

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2010

The Governing Body of the City of Stockton, Kansas, met at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 in the Commission Room in City Hall for the first regular meeting of the month. Mayor Wayne Madison was the only commissioner present. Due to a lack of a quorum, Wayne moved to adjourn the meeting until 5:00 P.M. Thursday February 4. Meeting was adjourned until that time.

The meeting was reconvened at 5:00 P.M. Thursday February 4 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 Deputy City Clerk Vicki Novotny were also present.

Visitors: Virgi Laska, Stockton Sentinel; Jamey Stapleton, EBH; Denae Odle, Spangenberg Phillips Tice; Ruth Phelps; Mike Sinclair and Kathy Ramsey, Rooks County Health Center; Loren Goodheart, Jon Voss, Jeff Scott, Electric Production Supervisor; and Kathy Ross; SVM.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Solomon Valley Manor (SVM) Gross Payroll -\$34,080.15
2. Approval of City of Stockton (COS) January Warrants - \$147,155.49
3. Approval of SVM Warrants - \$ 22,855.08
4. Approval of Minutes: 01/19/10 Regular Meeting
5. Approval of Minutes: 01/27/10 Special Meeting
6. Approval of Payment request from APAC - \$25,482.90

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Project update: Jamey reported that the fire hydrant at the school was replaced on Wednesday along with four valves. They are getting ready to start in Sunset and then will move to the north end of town. The project is expected to be finished the first part of May.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ruth Phelps: Ruth wanted to encourage the city to match the \$20,000 that the Rooks County Health Center would put up to build a new clinic. She feels that building a new clinic is what it will take to get a doctor to come to Stockton. Wayne asked Mike Sinclair who would own it and he said the city would. The next question is how it will be financed and Ruth said it is too early to know but that Kathy Ramsey will check into grants, tax credits and loans. Loren Goodheart said the present clinic was built with private funds and he feels this could be done now also. Darrell said that the city has a public building commission and they could own the new clinic and lease it. Twila suggested that the public building commission meet and Darrell said they would have a meeting within a month.

Sewer Rates: Keith handed out the sewer ordinance starting with an increase to \$20.00 which would be a 49% increase and showed all of the sewer rates with that increase. Twila suggested rounding all figures on the new sewer rates. Keith also let them know a lot of cities base their sewer charges on water usage. They want to know how certain businesses are billed and they will look at it at the next meeting. Darrell moved to table the sewer rates. Don seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Trash Rates: Keith had emailed the commissioners with different options on raising the trash rates. Twila moved to raise all the trash rates by \$1.00 including the Woodston agreement due to the landfill charges increasing. Reesa seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Swimming Pool Rates: Twila moved to add \$1.00 to every water utility bill every month for the swimming pool to cover maintenance and all admission fees. Don seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EMP2/KMEA Resolution for load following agreement: Jeff Scott recommended that the commissioners pass the resolution and the load following agreement. Reesa moved to pass Resolution No.10-1 with the City authorizing the execution of a firm agency and load following agreement between the City and the KMEA relating to electric firm energy and load following services for the City. Darrell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Kathy Ross – SVM: Kathy explained some plans to cut back due to state funding of Medicaid. Since payroll and benefits are half of the expenses she will be looking at that. They have cut the raw food expenses by \$1000 per month (an example she gave was only allowing the ice cream machine one day per week instead of 24 hrs. per day), and some positions may be reduced in hours. The rates should be ok so she is not planning to increase at this time. The census is at 28 and possibly another admission next week. She feels communication is very important and they will be having meetings and letters will be sent out to employees also.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Keith handed out a letter and resolution from Doug Bigge to inform the commissioners of a house and senate bill that have been introduced into the Kansas Legislature. Both of these bills want to abolish the state statute requiring that there is one judge per county that resides and works in the county. Don moved to adopt Resolution No.10-2. Darrell seconded. Motion carried 4-1. Reesa opposed.

Wayne read a letter from the library board requesting the commission to appoint Kristina Blackford to feel the unexpired term of Lujeana Howell on the library board. Twila moved to appoint Kristina Blackford to the library board. Don seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Keith reported that he met with Dave Barber in Hays last Friday to go over the USDA paper work for the water project. Darrell made the motion to redeem the temporary notes on March 1st. Reesa seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Wes Bainter had contacted Keith to see if there was any interest in his project. Wes would like to set up a meeting in April so Keith will be contacting him in March to set that up.

Mike Wilson and associate with Energy Systems Group had been to Stockton to do the energy audit. He will be getting back with Keith in March with a report. He definitely can see a need for a project to be started here. The lighting needs to be changed out and he could possibly include in the grant to change out the electric meters to radio read. The windows at the SVM were also mentioned.

Keith gave an update from Doug Conn and Doug will be back in the office on Monday. Sandi Rogers has been helping out in the office this week and will be filling in while Doug is gone.

OTHER MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY: Twila would like to see the city get a display board that could be used at different meetings and the fair.

Reesa had a complaint from Tyler Hemphill about his trash cans that the city had thrown away. Keith had already talked to him and directed the complaint to the department head.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

SIGNED:

Wayne Madison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Novotny, Deputy City Clerk