



## TOWN OF STOCKTON

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### TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: JULY 27, 2017

TIME: 7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Mark Whitney-Mayor-present

Judy Bori-Councilwoman-present

Thomas Karjola-Councilman-present

Kendall Thomas-Councilman-present

Candidates:

Nando Meli-absent

Jill McAfee

Joe Johnston

Vicki Nash

Lance Pooler

Action Items

1. Open Council Candidate Questions:

**Why are you interested in serving as a member of the Stockton Town Council? What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the Stockton Town Council. Based on your life experiences, what skills and abilities do you have that will assist the town in achieving its potential?**

Lance Pooler—He is here to see what he can do for this community. He would like to see more businesses on Main Street and a good view as people come through town. His experience is he is President of AANA groups, (self-help programs). He has been an electrician for 25 years. He is a master electrician, and has his own business as an electrical contractor and it is going well.

Jill McAfee—She does not want to see a giant growth. She wants people to know each other in a small town. She doesn't want to see us become part of Tooele. She wants to be an informed

member and get people to come to Town Council. She works at Dugway as a budget analyst. She has a degree in Accounting. Kendall Thomas asked if she had seen the Town's budget. She came to the budget meeting and heard the discussions. Of course government budget is different. She would help with any budget questions. She recognized Chief Romney for the good job he has done in cleaning up the Town. Maybe someday the sod farm could be going again and she would like to get more revenue from businesses.

Vicki Nash—Her reason for being interested in the Town Council is she is serving on the Planning Committee and has previously been on the Variance Committee. She has seen what goes on in the Town and wants to try to generate new revenue in the Town. She would like to try to keep the town the way people who have lived here forever would like to see it. For her life experiences are, she went to college for x-ray, cat scan, MRI's and mammograms. She has lived here since 2000. Kendall Thomas asked if she has had a chance to review the Town's budget. What was good in it and what raised some red flags. We are surviving in today's economy. We need to make changes to help revenue. Property taxes have not been raised for 20 years. Kendall Thomas asked how do we get revenue for town. She stated the we get revenue through taxes, police calls outside of the area, and sales from the General Store and other businesses.

Joe Johnston—His life experiences are that he owned a community store in Kentucky for 18 months. Nine weeks after taking over, he raised revenue 38%. He has worked in the airport business at Dugway for 19 years. He had to handle a budget at the store he owned. He likes to listen to people and effectively move upon what we want collectively as a Town. Town Council can be an extra line of thinking. Kendall Thomas asked about the Town of Stockton's budget weaknesses and strengths. People in the Town don't know how the budget is spread out. Enterprise funds are Water and they put money in specific budget sections for uses that area. Other revenue pays for employees and maintenance of vehicles.

**What do you believe the top three pressing concerns are for the Town of Stockton at this point in time? And why do you think each issue is important.**

Jill McAfee--The budget is a big concern and the community gets upset with water issues. They don't understand smaller community and bigger bills. Second is the Town's safety. Before Chief Romney came we had a lot more crime such as bicycles being stolen and speeding problems. We upped water bills and if we didn't do it now, it would have to be done later.

Vicki Nash--First is revenue, to make sure we can continue to operate our Town. Second is giving the Mayor more help in getting projects accomplished. Maybe we could use scouts or volunteers. Thirdly, she would like to see some curb and guttering. Then we wouldn't have to sandbag as often. Kendall Thomas asked if that would that include sidewalks. She stated only if the Town could afford it. Kendall Thomas wondered who pays for it. There may be a grant or from our taxes.

Joe Johnston--His priorities are Fire, Police and Water. As a resident coming to meetings and being on the Planning Commission, he has heard the concerns of some of the people in Town. He listened to all the Chief's concerns for public safety and how to properly fund so he can get more staff. Just one of those priorities can be overlooked and bring the Town down.

Lance Pooler – First priority is the budget and revenue combined together and he would like to get things rolling. His second concerns are the Water and Sewer issues. We need to make sure it is taken care of properly. The whole town needs to look at saving water. Third he is concerned with Fire and Police. There are so many things that need to be addressed. He has not been able to look at our budget.

