

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY 5, 2010

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

Visitors: Virgi Laska, Stockton Sentinel; Jamey Stapleton, EBH; Denae Odle, Spangenberg Phillips Tice; Roger Hrabe, RCEDC; Jim Circle; Mike Sinclair, Kathy Ramsey and Genny Rahjes, Rooks County Health Center.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Solomon Valley Manor (SVM) Gross Payroll -\$53,461.86
2. Approval of City of Stockton (COS) September Warrants - \$345,683.42
3. Approval of Minutes: 12/15/09 Regular Meeting
4. Approval of Minutes: 12/21/2009 Special Meeting
5. Approval of Payment request from APAC - \$63,569.66

Twila moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Don seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Project update: Jamey reported that APAC had shut down and laid their workers off until such time as the frost was out of the ground. Keith reported that Corina of Northwest Planning and Development was putting together a letter to get an extension of time for the CDBG portion of the project.

Sewer Lagoons – Alan Luttrell: Alan could not make the meeting due to the weather. Keith reported that he had some discussions with him and that there appeared to be 3 options for funding the project: 1. Using left over federal stimulus money which is a 50/50 split with the city's portion on a long term low interest KDHE loan. The time line is to have a contract signed by June 30 which would be extremely difficult. 2. Using new federal stimulus money with the same split and loan, but a deadline of September 30. 3. Using a KDHE loan which is 60/40. Further discussion was postponed until Luttrell could make a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wes Bainter Presentation: Postponed due to weather.

Rooks County Health Center– Mike Sinclair & Kathy Ramsey: Mike stated that the present clinic in Stockton was in need of repair and was also not set up to operate efficiently in a modern medical environment. Mike stated that the Health Center is actively recruiting doctors for the area and expects to add one to the staff this summer and one in 2011. To help in this recruiting and to place better medical service in Stockton, the Health Center is willing to put up \$20,000, in a match with the city, to provide seed money to build a new clinic.

Denae provided sketches of the present clinic and one which her firm had designed to demonstrate the differences between the configurations of the present clinic and a more modern one. Denae stated that to remodel the present building would cost approximately \$150 per square foot or approximately \$500,000. A

new building designed to accommodate 3 doctors would cost approximately \$800,000 depending upon the final design.

Kathy stated the Health Center Foundation would run a capital campaign and there was already a donor willing to purchase the land necessary. Roger stated that there were a number of resources to help fund a project such as this.

In reply to a question, Mike stated that the city would own the clinic and it would be placed where the commission felt it would have the greatest economic impact.

The consensus of the commission was that the proposal merited consideration and that they would factor the proposal into current planning.

Land Fill Fee Increase: Keith informed the commission that the county was raising the landfill rates to \$6 per ton effective January 25th. The rate change will increase the city's cost approximately \$6,000 per year or 60 cents per customer per month. The county expects to raise their fees \$2 per ton every two years. After discussion, the commission asked Keith to propose raises to cover the increased costs and present them at a future meeting.

Approval of SVM Warrants : Warrants in the amount of \$60,482.74 were presented for SVM. Darrell moved to approve the warrants as presented. Don seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Other new business such as items removed from consent agenda:

A draw request in the amount of \$8,883.00 for CDBG funds for the HOME project was presented. Don moved to approve the request as presented. Darrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

A request for reimbursement of sidewalk repairs in the amount of \$256 for the Christian Church was presented. Twila moved to approve the request as presented. Don seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

A hand check in the amount of \$2,221.48 for SVM was presented. Darrell moved to approve the hand check as presented. Don seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

A request for approval of purchase of a compressor for the electric utility in the amount of \$4,702.80 was presented. The expenditure had been approved in the 2010 budget. Darrell moved to approve the request as presented. Twila seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Keith reported that the state examiners were at the SVM. Also Medicaid payments were being cut 10% or approximately \$8,000 per month. Kathy and her staff were working on ideas to cut costs or increase revenues to make up the shortfall.

The annual visit to the Legislature in Topeka was next week with Keith and Darrell both attending.

Keith reported that the engine in the police Blazer had failed. Replacement cost would be more than the vehicle was worth and the department was going to function with only two vehicles at present.

OTHER MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY: Twila moved to enter executive session for seven minutes to consider matters related to non-elected personnel. Don seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The commission entered executive session at 6:19 PM. Meeting was reconvened at 6:26 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Darrell moved to adjourn. Don seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

SIGNED:

Wayne Madison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Douglas G. Conn, City Clerk