

On Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Jack Roberts called to order the Assessment Hearing for the Garvin Brook Drive water/sewer project at 6:45 P.M. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Mark Potter, Rick Przytarski and Cheryl Beeman.

Bill & Cathy Tesky, Tom Koenig, and Mary Palmer were present.

Bill Trygstad proposed an assessment of \$37,234.35 for the three properties. The amount to be specially assessed against the three properties is \$12,411.45, with annual installments extending over a 10 year period, and bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum.

Koenig remarked that he has never paid 6% interest and thought the interest rate was pretty high. As the rates stand he would not be able to afford keeping his property. Mr. Koenig stated the letter didn't explain to him what money he would need to spend.

The cost of the project is set at \$12,411.45, it is not the Council's responsibility to find the residents yearly payment.

Well house loan is 2% over prime. Prime rate now is 4.5%.

Bill Trygstad stated that the City has the right to assess 1% of what they could borrow the money at, the City has the option to set the terms as they see fit. Council would need to make a decision at tonight's Council meeting for the assessment to go on the November 15th tax roll for next year payment.

Palmer asked how the 10 years was decided. The blacktop assessment was a fifteen year deal.

Since water cannot be forced, the homeowners only need to put in City Sewer at this time.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to close the assessment hearing, with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed, hearing closed at 7:10 P.M.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Clerk added under old business the mud bog area lease. Under new business: Candidate forum, Minute of silence, Henry Garage apartment, and Tim Daniel's yard. Cheryl Beeman added under old business the DOT culverts, and Alliant Energy. Mrs. Beeman also added under new business the Green Space Committee. Mayor Roberts added under new business the policy for equipment use. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the September 22, 2008 minutes, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Ferrellgas will be taken off the Bills to be Paid list until the Clerk can call Ferrellgas and get it removed. Council members haven't had to pay for rental on their own tanks. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills but the Ferrellgas, seconded by Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

No change in the Flood Financial report.

Garvin Brook Drive water/sewer assessment was discussed. Mark Potter made a motion for terms of 15 years at 5%, seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Bill Trygstad remarked that the amount is for \$12,411.45 and will not be changed. The Council can revisit the issue at any time. Sewer amount is \$19,255.68 and the water amount is \$17,978.68 once split out. Mark Potter and Cheryl Beeman withdrew their motions. Rick Przytarski made a motion to assess the two individual systems to the properties for 15 years at 5% interest rate, and if the City goes forth with the water project the Council will revisit the assessment and pay back any money that was paid to the homeowners. Mark Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Under the Water Project:

1. Contract agreement between the City of Stockton and the SEMMCHRA from January 1, 2005 to the present to assist in the administration of the MN PFA flood recovery grant. The water grant would pay for these services, but if the Council doesn't move forward the City would need to pay SEMMCHRA \$60,000 plus for services rendered. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept the contract with a second from Mark Potter. Lisa Gibbs and Cheryl Beeman opposed. Mayor Roberts approved of the motion, motion passed on a 3-2 vote.
2. Joe Wheeler gave the Council the status of the buyouts. 3 applicants of the elevation have withdrawn. House only has 4 applicants – 1 has closed, 2 accepted the offer and one offer is out. There are 16 full buyouts, 12 are closed, 2 are pending and 2 accepted the offer just waiting on closing.
3. Resolution 2008-023 – City of Stockton entering into a grant agreement with MN PFA, and SEMMCHRA will have the financial, technical and managerial capacity. Rick Przytarski made a motion to accept Resolution 2008-023, with a second by Mark Potter. Lisa Gibbs and Cheryl Beeman opposed. Mayor Roberts approved of the motion, motion passed on a 3-2 vote.
4. Joe Wheeler will no longer be working with the City of Stockton on the Water Project, Jack Noll from SEMMCHRA will be working with us instead.

A resident asked Mayor Roberts to use the City bobcat for private use. The Council wants to restate that private use is not allowed, it is for maintenance of the City property as a whole.

Candidate Forum was recorded by HBCI, the Clerk has a VCR tape and DVD CD if anyone would like to check them out of the office. The Forum will run on the access channel Friday, October 17 at 10 am to 11 am, and on Monday, October 20 from 6 pm to 7pm, and on Tuesday, October 21 from 2 pm to 3 pm.

Mayor Roberts requested a minute of silence for the passing of Harold Wadewitz.

Dave Wadewitz would like to continue the Mud Bog area lease for farm land. Since there was damage to the crop land from the flood of August 2007, the area could not be used and the contract states the next year would be free. Mark Potter made a motion to change the name from Harold Wadewitz to

Dave Wadewitz, with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed. Clerk will look into extending the contract or if the City would need to put it out for bid from Karl Sonneman.

Cheryl Beeman called Dave Redig of the MN DOT about the culverts along Highway 14. They have come down to look at the drainage areas, but have not done anything about the problem. Mrs. Beeman was told they will need to find the County Drainage maps to continue. Discussion was held on whether to have MN DOT at the next council meeting. Mayor Roberts requested a letter be written to Steve Drazkowski to put pressure on MN DOT to replace and repair the culverts, after various phone calls and conversations with the MN DOT nothing is being done. Mark Potter made a motion for the Clerk to write a letter to Steve Drazkowski asking for his help on this matter. Seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

The lilacs on Helen Gehres property are a driving hazard. They are placed on the Highway R-O-W, and would need a \$1,000 deposit if the City removes them. Cheryl Beeman will talk with Margo Riemann about their removal.

Cheryl Beeman thought residents could call the office to notify Alliant Energy of street lights out. Clerk Winchester goes through the same phone number as the residents, and a listing has already been given to Alliant Energy of street lights that are out or flickering.

Lee Henry has built an apartment in his garage on County Road 23 and did not pull a permit. The apartment is finished and his son has already moved in. Mark Potter made a motion to begin legal proceedings since there is no permit, Lisa Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tim Daniels is not taking care of his lawn, a letter should be written for him to maintain his lawn. There are also two accessory structures on his property that have no permits.

Election Judges consist of Beth Winchester, Nancy Beach, Joanne Ziegweid and Val Clarke. Clerk Winchester is asking for another election judge since it is a Presidential election year we will be very busy. Kathy Tesky would like to participate and will get the information at a later date.

The ball field parking lot is still full of rubble and dirt. Blue Earth Environmental could use some of the debris and grind it up to use as basement fill on the buyout properties. Once it is determined what he could use, the rest will need to be cleaned up.

Bonnie Oldham will be having the boat removed from her property by Blue Earth Environmental, but need Council agreement to come across City property at 8290 W. Sixth street for them to get it out. Council agreed.

Rick Przytarski made a motion to set the tax levy at \$72,514, with a second from Mark Potter. Motion passed.

It was requested that the Green Space committee be put on the update list of the agenda. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 15th at 6:00 P.M. At the previous meeting the members received the deed restrictions and the list of properties the City now owns from the buyouts. Discussion was held on what the Committee would like to see on these properties and the members were instructed to look at the properties and come with ideas at the next meeting. There should be No Trespassing signs up on all

of the properties.

It was requested to put the old garage on County Road 23 on the agenda for next month.

Planning & Zoning cannot meet on November 4th as that is General Election day. Clerk will call the members to discuss a better day and time.

Bill Tesky brought up there is a furrow across Garvin Brook Drive and it will need hot mix to patch. Jack & Joanie's Cafe will be having Joles paving out to blacktop their parking lot on Monday and the Clerk was instructed to call to see if they could patch this area at the same time.

Mark Potter made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.