park, but Chad Larson is waiting on the electric company to top off some of the other trees. He would like our Tree Inspector, Lisa Gibbs, to check out the maple at Hinton Park and the one on the corner of W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and E Street.

-- There is a beaver dam below the output of the sewer ponds, Chad Larson had taken them out once, but they came back. A call to the MN DNR will be required to have them removed.

-- Dave Johannes will get a concrete pad quote for a new salt storage.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Travis McElmury. Motions were rescinded, to discuss the recount on the votes and to set a Council meeting if the votes change.

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