

On Tuesday, January 14, 2025, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at Stockton City Hall at 6:00 PM. The council members in attendance were Brian Koetz, Lisa Gibbs, Mark Potter and Carissa Blagborne.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum : none

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the agenda; the motion was seconded by Mark Potter. Motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all the bills. Lisa Gibbs seconded by the motion; motion passed.

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the December 10, 2024 minutes; seconded by Carissa Blagborne. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2025 appointments: City Attorney Skip Weiser

City Building Inspector – Greg Olson

City Auditors – Clifton, Larson, Allen

City Depositories: Winona National Bank, Merchant's Bank

City Engineer: Davy Engineering

City Newspaper: Winona Post

Tree Inspector: Lisa Gibbs

Fire Warden: Beth Winchester

Weed Inspector: Lisa Gibbs

Emergency Director: Beth Winchester

Acting Mayor: Carissa Blagborne

Mark Potter made a motion to approve the 2025 appointments: seconded by Dave Johannes. Motion carried.

Fee Schedule: Discussion on rent for the Old Town Hall will be set at \$75 for a Stockton resident and \$100 for a non-residential person. Dave Johannes made a motion to approve the 2025 fee schedule: motion seconded by Brian Koetz. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation - \$1,000: City still needs to give away \$1,000 as donation. Boy Scout Troop #18 has requested money for a new equipment trailer and Riverway Learning Center is raising funds for 6-12th graders to go to the Capital and Fort Snelling. Dave Johannes made a motion to donate \$500 to each; motion seconded by Brian Koetz. Motion passed unanimously.

SMS Texting: UpAhead Company, sending text alerts to citizens for emergencies, events, weather, etc. Cost of \$250 per month with a \$1500 set up fee. Discussion was held on whether the city residents would sign up, compared to the cost per month; also discussed what about no cell service or bad cell service for the town. Council does not feel that it would be a good fit for the city at this time.

CITY MAINTENANCE

- Discussion was held with Dane on replacing the internet with HBC as they will bridge the internet to the Old Town Hall and the Maintenance Garage instead of having 3 different bills.

Mark Potter made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Carissa Blagborne. The motion passed unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Mark Potter opened the Closed Employee meeting; seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed; the meeting opened at 6:17 PM.

Clerk Winchester budgeted for 3.5% raises across the board bringing Beth and Chad to \$27.43 per hour; Margo at \$18.14 per hour and Dane at \$15.50 per hour. However, Chad will be going to part-time with Dane taking up the full-time position. Dane would like to request at least \$21.00 per hour and will be taking his water and sewer license testing sometime this year.

Mark Potter made a motion to raise employee wages by 3.5% across the board with Dane Wilbright at \$21.00 an hour, pro-rated to January 1, 2025. Motion seconded by Carissa Blagborne; motion carried unanimously.

Carissa Blagborne made a motion to adjourn the Closed employee meeting; seconded by Mark Potter. Motion passed unanimously; meeting closed at 6:28 PM.