

On Monday, September 22, 2008, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Jack Roberts called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 6:03 P.M. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Mark Potter, and Cheryl Beeman. Rick Przytarski arrived at 6:10 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Clerk under business added Native Grasses and Deed Restrictions. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Cheryl Beeman made a motion to accept the Emergency Council meeting minutes of August 21, 2008, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to accept the September 8, 2008 Council minutes with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.

Water Project:

Karl Sonneman looked at the contract for Zenk, Read & Trygstad as Engineering services, he has added an addendum to the contract.

On Exhibit C – page 3 of 6 – the percent will change from 9.5% to 6.1% bringing the cost down for the engineering services. This was negotiated at the Sewer & Water Committee on Thursday, September 18th.

The water access charge (WAC) would be \$1500 and the Water Meter charge is \$100. The residents would be buying the meters from the City of Stockton, this also includes an outside meter for reading.

Mayor Roberts stated the Council already agreed to contract with Bill Trygstad, and once the design plans are finished and it goes out for bid, the cost will be around \$200,000. This cost will be covered by the grant if the Council moves ahead with the project. However, if the Council decides not to move ahead the City will owe Trygstad's firm the amount he has put into the project.

Residents declared that at the last Council meeting it was discussed about getting a list of the pro's and con's and those would be discussed at this special meeting.

Pro's are: better fire protection and lower insurance rates, brings your home value up, grant money to put the project in, residents are not forced to hook up but could pay a monthly fee for bypassing home, possibility of no WAC – this would need to be decided upon when the time comes. There is also the possibility of the State coming in and authorizing the City to put in Municipal water and not having any funding for the City to do so. The grant will also need to be finished within a five year window. The City will be able to grow, and without water Stockton will never have an elementary school or other services. The rates on the pro forma's are also lower than first expected at an average of \$11.70 per month.

Con's: There will always be fees for Maintenance and there is the possibility of paying WAC.

There is no grant money for the WAC since the per 1,000 gallon is lower than the State average. However, there are two banks that would be willing to work with the City to have residents hook up. The City would bond the money to hook up individual homeowners from their curb stops to their homes, the City would pay the bill and assess the amount back to the homeowner during period of time.

Cheryl Beeman asked that if this council goes forward with the engineering contract, and the new council in January decides not to move ahead what will happen then? The City would need to pay Trygstad's firm for what he already worked on. Karl Sonneman stated the City has the right to cancel the contract at any time. However, Joe Wheeler stated the project must be completed in order for the engineering costs to come out of the grant, and if the City stops the project we would need to pay the grant back what is owed.

Bill Trygstad stated the water mains will serve everyone in town but will stop at TDI. The lines will only go to existing homes and not empty lots as those will need to pay for their own water and sewer line expansions. Any openings in the Garvin View Estates will also need to pay for their own expansions.

Question on the Mobile Home Park, why is that not included? The City is doing the same for him as we are the homeowners. The City cannot force him to hook up to the Municipal system, and once he does decide to connect Mr. McCorquodale would need to pay for the expansion from TDI to his park.

Most likely the blacktop would not be touched, this was the reason streets are so wide, but the blacktop itself is smaller so the lines could go in the right-of-ways.

Lisa Gibbs brought up that since the City knew it would be a cost for engineering services why didn't the City budget the money? How can the City budget for a cost they don't know?

Mark Potter made a motion to sign the contract and design the project, motion seconded by Rick Przytarski. Cheryl Beeman and Lisa Gibbs opposed the motion with Mayor Jack Roberts breaking the tie with voting aye. 3 ayes, 2 opposed, Motion passed.

Discussion held on trying to find money for those who were in the flood or cannot afford to hook up.

Once the homes go through the buyouts, the City does not get any money for maintaining them. However, the City could lease out the properties by private bid for them to maintain it, no building on those lots could occur. Most of these lots will be turned into green space and can have a pavilion, bathrooms, parks or nature preserve on them. The City needs to establish a Green Space committee to plan over the winter time what they would like to see on these lots and how to create it. Mayor Roberts and Council member Lisa Gibbs met with Tim Terrill to discuss Native Grasses on some of these lots and on the South Retention pond, this would minimize City maintenance. Chris Parker asked if any areas could be used as a pond and tie in the creek area for trout fishing and create a park just for the fishing. Nancy Beach brought up Johnny Micheel has 3 feet white pine trees for \$15 that could be used, and the Arches has trees that are not being used as well. The Green Space Committee will meet Friday, October 3rd at 6:00 P.M. at the Stockton City Hall.

Lisa Gibbs would like to take plants from around the buyout homes that the City owns to be reused on City properties at a later date. Council would need to make that decision. As long as its City property and once signed by the City she would be covered under the volunteer insurance.

Nancy Beach reminded everyone that Tuesday, September 30th beginning at 5:00 P.M. Chili and Cornbread supper will take place, everyone is welcome to come eat. At 6:30 P.M. the League of Women Voters will have a Candidate Forum for the candidates whom have signed up for the new Council.

Plunketts have been around to trap and poison the rats on the City owned buyout properties. Lisa Gibbs asked Joe Wheeler if there is a clause on the Demolition Contract for rodent control. He will need to look back at the contract to find out.

The City has applied to FEMA for culvert clean out, but have not heard anything back from them yet.

Discussion of putting a guard rail 75 to 100 feet long at the area of the East Ninth Street Slope erosion area. Bill Trygstad stated this would cost around \$40 per foot for posts, railings and labor to install. Mark Potter stated Chad Larson and Greg Reps could do the job and get the guard rail from Nodine Culverts. Mark Potter made a motion to have Mr. Larson and Mr. Reps install the guard rail before winter, with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Keith Ellinghuysen brought up the fact that since the gas station and his neighbor have brought in fill, the spring time flood will be a problem. Both of these sites should have silt fencing around them. Mr. Ellinghuysen's culvert is plugged and Council requested Mr. Larson to look it over.

Nancy Beach brought up to call Dave Redig or Roger Wiskow for any Highway 14 problems.

Mark Potter made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.