

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 15, 2021

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor King called the regular meeting of the Standish City Council to order at 6:03 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 added Item C: Tribal Grants under Old Business.

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Tremble to approve the updated agenda.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Adam Kroczaleski, owner of Wheeler’s Restaurant, appeared before Council to state his support to turn the vacant lot on Cedar Street into city parking. Kroczaleski, in conjunction with Shayna Castle and Kelsey Herman who were unable to attend the meeting, stated more parking is needed for businesses in the downtown district. Kroczaleski specifically stated harm to his business, as non-patrons use Wheeler’s parking, and others do not go to the restaurant under the assumption it is busy.

Ryan Tremble stated that after driving through town at two separate points in late afternoon and evening, there were anywhere from 75-100 empty parking spaces in the city. Kroczaleski said that although the spaces do exist, they are not in efficient places.

Ryan Klenk showed Council some renderings he produced of how the lot could look as a parking lot, with greenery and trees around the outside to still look aesthetically pleasing.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2021 REGULAR MEETING**

MOVED by Link and supported by Cook to approve the minutes of the February 16, 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 February in the amount of \$21,896.05 and the February Hand Checks in the amount of \$65,231.66.

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. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

City Manager Mason told Council he spoke with the Tribe about moving the playground equipment to the Community Center and they expressed their support, stating they are excited about the work the Community Center is doing. Klenk explained to Council that the Community Center is putting Project Fitness towards the back of the land and would like to put the equipment towards the drive, allowing parents to remain in cars while children play. There will be no charge to use the equipment and the City does not need to provide workers to move the equipment.

Councilmember Rang expressed concern other sources that donated for the playground equipment should also be involved in the discussion about donating the equipment. Councilmember Winslow said he believed any organizations that donated would prefer the equipment to be where it is used.

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Cook to donate the playground equipment to the Arenac Community Center, contingent on approval from other organizations that had originally donated funds towards the equipment purchase.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

B. LIBRARY UPDATE

The Director of the Arenac-Iosco District Library is unsure about the Standish library moving to the Community Center. The library needs to be it's own entity, with security, and still needs to be open during it's normal hours, not just the hours the Center is open. Mason requested 2-3 councilmembers join him and Olsen on a tour of the Center to see where the library would fit in. Mayor King, Councilmember Winslow, and Councilmember Rang agreed to go on the tour.

C. TRIBAL GRANT

City Manager Mason informed Council that his current ideas for Tribal Grant requests are for new technology to read water meters, double computer monitors for the office, and to fix up the parking lot off Forest Street behind old Proulx next to Superior Abstract and Title. The water meter technology would be approximately \$9,000, the monitors approximately \$800, and the parking lot approximately \$17,000. Council agreed Mason should apply for all three items.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. APPROVAL OF KAREN TREMBLE TO DDA

MOVED by Rang and supported by Link to approve Karen Tremble to the DDA.

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

The motion carried.

B. RYAN KLENK- ARENAC COMMUNITY CENTER

Klenk informed Council that the Arenac Community Center’s goal is to raise \$175,000 for Project Fitness. This project includes an all-inclusive path, meaning it could be used for biking, skateboarding, rollerblading, walking, wheelchairs, etc. The walking path will also include twelve different workout stations, an all-inclusive zipline, a Veterans Memorial, and potentially a dog park. There will also be grills for barbeques and be a great areas for family to spend the day.

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mason reported the following:

1. FEMA agreed to give the City about \$40,000 to bring damaged spots throughout the city back to where they were pre-damage. If the City agrees to continue improvement on the spots, FEMA will give more money to the City, possibly increasing up to approximately \$70,000.
2. Mason is currently in talks with Globe about their IFT and money owed to the City due to relocation and tax breaks that had previously been given to the business.
3. Mason is beginning to prepare the Category B grant, a grant the City has never gotten before. After speaking with some individuals, Mason received advice on how to strengthen the grant application, but also stated the City should begin looking into contingency plans to start road repairs.
4. The old SHOPKO was recently purchased by Larry Richardson. The City and the original owners of the building had been in a dispute regarding the assessment value of the building, but as the building sold at a lower price, Mason recommends not pursuing further legal action for a higher assessment.

- 5. Due to the office transitioning to new software, the budget information will not be fully prepared for a special budget meeting by the middle of March as it was the previous year. Mason hopes to be prepared for a special meeting by the end of March and then believes everything else regarding the budget will remain on schedule.

12. **MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mayor King stated the Fire Authority recently put a truck up for bid and unexpectedly got over \$20,000 for the vehicle. He said the City might receive more for old equipment than initially anticipated if put up for auction.

13. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Tremble stated she knows how difficult it can be to migrate all information over after switching software and commended the office staff for their hard work during the process.

Councilmember Rang stated that prep for the Farmer’s Market is continuing.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Councilmember Winslow adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Kelsey Antcliff
City Clerk

Kevin King
Mayor