

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY 27, 2010
CALLED MEETING**

The Governing Body of the City of Stockton, Kansas, met at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday the 27^h day of January, 2010 in the Commission Room in City Hall for a called meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed sewer lagoon project. Mayor Wayne Madison called the meeting to order. Commissioners Twila Sander, Reesa Brown, Darrell Sammons and Don McLaughlin were present. City Manager Keith Schlaegel and City Clerk Doug Conn were also present.

Visitors: Rick Stenzel and Alan Luttrell of EBH and Alec Hrabe, Water Supervisor were present.

Mayor Madison invited Alan Luttrell to report his findings and conclusions concerning the proposed sewerage lagoon system. Alan informed the commission that although he doesn't know the how much longer the present system will last, given the age of the plant, he would expect the city would be forced to do something within the near future. The plant is currently meeting the permit requirements, but it is taking approximately 2 hours per day to monitor the systems and we should be expending approximately another 2 hours per day to maximize results.

Alan stated that due to EPA requirements we are presently monitoring and testing for several items in addition to the items in the permit. Alan expects the EPA to increase rather than decrease the amount of monitoring and testing required.

Factors in favor of the lagoon system instead of the treatment plant include: reduced operating costs, Alan estimated a savings of \$2 per customer per month in electrical costs between the present system and pumping to lagoons located at the airport site, reduced maintenance costs, eliminating the sludge disposal problem and removing the need for KDHE and EPA testing since there would be no discharge into the water system.

Alan stated that there are several factors making this a good time to take action on the system. There is Federal money available of up to 50% of the cost of the project if the second round of stimulus funds is passed by Congress or 40% loan forgiveness from KDHE if the stimulus funds are not available. The Stockton project is currently on the KDHE project list as either #1 or 2 of the four projects KDHE wants to fund this year. At this time, the competition in the construction industry is such that projects have been bid at under estimate on a consistent basis.

Alan's opinion is that if the city waits until such time as it is forced to act, the project will cost more and the loan forgiveness will most likely not be available.

After general discussion, Darrell moved to proceed with the lagoon project and submit an application to KDHE. Reesa seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Don moved to adjourn. Twila seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

SIGNED:

Wayne Madison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Douglas G. Conn, City Clerk