

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 2024

1. **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 TO AMERICA**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor King.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: King, Link, Winslow, Rang, Prout, Spencer

Absent: Fleszar

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Rang and supported by Winslow to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Rang and supported by Link to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024, Regular Meeting.

All approved, motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

MOVED by Rang and supported by Spencer to pay the invoices for the month of February.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Prout, Rang, Spencer, Winslow, Link, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Fleszar

The motion carried.

8. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

A. Sterling Area Health Center, Property Barrier Request

- Sterling Area Health Center would like to put a temporary fence around the recently renovated property on Main St
 - The length of time this fence would be up is undetermined, due to Health Center not having any established plans presented to the City Council
- Health Center is conversed with liability if people are parking or traveling across the soft gravel of the lots.
 - Originally the Health Center was going to put up signs to welcome parking till their project was in process.
- If a fence was to be erected Council would like to it to follow the ordnance addressing the requirements for a fence within the City Limits

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Standish Fairgrounds – Drain & Easements Requests**

- Arenac County Drain Commissioner would like the city to turn the ditch on Airport Dr. that runs in front of the Fair Grounds over to the County and grant them easement.
 - The Drain Commissioner would like to take this over so that the county maintains it to help with the Fair Grounds project of having the grounds tilled.
 - This ditch would be considered an extension of the Dobson Drain
- Public Hearings would need to be held for the transfer of the ditch to the county and an easement granted.

B. **Water Main Extension Project, Fee and Reimbursement Agreement, Standish Sterling Schools**

- SSI has begun billing the city for this project, the school would like to pay the city one large payment so that the city can pay these bills as they come in rather than multiple bills sent to them over the course of the project.
- The school would like to have it in writing that the school will be charge the same rates as residents living within the city limits.
- 2.9 million is the amount that will be forgiven, anything beyond that amount the school will be responsible for paying.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Winslow to move forward with the documentation for the School Water main project with the addition of the 2.9 million dollars added to line E, pending review of documents by the city attorney.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS:	Link, Prout, Rang, Spencer, Winslow, King
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Fleszar

The motion carried.

C. **“Put your Town on the Map” Consumers Energy Foundation, The Cedar Grove Hangout**

- Kelly Harris is requesting the council’s approval to apply for a Consumers Energy Grant for a renovation of Lyons Park. (Needs to be submitted by February 17, 2024)

- Renovations would include a small building with a sitting area inside and a small sitting area outside.
 - This building could be utilized by local groups to host fundraising events.
- The city would be responsible for the maintenance of this property.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Winslow to allow Kelly Harris to move forward with applying for “Put your Town on the Map” Consumers Energy Foundation.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS:	Winslow, Spencer, Link, Prout, Rang, King
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Fleszar

The motion carried.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mason reported the following:

- Spark Grant –
 - Everything has been submitted for the Spark Grant
 - The community has been very supportive of this project.
 - We will have a response to our grant application middle to end of March.
- The printer lease is up this June, the office has been working on gathering additional estimates for leasing with other companies.
- The Saw Grant application has been submitted; we are just waiting for a response.
- Working on shutting down the Elevator at the water treatment plant on Foco Rd
 - It is an unnecessary expense, all areas that are accessed with this elevator can be reached utilizing the drive that goes behind the building.

12. MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

King reported the following:

- Nothing to report on the Fire Authority

13. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Winslow –
 - February 8th there is an open house at Marigolds from 4p-8p.
- Link –
 - Alley running alongside Huntington bank coming out onto Cedar St is in poor condition.
 - DPW might be able to put some cold patch down.
 - James street – is not draining well due to the curb sinking
 - This is going to be a road project soon.
- Prout –
 - Parking on the road when the snow is being cleared.
- Rang –

- Sidewalk cleaning – we may need to consider paying overtime to have the sidewalks cleaned on the weekends if the weather deems it necessary.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Champagne Southworth
City Clerk

Kevin King
Mayor