

On Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Parker opened the Public Hearing for Verizon cell phone tower informational meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Discussion was held on where Verizon planned out to place the 180-foot monorail cell phone tower. The two locations Verizon requested would be in the West parking lot at City Hall or at 8560 D Street. The rent on the contract would be \$5,000 with a 10% increase every five years. The City attorney was emailed the contract to look over and he does have a firm in Minneapolis that will look at the contract and negotiate on our behalf for \$1500 - \$2000.

Public attendees discussed radiation issues about the tower, different areas that would be more beneficial, property values, economic development, and any alternatives the council can discuss with Verizon.

Residents opposed the tower to be in any area of the town proper and would rather see it on a bluff or hillside surrounding the City. They have no interest moving forward with the proposed sites.

Dave Johannes made a motion to close the public hearing, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, public hearing was adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

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On Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the Stockton City Hall Mayor Parker opened the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:16 P.M. Council members in attendance were Dave Johannes, Lisa Gibbs and Chad Wangen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Corrections to the October 9, 2012 minutes are as follows: page 1, Phase III paragraph should state, "Bill Trygstad forwarded information" and not did state. On page 2, Verizon should state "Chris Parker made a motion for an informational meeting" not a CUP request for the public hearing. Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the October 9, 2012 minutes with corrections. Motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

## **BUSINESS**

**Phase III:** Bill Trygstad was in attendance previously, but left to be back on site for TJ's Excavating since they were still working. Tabled until Mr. Trygstad comes back later in the evening.

**Welcome Signs:** Mayor Parker forwarded the visuals to the council by email on the different areas. Mayor Parker also sent the pictures to the State which will pass it on the safety department. Discussion was held on where the East sign would go, and council will scout out these areas.

**Speed signs:** Mayor Parker would like to buy the signs now, and does have half of the grant money the Council requested. Chris Parker made a motion to buy the speed signs. Motion died for lack of second.

**Verizon:** Since the community is against any tall tower in the downtown area, the City will counteroffer to Verizon. Verizon will be at the next Council meeting, and Mayor Parker will talk with Curt from Verizon before the meeting to prep him and he may be available for an informational meeting for the public.

**Community Survey results:** SEMMCHRA shared the results of the Community development survey. There were 216 mailed out and 85 were returned. Top five community requests were downtown building rehabilitation, home ownership assistance, new commercial development, housing rehab with owner occupied housing and recreational facilities. Other requests on the survey were bike or walking path, open gym or gym training, outside ice rink, improve park and basketball courts, beautify Highway 14 in downtown area, flood control, natural gas, sidewalks on Highway 14 and more businesses like restaurant, grocery store or carwash. Results will be summarized and posted.

**Chad's Business:**

- Lights are in council and office but some of the lens were cracked and will need to be replaced. Dave Johannes would like some of the old ones in the Kitchen since the lighting is bad.

**UPDATE:**

- Highway 14 restore: Dave Johannes asked about why this was not on the agenda, since the DOT has not done anything. Neil Hjemeland stated MNDOT is in negotiations with Dunn Blacktop to fix that area since there was no line item for it.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Liz Lassen: asked about the abandoned homes in town. Clerk is looking at what constitutes abandonment and blight.
- Neil Hjemeland asked about Dixie Brown's and the car lot. Since it is considered a business and is zoned commercial, however Dave Johannes stated the excessive storage needs to be stored or contained by the Zoning ordinance.
- Neil Hjemeland talked about the speed signs, and how the City of Viola has them and the benefits they are getting out of them. The Council made a motion that if there is \$5,000 for grants the City would buy them; since there is only \$2500 in grant money the council will not buy the signs.
- Maxine Daniel: Wanted to thank the Mayor for going to the County Commissioner meeting and discussing the problems with the Sheriff's Department. Since then the neighborhood has been quiet and two tickets have been written.

Dave Johannes made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.