

On Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at Stockton City Hall, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order at 6:45 PM the public hearing for Ordinance #2016-October-11, to Opt out of the requirements of MN Statutes, Sec. 462.3593. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Travis McElmury and Neil Hjelmeland.

Mayor Johannes asked three times for any opinions or concerns for the Ordinance.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the public hearing, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, the public hearing was closed at 6:51 PM.

On Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 6:51 PM. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Travis McElmury and Neil Hjelmeland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: Mayor Johannes mentioned that the curbing was done in the park around the fence line, building, bathrooms, flags and sign.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the agenda, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

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

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the September 20, 2016 minutes, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Due to the new well and addition to be a large conversation the Council moved it to the back of the agenda.

Air Conditioner: Quote from Horman Enterprise for a single speed, 5 ton, 13 seer air conditioner to replace the old one at \$5,143. Option 1: to add duct work with the zoning dampers for the office space at a cost of \$3830. Option 2: install mini split outdoor system for the office at a cost of \$5200. Council would like to have more than one quote before deciding.

Opt out of Temp. dwellings: Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the Ordinance #2016-October-11 to opt out of allowing the creation and regulation of temporary family health care dwellings. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs, motion passed unanimously.

Welcome Signs: Reedy Construction quoted \$7,884 to set 2 bases and set the signs, but cannot do the project until Spring 2017. Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to cap the cost at \$7,884 if the City can find a company to do it this year. If the City cannot find a company, to do it in the Spring. Travis McElmury seconded the motion, motion passed.

Xcel Energy: Scott Holts was in attendance with an updated packet of information. If they build just for TDI, the capital cost would be \$965,000, with a shortfall of \$550,000. If they built for the whole City at a capital cost of \$3,180,000, with a shortfall of \$685,000. Xcel approached the City again to finance the shortfall, since the law was passed that has funding from current users. So 1/3 of the capital cost would come from current natural gas users, 1/3 would come from the New Area Surcharge (NAS) that would be charged to only those that hook into the system for 15-years at a cost of \$23.99 a month, and the last 1/3 would come from the City itself. If only TDI connects to natural gas, Xcel would lay a smaller pipe and not feed as many properties. Xcel would need at least 60% of residents to hook into

natural gas, to keep the NAS at 15-years or more if more users they could pay it off earlier. After 10-years they would like 90% of residents hooked into natural gas. Since the City cannot bond for this project, it would need to go to voter approval first. Neil Hjelmeland requested a cost sheet to determine the average monthly cost for a homeowner to connect. Council would like to have survey mailed to our residents to see if they would like to have natural gas, and to hold an informational meeting on the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Change Nov. meeting: Travis McElmury made a motion to move the November council meeting to Tuesday, November 15th, due to General Elections being Nov. 8th. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

County Certified's: Currently the City will be certifying \$11,920.47 on November 15th if people have not paid their bills. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to send certified letters for assessments. Travis McElmury seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

BUILD PERMITS

Kenner home: All 5 requirements have been met for Ordinance #105 and the property has been recorded. Travis McElmury made a motion to approve of the building permit, as long it meets the Ordinance. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs, motion passed unanimously.

New well & addition: Bill Trygstad stated that both projects are on hold because the new well is not pumping enough gallons per minute (GPM) from the Wonewoc aquifer. He has talked with DNR, Dept. of Labor and Dept. of Health about the problem, and all are willing to work with the City on finding an alternate route. The new well has been gamma-logged to show where the sandstone and shale formations are located, but it's still not producing enough water for our usage. Mr. Trygstad presented a bill from Traut Wells, Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$86,676.76, with a 5% retainage cost of \$4,561.94. There have also been costs incurred from Eagle Construction, but there is no pay estimate for that yet. Both Rushford and Lewiston have the same well the City has drilled, and both are producing 150-300 GPM. Discussion was held on paying the bill, and get our lawyer involved on the well driller bond because they did not produce a well that the City could use. Clerk Winchester was instructed to contact LMC and discuss with them what the City should do. Chad Larson was instructed to place orange fencing around the holes that were dug for footing.

Chad's Business:

- Quotes for a new box for the dump truck since the box is rusted out. There is one quote from Volkart Welding for \$8,680, but there is another place he would like to get a quote from.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Travis McElmury. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Mayor Dave Johannes opened the Closed Employee meeting at 8:51 PM.

Mayor Johannes and Council member, Travis McElmury, held employee reviews and discussed with the other council members at a previously held closed employee meeting the results.

- Dress code will be more business casual. City will buy polo shirts, long sleeved shirts, and zipped up sweatshirts as tank tops or sleeveless was not recommended. Mayor Johannes will look inot Excel images in buying the shirts, with the City's logo.

- Time clock: Clerk Winchester will look into 2 of them, one for the office and one for the Maintenance garage. Chad Larson asked about any call backs he get when he is done working for the day, or on the

weekends. Council agreed to a 2-hour call back pay for each instance, unless it takes more than 2-hours, then he would get paid for that amount of time. Also any phone calls he receives while not at work will be taken at his discretion, unless he is actually at work.

- Chad Larson takes all the hazmat training through his volunteering with the firefighters. But when he quits volunteering, the City would need to pay for him to go to the training.
- Council would like the Clerk to give them an ordinance at every council meeting to review to determine if it should be rewritten.
- Discussion was held on Margo Riemann's position. Council would like for her to focus on only sewer and water billing, only work 2-days a week, or less if the job is finished.
- Council talked about bringing in someone to watch the efficiency of the office, but Travis McElmury requested to wait until the new water meters are installed first and then adjust from there.
- Council was concerned about the amount of time Mike Lafky was working last winter. The only time he should be helping out is if Chad Larson breaks down during plowing. Council would like a list of the things that need to be done at City Hall that Mike could be doing this winter, and give to Mayor Johannes to discuss with Mike. Another discussion was the hours of mowing Mike was doing, a map will be created showing areas that should be mowed on a monthly and weekly rotation.
- Discussion was held on when Clerk Winchester is not in the office, due to sickness or vacation – the office will be closed then.
- Council requested Chad Larson and Beth Winchester to get list of goals they would like to have done for the next year.

Travis McElmury made a motion to close the closed employee meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM.