

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2009

The first regular meeting of the month was called to order at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday December 1st by Mayor Wayne Madison with the following Commissioners being present: Darrell Sammons, Don McLaughlin, Twila Sander and Reesa K. Brown. City Manager Keith Schlaegel and City Clerk Doug Conn were also present

Visitors: Virgi Laska, Stockton Sentinel; Rick Stenzel and Jamie Stapleton, EBH; Kathy Ross, Director of Solomon valley Manor; Roger Hrabe, Rooks County Economic Development and Randy Hrabe, Northwest Planning and Development Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Solomon Valley Manor (SVM) Gross Payroll -\$ 34,490.94
2. Approval of SVM Warrants - \$29,272.96
3. Approval of City of Stockton (COS) September Warrants - \$199,766.47
4. Approval of Minutes: 11/17/2009 Regular Meeting
5. Approval of Minutes: 11/25/2009 Special Meeting
6. Approval of Payment request from APAC - \$85,078.56

Don moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Darrell seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Improvement Project Update: Rick informed the commission that Dave Barber of USDA RD had told Rick that since the well cleanup and improvement had not been in the original scope of work that EBH must write up a proposal for USDA RD approval. There doesn't seem to be a problem just procedure that must be followed. Rick stated that this would increase the cost from his estimate approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000. Rick also noted that well number two was a hand dug well and would either have to be re-drilled or plugged. Rick's recommendation was to plug the well and rework the water rights to get them transferred to another well.

Jamie reported that all the lanes on Main Street had be re-opened, that they had restarted on laying the 8" line on Pleasant Street and should get the 12" line to the water tower tied-in in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roger Hrabe – Update on Economic development: Roger gave the Commission a recap of the activities that he had be engaged in during the past year. Roger stated that three items had taken up the majority of his time: the development of the airport, which is now in the design phase; the sale of the Schult building in Plainville, which the owner is still willing to sell to either the county or Plainville at the discounted price of \$250,000, but there have been delays in the closing of the follow up sale by Plainville; and the various wind farm projects that are being proposed in the county.

Randy Hrabe – CHDO Information: Roger was responding to a request from the Commission for an update on the availability of obtaining additional CHODO housing. Roger recapped the requirements and informed the Commission of some problems that had arisen. Roger stated that the income requirements were too low to attract enough potential tenants; the tax rates were so high in Rooks County that the finances were hard to get to work and that the tax credits that had been used to fund the projects

were not presently available. Roger recommended that the city first determine what was wanted and to find a local investor up front. Roger would be available to assist the city.

Amended Budget: Keith and Doug presented the Commission with recommendations for amending the 2009 budget. The recommended changes basically fell into two categories: those necessary to meet accounting requirements and regulations and those caused by repairs from last year's hail storm that weren't finished until this year. The amended budget set up the Transient Guest Tax as a separate fund as required by law; closed out the COP fund used to fund the Wilkens Manufacturing facility; budgeted for the expenditure of funds to purchase the police vehicle (the original budget had provided for the payments but not the purchase which also must be recorded) and facility repairs for damages where the insurance proceeds had been received in 2008 but the repairs not done until 2009.

Darrell moved to accept the amended budget as presented and to hold a public hearing on the amended budget December 21, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. at the City Hall. Reesa seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Kathy Ross – Phone request for Manor: Kathy presented a request to purchase a new phone system for the Manor. NexTech proposed a system for \$10,920 plus tax that Kathy state would meet the needs of the Manor. The purchase was to be funded from the funds provided by the Hansen Foundation.

Twila moved to approve the purchase as presented. Don seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Wes Bainter Information: The Commission had requested Keith to contact Bainter who had constructed some assisted living facilities in other communities. Keith has done so and stated that Bainter was willing to meet with the Commission to discuss how the project might work. The Commission asked Keith to invite Bainter to a meeting.

Other new business such as items removed from consent agenda:

Hand checks in the amount of \$5,048.48 were presented. Darrell moved to approve the hand checks as presented. Reesa seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Keith reported that the man hole rehab project had started and that the first layer was curing. The new water meters were going in as time was available for the city crew to work on them. Keith and Darrell had attended a meeting in Plainville presented by ITC and reported that the information basically concerned land owners. Keith stated that the present budget for the Department of Corrections contains funds to re-open the Stockton facility in the last quarter of the 2010-2011 budget year. There was no guarantee that the funds would not be eliminated when the budget was finalized, but at least the city would not have to fight to get the funds in the budget.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Reesa moved to adjourn. Wayne seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

SIGNED:

Wayne Madison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Douglas G. Conn, City Clerk