

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 18, 2010

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Winslow reconvened the meeting of the Standish City Council at 6:15 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Winslow.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Ireland, Winslow, Reno, Sanford, Macaulay, Tunney

Absent: Nelson

It was noted by Mayor Winslow that Nelson had been excused in the Budget Workshop meeting that this meeting was be reconvened from.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION** by Ireland and supported by Tunney to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Munson of 225 West Cedar Street addressed the Council and asked if Council had any comments regarding Mr. Munson's letter to the editor in the previous week's newspaper. Council had no comments on letter to editor but did answer questions regarding the layoff of the former Clerk and the new Clerk/Treasurer position that was being created.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** by Reno and supported by Ireland to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 regular council meeting as submitted. The motion carried.

**MOTION** by Sanford and supported by Macaulay to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2010 special council meeting as presented. The motion carried.

**MOTION** by Reno and supported by Sanford to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 special council meeting as presented. The motion carried.

**MOTION** by Ireland and supported by Tunney to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2010 special council meeting as presented. The motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

**MOTION** by Reno and supported by Macaulay to pay the invoices as submitted. The motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. *Clerk/Treasurer Position Discussion/Decision*

**MOTION** by Sanford and supported by Reno to appoint Peggy Burtch to the position of Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Standish. The motion carried.

B. *IFT Abatement Discussion*

Representatives from Vantage Plastics, Competitive Machining and Arenac Castings were present. Council addressed their concerns with these companies as it related to the signed IFT agreements regarding employment figures.

After discussion, it was **MOVED** by Reno and supported by Sanford to table any action as it relates to the employment figures in the signed IFT agreements until the July 2010 regular meeting of City Council and require monthly reports to Council from all the affected IFT companies. The motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Board of Review Appointment – Keith Sivier*

**MOTION** by Sanford and supported by Reno to reappoint Keith Sivier to the City of Standish Board of Review for a three (3) year term beginning April 1, 2010 and expiring January 2013. The motion carried.

B. *Resolution # 10-01 – Removal of Special Assessment*

**MOTION** by Sanford and supported by Tunney to adopt the following resolution;

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FROM  
THE 2009 TAX ROLL

**WHEREAS**, The Arenac County Equalization Department prints the tax bills for the property owners of the City of Standish;

**WHEREAS**, The Standish City Treasurer certified, to the County of Arenac, the delinquent invoices for the 2009 tax roll;

**WHEREAS,** through the review of the tax roll, it was determined that the following Delinquent Water violation was paid in the amount of \$956.12 in the 2008 Tax year for parcel number:

Parcel # 040-1-400-000-259-00

**WHEREAS,** the City of Standish hereby approves the removal of the aforementioned special assessment from the 2008 tax roll and a refund issued if necessary.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Standish City Council hereby adopts resolution #10-01, authorizing the removal of a special assessment from the 2009 tax roll.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sanford, Tunney, Reno, Ireland, Macaulay, Winslow

Nays: None

Absent: Nelson

The motion carried with a 6 – 0 – 1 vote.

*C. Resolution # 10-02 – Removal of Special Assessment*

**MOTION** by Reno and supported by Macaulay to adopt the following resolution;

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FROM THE 2008 TAX ROLL**

**WHEREAS,** The Arenac County Equalization Department prints the tax bills for the property owners of the City of Standish;

**WHEREAS,** The Standish City Treasurer certified, to the County of Arenac, the delinquent invoices for the 2008 tax roll;

**WHEREAS,** through the review of the tax roll, it was determined that the following Delinquent Water violation was paid in the amount of \$534.72 in the 2008 Tax year for parcel number:

Parcel # 040-3-200-000-100-00

**WHEREAS,** the City of Standish hereby approves the removal of the aforementioned special assessment from the 2008 tax roll and a refund issued if necessary.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Standish City Council hereby adopts resolution #10-02, authorizing the removal of a special assessment from the 2008 tax roll.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Tunney, Reno, Ireland, Macaulay, Sanford, Winslow

Nays: None

Absent: Nelson

The motion carried with a 6 – 0 – 1 vote.

D. *VFW Request for Parade Route – LOYALTY DAY & MEMORIAL DAY*

**MOTION** by Sanford and supported by Macaulay to allow the VFW the use of the City streets for the Loyalty Day and Memorial Day Parades. The motion carried.

E. *Sidewalk Construction Discussion*

Council discussed a possible sidewalk construction project south along U.S. 23 to City limits.

**MOTION** by Reno and supported by Sanford to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for new sidewalk construction south to the City limits along U.S. 23 on both the east and the west side of the highway.

F. *Authorization for Refund of Overpayment of Water Bills*

**MOTION** by Sanford and supported by Reno to authorize the City Treasurer to refund to the property owners the overpayments of water billings for parcel numbers 040-1-400-000-223-00 and 040-2-000-001-305-00. The motion carried.

G. *Authorization for City Police Officer to Participate in Operation Stonegraden*

**MOTION** Ireland and supported by Sanford to allow the Standish City Police to participate in the Operation Stonegraden Grant project for the 2009/2010 and authorize a separate budget line item to be created for funds for this grant. The motion carried.

H. *City's 2% Funding Request from the Chippewa Tribe Discussion*

Manager Moran presented Council with his proposed request to the Chippewa Tribe for the 2% funding which includes \$30,000.00 for a DPW roof, \$3695.00 for lighting for the Library, \$4000.00 for tactical upgrades for the Police Department and a \$200,000.00 general fund allocation.

**MOTION** by Reno and supported by Tunney to submit the 2% funding request to the Chippewa Tribe as submitted by the City Manager. The motion carried.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Water Rate Study Discussion*

City Council reviewed the Michigan Rural Water/Sewer Rate study and discussed all alternatives. The Clerk stated she would use the study that will place a sewer usage charge of \$5.75 per thousand gallons and a Ready To Serve fee of \$10.00 for each ¾ " meter and a water usage charge of \$7.25 per thousand gallons and a Ready To Serve fee of \$22.00 for each ¾" meter for the 2010/2011 budget figures.

B. *Setting Date and Time for Special Council Meeting – 200/2011 Budget*

**MOTION** by Tunney and supported by Ireland to schedule a Special Meeting of the Standish City Council to be held on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a Budget Workshop for the 2010/2011 Fiscal Year and to discuss and decide on proposed water/sewer rates for the July 1, 2010 bill. The motion carried.

C. *Blue Cross/Blue Shield Coverage for Former City Clerk*

Manager Moran reported on the status of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance Coverage for the former City Clerk, Becky Lakin. After discussion, it was **MOVED** by Reno and supported by Tunney to terminate the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance Coverage for Becky Lakin to be effective immediately. The motion carried.

D. *Update – Fire Authority Property Purchase*

Mayor Winslow informed the Council that the Standish Area Fire Authority is seeking to purchase property from the City and that a tentative offer maybe forthcoming. Mayor Winslow stated he will keep Council informed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

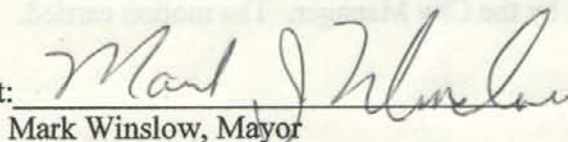
With nothing further to come before Council, Mayor Winslow adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Peggy S Burtch  
Interim Clerk/Treasurer

Attest:



Mark Winslow, Mayor