



There was a special on ABC depicting 9/11 25 years later. It was a narra-tion of the destruction of the Pentagon, the Twin Towers, and the crash of United Airlines plane 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, at the hands of al-Qaeda terrorists. I was aston-ished that it had been twenty-five years since that fateful day in 2001; it seems like only yesterday when I remember where I was and how I felt. I will relay some of the amaz-ing facts that the special presented (Alexa helped, too), along with personal accounts from community members about where they were and how they felt.

The first report of trou-ble surfaced at 8:37 a.m. when Flight 77 hit the western facade of the Pen-tagon. Five hijackers killed 184 individuals in the Pen-tagon. Radar was chaotic because hijackers tam-pered with transponders, making radar tracking almost impossible.

The next target of al-Qaeda was the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. The north tower was struck at 9:37 a.m., and the south tower was demolished seventeen minutes later. In those sev-enteen minutes, all planes were grounded. About 2,338 civilians lost their lives that day in the Twin Towers.

The final horrific action of al-Qaeda was the hijacking of United Air-lines Flight 93 at 10:03 a.m. It is suspected that the target of this attack was the United States Capitol building in Washing-ton, DC! BUT a few brave Americans weren't hav-ing it! Four hijackers on this plane were stopped by passengers and crew, crashing the plane into a field. Some people in the back rows were able to use the air phones to call loved ones and to alert ground crews. Forty-four souls went to Glory in that man-ner.

Altogether, 2,997 civil-ians were killed that day!!!! That is not counting the nineteen hijackers.

FBI agents were on the case immediately. After the dust and debris set-tled, a hole twenty-seven to forty feet deep (in some places), measuring eighty-five by eighty-five feet, was cordoned off so that the investigation and identi-

fication of remains could begin. It took up to a year to identify loved ones. What amazed me the most is that EVERY deceased victim was identified through dental records, fingerprints, and DNA!

Sandy Jacobs formerly resided in Phillipsburg but now lives in Speed. Sandy was an employee at Farm-ers National Bank on 9-11, 2001. This is her remem-brance:

"I was working as a teller, and I was told I had a call from my son, Jari. He was at college at the time, and receiving a call from him at that time and at my place of work was

very unusual. He was call-ing me to tell me about the attack on the Twin Towers. I was shocked! About the time his call came in, the news hit our radio station, and everyone at the bank was devastated! We didn't have a TV at the bank, so the ladies who lived out of town came to my house over their lunch hours to watch the news. When we heard about the plane being hijacked and crash-ing, my heart stopped because my brother was a pilot who flew those routes frequently. We were on pins and needles until we heard from my sister-in-law that he was fine. My next thought was, "We will certainly go to war!" We had two children old enough to be drafted or enlist. I, like a lot of other Americans, I am sure, spent the better part of the day in disbelief, shock, and prayer!

Francis Mahoney, for-mer principal in Stock-ton and just an all-around good guy, told me he was sitting in his chair watch-

ing the morning news. He said that he saw the first plane hit the north tower, and that the tail section fell to the ground. Then he saw the second plane hit the south tower. He stated that he couldn't believe his eyes!

Staci McClain, an EMT and Social Services director at Solomon Val-ley Manor, was a young-ster. Staci was in her high school history class when fate came knocking. The students watched news broadcasts on TV all day. At first, I wondered why they would let impres-sionable young minds wit-

ness such violence. Then, upon further consid-eration, I decided that this would be part of their his-tory, and maybe it wasn't so inappropriate after all.

Sheryl Oliva-Kollman is the MDS coordinator and Registered Nurse at Solomon Valley Manor. She recounted: "I had just dropped my children off at school and was still in the street in front of the high school in Stockton. I was listening to the Bob and Shari show on the radio when the first plane hit. They had a TV station on in their studio, saw it happening, and started

talking about it. I worked at the hospital in Plain-ville at the time and con-tinued to listen to the events happening on my way there. When I arrived at work, I asked if every-one heard what was hap-pening. My best friend, Judy, was the Director of Nursing at the hospital and had not heard any-thing. We turned on the TV in the lobby, and it was all over the news! I believe at that time, the plane had hit the Pentagon. Judy's oldest son, Travis, was Jerry Moran's press sec-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1700

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS CONCERNING ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES AND ELECTRIC ASSISTED SCOOTER IN THE CITY OF STOCKTON, KANSAS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON:

Section 1. Definitions.

For this article, the following terms, phrases, words, and their deriva-tions shall have the following meanings:

- (a) Electric-Assisted Bicycle – a bicycle with two or three wheels, a saddle, fully operative pedals for human propul-sion, and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the three classes:
 - i. Class 1 electric-assisted bicycle – an electric-as-sisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour;
 - ii. Class 2 electric-assisted bicycle – an electric-as-sisted bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour
 - iii. Class 3 electric-assisted bicycle – an electric-as-sisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle is reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.
- (b) Electric-Assisted Scooter – every self-propelled vehicle, oth-er than an electric-assisted bicycle, that has at least two wheels in contact with the ground, an electric motor, han-dlebars, a brake and a deck that is designed to be stood upon when riding.

Section 2. Operation of Electric-Assisted Bicycles and Electric Assisted Scooters.

