

On Tuesday, September 10, 2024, Mayor Dave Johannes opened the public hearing to vacate the alleyways in Blocks 56 and 64; and South D Street between Blocks 56 and 64 and also South E Street between Blocks 64 and 81 at the request of Lance Ladewig. The public hearing was opened at Stockton City Hall at 6:00 PM with council members Brian Koetz, Lisa Gibbs, Mark Potter and Carissa Blagborne in attendance.

Various neighbors called to state they did not want E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street vacated as it is a designated walking/biking/ATV path that many people use. Patsy Gibbs discussed that once you vacate you cannot get the land back except by eminent domain. Mrs. Gibbs also stated what is the necessity of vacating the properties?

Mayor Johannes asked three times for any opinions or concerns.

Mark Potter made a motion to close the public hearing; with a second by Brian Koetz. Motion passed; public hearing was closed at 6:06 PM.

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On Tuesday, September 10, 2024, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at Stockton City Hall at 6:06 PM. Council members in attendance were Brian Koetz, Lisa Gibbs, Mark Potter and Carissa Blagborne.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: none

Mark Potter made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by Carissa Blagborne. Motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills. Motion seconded by Brian Koetz; motion passed.

Dave Johannes made a motion to accept the August 14, 2024, 2 public hearings and council minutes; seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Vacate Alleys and Streets:** Lance Ladewig could not attend the meeting, council agreed to postpone the meeting until he could attend.

**Wadsworth Apartments:** Tammy Wadsworth has received the certified letter for the \$1,000 fine and to take out the 2 apartments at 8500 W. Main Street on July 27, 2024. The letter stated she would have 30 days to rectify the problem of building said 2 apartments in a flood zone and without a building permit. Since the 30 days have passed, Clerk Winchester asked what the council would like to do since it has not been done. Discussion was held on giving her another fine of \$1,000; and continuing to fine her every 30 days for being in non-compliance. The council agreed to send another certified letter, stating that every 30 days of non-compliance Mrs. Wadsworth will be fined \$1,000 and if not paid by October 15, 2024, it will be set as a lien against her property. The council would like to have Clerk Winchester ask the city attorney if this would be feasible first.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2023 Audit:** Craig Popenhagen from Clifton Larson & Allen was in attendance to discuss the 2023 audit. Discussion was held on the city changing the basis of presentation to the regulatory basis of accounting. The general funds revenue was \$415,662 with expenses at \$348,642, giving an excess of \$67,020. The blacktop funds at the end of year had \$310,132. Water fund came in with a negative \$58,830 but without depreciation it was a positive of \$53,639. Sewer funds were a negative \$198,705, but without depreciation

and work on rip rap and lift station fixes it came out to a positive \$17,746. Budget vs actual came in with a negative \$221,231, which most is capital outlay like rip rap, Old Town Hall renovations, and blacktopping street. Any problems the city has were common for small cities with few staff, and the city should continue to evaluate internal processes to see if any additional control measures can be implemented. Carissa Blagborne made a motion to accept the 2023 financial audit; seconded by Mark Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **CITY MAINTENANCE**

- The ditch along E Street is being worked on and should be finished tomorrow.
- The generators are in, and both are being done with manual start.

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 6:50 PM.

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Mayor Dave Johannes opened the closed employee meeting at 6:52 PM to discuss what Chad Larson and Dane Wilbright would like to work. Both Chad and Dane are working part-time currently, and Chad will be done by April of 2026 when his water and sewer license expires. Discussion was held on contracting out the water/sewer licenses and Chad stated it would be about \$1500 per month.

Dane will take the water and sewer exams, and both will be part-time for the next six months when the council will revisit this.

Dave Johannes made a motion to adjourn the closed employee meeting; seconded by Carissa Blagborne. Motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.