

On Wednesday, November 12 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.

The Clerk added under old business Ferrellgas contract and under new business Old Garage on Co. Rd. 23. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Correction to Page 2, Paragraph 3 should read “pay back money that was paid by the homeowners.” Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the November 2008 minutes, with the change. Second from Mark Potter. Motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills, with a second by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Flood Financial: FEMA deposited \$93,804.30 into the General fund, the money will be transferred to the Flood 2007 Fund. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the Flood Financials and to pay all bills, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Bill Trygstad could not make the meeting but did call the Clerk with an update on the Water Project. The base map is almost done, they need to check on some plat maps first to complete the stage. The first part of next week they will begin the topography work around town and will be putting the drawings together when they come into the office. He was hoping to have some drawings for the homeowners and Council to look at during the December Council meeting. Mr. Trygstad will be calling Mike Wadewitz to find the next stage of the Subdivision to find the water, sewer and street lines for the reservoir area.

Mike from Xcel Energy visited with the Clerk and Mayor Roberts to discuss a natural gas line in town. The cost of the total project is \$2.5 million and once each resident hooks up the shortfall is \$1,969,644. Rick Przytarski made a motion to drop the natural gas prospects from the agenda, with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

The Ferrellgas contract that was signed in 2006 does state the \$12.00 lease fee was waived the first year – since there is one tank at the Community Center and one tank at the Maintenance Garage the lease fee is \$24.00. The council stated that other companies, whether at home or at a business, do not charge for rental fees and the Clerk should call around for a better LP company. Some suggestions were Selectus, Altura Hardware or Dodge Oil company.

Baywest provided a letter stating they will be doing some soil borings for the Lee Henry Garage site at 8100 West Main Street. They have stated if the spill has not moved they will be closing the site down. Council requested answers from Baywest that if the site does close who is responsible for the future and who will be cleaning the site up?

Mayor Roberts discussed having more things for the youth to do in town. Open gym, movie night, ice skating rink, hire a bus for roller skating rink, possibly get an arcade put in to the Community Center.

The youth are getting bored around town and are getting into fights with one another. The Promotional Group could pay for any activities. Requested the Promotional Group to look into having more activities and also to ask the kids about their ideas.

Billy & Jackie Gibbons would to have the City help find the pins at the address of 8600 Co. Rd. 23, this is a newly acquired property for the City. The previous owner, Ken Benke, offered to help Chad find the property pins. Lisa Gibbs asked why this is different than a previous incident where the council requested the homeowner get a survey done of their property. Since the Gibbons property sides with a newly acquired property of the City it best the City find the pins for the boundaries. This will benefit the Green Space Committee, and all properties should have their pins located and marked before any planning is done by the Committee.

Winona County Assessor's Office will hold the Board of Appeals and Equalization on Tuesday, November 18th at 5:30 P.M. at the Winona Government Center. At least one voting member must attend the meeting. Lisa Gibbs stated she will go to the meeting. Mark Potter made a motion to pay for her mileage and to pay her for a special meeting for attending, seconded by Rick Przytarski. Motion passed, Lisa Gibbs abstained.

Amanda Vail has opened a new Insurance Company in Winona and would like to take over the City's Insurance. She has taken a look at our insurance and stated the cost would be the same. Mrs. Vail was not in attendance and the Council would like to have her present at the next council meeting to discuss this.

Potter Construction submitted a bid for the contract season of 2008-2009 plowing & sanding. The cost per hour is \$94.00. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the contract with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, Mark Potter abstained from the vote.

Red Flag Rule requires any entity where there is a risk of identity theft, to develop and implement an Identity Theft Prevention Program. The rule was issued by the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Trade Commission, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Office of Thrift Supervision. The City of Stockton's program was modeled after the National Rural Water Association. Council would like Karl Sonneman to look at the program before the Council signs the program. Tabled until December 2008 meeting.

Resolution 2008-024 – Resolution to certify results for the Tuesday, November 4th, 2008 General Election. Office of Mayor for the term of 2009-2010 shall be Chris Parker with 122 write in votes. Office of Council Member for the term of 2009-2012 shall be Lisa Gibbs with 168 votes and Dave Johannes with 165 votes. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the resolution, with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed, Lisa Gibbs abstained from vote.

Discussion of the Old Garage on County Road 23 was discussed. Mayor Roberts asked Blue Earth Environmental to bid on the demolition of the garage since they are already doing demo work in the area. The well would need to be capped and the underground fuel tank would need to be removed. Chad was requested to find what is still in the pit for the well that is still accessible.

Chad did not have any business.

Planning & Zoning Committee met Thursday, November 6th. Discussion of the Hubner lot line and who is to measure the site for set backs. Greg Olson stated at the Committee meeting that since the set backs are not a part of the State Building Code, the City is responsible to measure the set backs. Committee would like to have Chad measure the set backs on all new homes. Discussion was held on water and sewer connections, making a check list of all inspections needed, and making a check list of all drawings contractors need to have into the Planning & Zoning Committee before building can commence. At the Committee meeting Greg also showed the members a GIS map of Winona and stated this could be budgeted for the City of Stockton. The Planning & Zoning Committee should put together the Building Inspectors job description and bring that to the next council meeting. Committee also requested a Rental Ordinance to be presented for the committee to look at their next meeting. Council would still like to see legal action against Lee Henry for building an apartment in his detached garage without pulling a permit. Lisa Gibbs asked how Robin Thelen could get to build her house since it will not comply with the Flood Plain Ordinance requesting 15 feet beyond the outside limits for the fill. Ms. Thelen will need to request in writing a variance since her home is 11 feet from the side of the house to the lot line.

Jeff Morey was given a letter for weed control, constructing a silt fence and bringing in a building plan that would require the cubic yards of fill he has put on his property. Since he has made an effort to do one of the three things requested, he will need to receive individual letters for the two things remaining.

The Green Space committee would like to have the hollowed out tree removed at 8760 E Street. Chad and Mark Potter will take a look at to see if Chad could take the tree down himself.

United Methodist Women of Kenyon, MN had a supper and donated \$512.00 for Flood Relief. Rick Przytarski made a motion to deposit the money in the Flood 2007 fund, with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed.

Chris Parker would like to ask the Green Space Committee to find a place to set gravel to entice the Winona City Bus to come to town. The space would need to be large enough to fit the cars of the people riding the bus. The City Bus already goes to St. Mary's University.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.