

## STANDISH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 20211. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor King called the regular meeting of the Standish City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor King.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: King, Tremble, Link, Prout, Cook, Winslow, Rang

Absent: None

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Manager Mason removed poverty exemption guidelines and added approval of Form 5572 Retirement System Annual Report.

**MOVED** by Rang and supported by Tremble to approve the updated agenda.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dennis Whitney appeared before Council to apologize for a delayed removal of the Santa Claus in front of the Depot. He stated it is difficult to remove and wanted to offer apologies if it was bothering any residents. Council offered many comments about how good the city looked for the holidays.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 18, 2021 REGULAR MEETING**

**MOVED** by Link and supported by Rang to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS:	King, Tremble, Cook, Rang, Link, Winslow, Prout
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

The motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

**MOVED** by Tremble and supported by Rang to pay the invoices for the month of January in the amount of \$28,993.89 and the January Hand Checks in the amount of \$34,547.55.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Tremble, Cook, Link, Rang, Winslow, Prout, King  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

**A. TRACTOR FOR SIDEWALK REMOVAL**

Mayor King informed Council that the DDA and the Chamber both decided to give \$5,000 towards a tractor purchase. Mason stated the purchase is slightly delayed due to COVID but will hopefully be completed before the end of winter.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2% SPRING DISTRIBUTION**

Mason asked councilmembers for ideas on what to request for the 2% spring distribution. Tremble stated she would like money to make the vacant lot a playground. Mayor King stated the Community Center offered to take the playground equipment from the fairgrounds to use at their location, allowing the equipment to still remain in the city. Link requested the City research who would be liable for the equipment.

In order to give playground equipment to the Community Center, Mason will need to write a letter to the Saginaw-Chippewa Tribe for their approval. Rang stated she would prefer to see how the letter is received before making a decision regarding the lot.

Tremble stated that she does not want another parking lot in downtown but would rather have some green space. Both Cook and Rang supported this idea, stating they would enjoy something similar to a park or dog park.

Mayor King informed Council that many downtown business owners had expressed a need for more parking. Prout voiced his opinion that more parking lots were needed due to highly frequented businesses such as the gym and dance studio.

Mason informed Council DPW requested a new machine to read water meters, estimating it would run about \$10,000. He stated the current machine used for water reads is outdated. He also stated DPW would eventually like a purchase of a dump truck.

Council decided to revisit both the 2% money and playground equipment at March’s meeting.

**B. BAY AREA FOUNDATION GRANT CYCLE**

Mayor King informed Council that the Bay Area Foundation is accepting grant applications for it’s next cycle and recommended the city apply. Rang stated some grant money could be used for a beautification project along US-23.

**C. FORM 5572 RETIREMENT SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT**

**MOVED** by Tremble and supported by Cook to approve Form 5572 Retirement System Annual Report as submitted.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Tremble, Link, Rang, Prout, Winslow, Cook, King  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

**10. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mason reported the following:

- 1. Television was removed from the Charter Spectrum bundle for city offices, saving around \$65/month.
- 2. Stephanie Olsen reached out to Mason regarding the library and some structural issues. He wanted to inform Council the two will be speaking on the phone about different library issues this week. Mayor King said the Community Center has offered to take in the library.
- 3. There had been complaints of political signs remaining up in the city despite an ordinance ordering removal of all political signs within ten days following the election. Mason stated he would follow up with research on what constituted a political sign, as discussed within the city ordinance.

**12. MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mayor King had no comments.

**13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Rang stated the Farmer’s Market will begin on May 21.

Councilmember Link wanted to thank DPW for doing an excellent job with snow removal after the most recent snow. This sentiment was echoed by Councilmember Cook.

Councilmember Tremble requested the City allow water billing autopayments when switching over to the BS&A system. She also stated the City of Pinconning had reached out enquiring if the City would be interested in sharing City Manager Mason but expressed she would not support this, as the City of Standish is currently in a good place. Many other members agreed.

Tremble inquired about leash laws within the city, as she had been accosted by multiple dogs from a home during a run. Mason said he would follow up on the city leash law, as well as other public ordinances, and speak with animal control.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Councilmember Winslow adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

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Kelsey Antcliff  
City Clerk

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Kevin King  
Mayor