**Are you willing to meet at least once a month and sometimes numerous times for Public Hearings and Town Council meetings? Are there times and days you would not be available? What is your understanding of the difference between a Public Hearing and a Town Council Meeting?**

Vicki Nash--She would be available for any meetings. She is available most of the time and has evenings free. She works only as a standby at the hospital right now. She has time to research grants and other things on the internet. Town Council meetings are held to address issues in the Town and any issues the Planning Committee cannot resolve. Public Hearings are where the public from Town can come and speak about whatever their issue is. Kendall Thomas asked - Is there a difference in the Town Council and the Mayor? She stated they all work together to try and find ways to improve the Town. They go over budget and finances and listen to concerns of people the Town. The Mayor is the tiebreaker when they vote. The Mayor represents our Town and he may need to go to special meetings in the County. Kendall Thomas also asked who are the people who can fire someone? She answered the Town Council.

Joe Johnston--He would be available for Town Council and at meetings other times. His work schedule ends at 2PM, but he does the scheduling, so he is flexible. Town Council is held once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. We just had a water meeting, which was a Public Hearing. Public Hearings are single action items which are discussed and voted on by the Town Council. What are the roles of Councilman and the Mayor? Town Council is the meat of the town who makes decision and as an elected official, they need to make decisions for the Town. Mayor is the single person who breaks ties. Who does the discipline for the Town? It is the Town Council.

Lance Pooler--He would be willing to make meetings, but he is 24/7 with his business. Council meeting is where decisions are made. Public Hearings are where the public gives input and the Council gets to make the decision. What is the difference in Town Council and Mayor. He doesn't know exactly, but wants to jump in. The Town Council makes the decisions and the final is the Mayor on discipline.

Jill McAfee--She would be willing to make any meetings. As long as she has notice she can attend. The difference in the Town Council and the Public Hearings are: One is an open meeting and one is a closed meeting. Public Hearings are about one topic. The Town Council and Mayor work together on various things. Everybody is represented in the Town. The Mayor is full-time and Town Council helps.

**Are you capable of making decisions that are in the best interest of the Town, even when they may not be popular with your neighbor, family or friends, i.e., raising taxes, raising water rates, annexations, etc.? How would you respond to an irate neighbor who complained about a proposed large increase in taxes or water rates?**

Joe Johnston--Everybody's concerns have to be listened to and given equal time. The research is then done and decisions are made. He has to make decisions at work and has had to make sure people lives are taken care of and the majority is happy and pleasant. Raising taxes and water rates are not popular. Annexation is not an IF but a WHEN.

Lance Pooler--He would make the decision for the Cities best interest and not just to satisfy the public. He would tell people, he would see what he can do for them. He works with people like that all the time, and you cannot forget what someone is mad about. He thinks he could make decisions and with the Council he could make decisions to help people with their lives. He has been in business for 10 years.

Jill McAfee--In the budget world, we make people mad. The people want to spend money how they deem, but at the end of the meetings everyone should be pleased. Everyone needs to know how decisions are made. More people should come to meetings to hear how we make these decisions. During the sandbar discussions lots of people came to the meetings. She has been with Women in Wilderness, and they do a lot of fund raising, while getting knowledge and having fun.

Vicki Nash--She is for raising taxes even though quite a few people would not be happy. We need to get revenue where we can. If she had a neighbor who was irate, she would try to explain to them it has been a long time since we raised taxes. We have the choice to either raise taxes or annex in Town to get more taxes that way. She would tell them to come to the public meetings to voice their opinions. She has had experience running the mammogram department and knows how to handle a patient best without hurting them. She has raised a lot of kids and families definitely matter.

2. Candidate Selection: The Council voted and Jill McAfee was chosen as the new Temporary Town Councilwoman. Her term will be August 10, 2017 until January 2018.

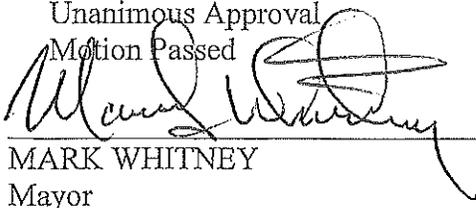
3. Adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

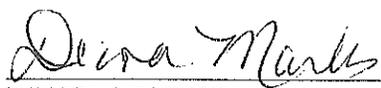
Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilwoman Bori

Seconded-Councilman Thomas Karjola

Unanimous Approval

Motion Passed

  
MARK WHITNEY  
Mayor

  
DIANA MARKS  
Town Clerk/Recorder

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