Except as set forth below, the operation of electric-assisted bicycles and electric-assisted scooters shall be permitted on streets, highways or rads and within the City of Stockton:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any activity that interferes with the safe operation of electric-assisted bicycles and electric-assisted scooters;
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an electric-as-sisted bicycle or electric-assisted scooter in such a manner as to indicate a careless or heedless disregard for the rights or safety of others or in such a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property;
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an electric-as-sisted bicycle or electric-assisted scooter on Highway 183 or Highway 24 with the city limits of Stockton;
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of sixteen (16) to operate an electric-assisted bicycle or electric-as-sisted scooter without a helmet;
- (e) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an electric-as-sisted bicycle other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto;
- (f) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an elec-tric-assisted bicycle or electric-assisted scooter while car-rying more than the number for which it is designed and equipped;
- (g) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an electric-as-sisted bicycle or electric-assisted scooter while clinging, attaching, or holding onto any vehicle on a roadway; and
- (h) It shall be unlawful for the parent of any child and the guardian of any ward to knowingly authorize or permit such child or ward to operate an electric-assisted bicycle or elec-tric-assisted scooter in violation of this section.

Section 3. Penalties.

Any person violating the provisions of this Article shall be deemed guilty of a traffic infraction. The Municipal Judge shall establish a schedule of fines to be imposed for violations of the Article, which shall not be less than \$10.00 nor mor than \$500.00 per violation.

Section 4. Publication.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Stockton Sentinel.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, KANSAS, THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTMEBER, 2026.

SIGNED:

Robert Becker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Taylor Ghumm, Assistant City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-TATE ELIZABETH ANN LALA, Deceased

Case No. RO-2026-PR-000024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 17, 2026, a Petition for Probate of Will and Appointing Executor Under Kansas Sim-plified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Shane T. McCall, peti-tioner for the estate of Elizabeth Ann Lala, deceased.

All creditors of the above-named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Shane T. McCall
Executor

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1701

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING AND FIXING CHARGES FOR WATER FURNISHED BY THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, KANSAS; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1669; AND AMEND-ING SECTION 15-122 OF THE CITY CODE FOR THE CITY OF STOCKTON.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 15-122 of Chapter XV, Article 1, of the City Code is changed and amended to read as follows: **Water Rates.** The rates for water furnished by the water system of the City shall be as follows:

Residential Single Service Within City Limits:

The minimum monthly charge which allows the use of up to 1,000 gallons shall be..... \$32.30

For the next 4,000 gallons (2,000 to 5,000) per month the charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be \$ 6.20

For the next 5,000 gallons (6,000 to 10,000) per month the charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be \$ 7.00

For the next 10,000 gallons (11,000 to 20,000) per month the charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be \$ 8.30

For all over 20,000 gallons per month the charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be..... \$ 9.30

Multiple service (other than mobile home parks):

The minimum monthly charge for each service, regardless of whether two or more services are connected to the same water meter, which allows the use of up to 1,000 gallons shall be..... \$31.30

For use all over 1,000 gallons per month the total charge shall be the same as for single service and shall be divided equally between each service.

Mobile Home Parks:

The minimum monthly charge for mobile home parks for each unit in the park on the date when water meters are read, except for units individually metered, shall be..... \$32.30

For use all over 1,000 gallons per month the total charge shall be the same as for single service and shall be divided equally between each service.

Provided, if the mobile home park is located outside the corporate limits of the City of Stockton, the minimum monthly charge shall be the same as for rural service.

Commercial/Business Single Service Within City Limits:

The minimum monthly charge which allows the use of up to 1,000 gallons shall be \$32.30

For the next 4,000 gallons (2,000 to 5,000) per month the charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be \$ 6.20

For the next 5,000 gallons (6,000 to 10,000) per month the charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be \$ 7.00

For the next 10,000 gallons (11,000 to 20,000) per month the charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be \$ 8.30

For all over 20,000 gallons per month the charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be \$ 9.30

Rural Service:

The minimum monthly charge which allows the use of up to 1,000 gallons shall be..... \$ 34.50

For the next 4,000 gallons (2,000 to 5,000) per month the charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be \$ 8.30

For the next 5,000 gallons (6,000 to 10,000) per month the charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be \$ 9.50

For the next 10,000 gallons (11,000 to 20,000) per month the charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be \$ 10.70

For all over 20,000 gallons per month the charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be..... \$ 12.00

Bulk Water Hauled from Plant Area:

The charge for each thousand gallons or portion thereof shall be.. \$ 23.00

SECTION 2. Section 15-103 of Chapter XV, Article 1, of the City Code is changed and amended to read as follows: **Service Connection Fees:** There shall be charged for connecting property of the consumer with the water system the following fees:

¾ inch tap - \$ 630.00
1 inch tap - \$ 900.00
1 ½ inch tap - \$ 1,825.00
2 inch tap - \$ 4,100.00
All boring fees for water lines will be passed onto the customer.

SECTION 3. Section 15-105 of Chapter XV, Article 1, of the City Code is changed and amended to read as follows: Increasing **Tap Size.** Should the consumer desire to increase the size of service the cost to the consumer for converting to a larger tap is hereby established as follows:

Existing Size	Proposed Size	Cost
¾ inch	1 inch	\$ 220.00
¾ inch	1 ½ inch	\$ 1,175.00
¾ inch	2 inch	\$ 3,440.00
1 inch	1 ½ inch	\$ 960.00
1 inch	2 inch	\$ 3,220.00

SECTION 4. The monthly usage charge starting at 2,000 gallons and over 20,000 gallons will continue to increase by \$.50 per year for the next 5 years, with the ending date of January 15, 2032.

SECTION 5. Ordinance No. 1669 is hereby repealed and Section 15-122 of Article 15, Code of the City of Stockton is hereby amended.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective and be in force with the February 1st, 2027 utility bills for usage from December 16, 2026 through January 15, 2027, from and after its passage, and upon publication in the *Sentinel-Times*.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, KANSAS, THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTMEBER, 2026.

SIGNED:

Robert Becker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Taylor Ghumm, Assistant City Clerk

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