

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 12, 2024

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Winslow 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 Pro Tem Winslow.

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Rang and supported by Winslow to approve the agenda with addition of item H. Marigolds to the agenda.

The motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Link – 215 N Cass St
Whitney – 220 E Cedar St

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Link and supported by Rang to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, Regular Meeting.

All approved, motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

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

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

8. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

A. Public Hearing – 2024/2025 Budget First Reading

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to go into a Public Hearing for the first reading of 2024/2025 Budget 6:09pm.

All approved, motion carried.

- The City Manager presented a draft of his proposed budget to the City Council.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to Leave Public Hearing for the first reading of 2024/2025 Budget 6:14pm.

All approved, motion carried.

B. Public Hearing – Easement Abandonment – Airport Drive/County Fairgrounds Property

MOVED by Link and supported by Rang to go into a Public Hearing for Easement abandonment of Airport Drive running through the County Fairgrounds Property at 6:15pm.

All approved, motion carried.

- Airport Drive is plotted to run through the County Fairgrounds property to S. Limits Rd
- The County has asked if the city will abandon this easement so that they might move forward with their fairground's renovation project.
- This abandonment would not affect the established Airport Drive that runs along the front side of the fairgrounds.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Link to Leave Public Hearing for Easement abandonment of Airport Drive running through the County Fairgrounds Property at 6:19pm.

All approved, motion carried.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to Abandon the Easement for Airport Drive running through the County Fairgrounds property to S. Limits Rd.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

C. Public Hearing – Park Lane Road Closure / Abandonment, Resolution 24-01

MOVED by Link and supported by Rang to go into a Public Hearing for Resolution 24.01 abandonment/closure of Park Lane Road 6:20pm.

All approved, motion carried.

- When Park Lane Road was established, it was not given a proper base or drainage, causing large pools of water to sit in low places and gravel to be absorbed down into the ground.

- The city is not able to properly maintain this road as needed.
- Fire department/Police have no use for this road but request a key to the gate if the road is closed by the city.
- The City Manager proposed putting a gate at the end of Washington Dr., making it a dead-end road once again.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Link to Leave Public Hearing for Resolution 24.01 abandonment/closure of Park Lane Road 6:22pm.

All approved, motion carried.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to adopt Resolution 24.01 Abandoning/closing Park Lane Road at the end of Washington Rd.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

D. Master Plan

- The Master Plan has been provided to the city for review.
- Council will review the Master Plan and bring their suggestion or changes back to the next City Council meeting.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Aeration Pump & Check Valve

- The Aeration Pump & Check Valve both need to be replaced.
 - The Check Valve is located at the Water Treatment Plant
 - The estimated cost to replace this is \$7,500 and will take approximately 30 days to receive after the order is placed.
 - Aeration Pump is for the sewage ponds to pump air into the ponds to keep the organisms alive that breaks down the waste and is an essential part to the ponds functioning properly.
 - The estimated cost of replacement is \$14,000.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to move forward with purchasing a replacement Aeration pump and Check Valve for \$21,500.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

B. USDA Loan Application Firetruck – Standish Area Fire Authority

- Fire Authority would like the city to request a loan from the USDA on their behalf.
 - Fire Authority is not able to request a loan from the USDA on their own.
- The Fire Authority will make payments to the city like what the Building Authority does for their loan.
- The loan will be approximately \$330,000.

MOVED by Link and supported by Rang to allow the City of Standish to retain a loan with the USDA office on behalf of the Fire Authority.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

C. Loyalty Day Parade, April 27th, 12:00pm – Start @ Airpark Drive, Continue East on Cedar through the red light, ending at the Arenac Community Center

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to approve the Loyalty Day Parade route starting at Airpark Drive, Continue East on Cedar through the red light, ending at the Arenac Community Center for April 27th, 2024.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

D. Biggby Coffee – Final Approval

- Drive through coffee business.
- Biggby Coffee is just waiting on a final approval from MDOT for their driveway.
- Looking to starting this summer/fall time frame.

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Spencer to allow Biggby Coffee to move forward and finalize their plans for their business within the City Limits.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

E. Copier Lease

- Requested quotes from other companies but have not heard back from any of them.
- Would like to move forward with the lease offered by DUN – Dunn’s Business Solutions
 - Dunns has proposed a 3-year leasing contract.

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to accept DUN – Dunn’s Business Solutions proposed copier lease for the length of time for 3 years.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

F. Tribal 2% Grant

- Items City Manager is proposing that the city requests for in the Tribal 2% Grant
 - Leaf Remover
 - Dump Box for Salt Truck
 - Computer Station for Office
 - Website Update
 - Flag Poles for Lyons Park and Perlberg Park

G. Assessor Contract, 2024-2025

- Jill Peters assessing contract is done the end of March 2024
 - Jill has expressed interest of extending her existing contract.
- Brandon Murphy has provided a contract to offer the City of Standish his assessing services.
 - He provides assessing services to several local government entities in our area.

MOVED by Prout and supported by Rang to accept Brandon Murphy’s 3-year contract for assessing services.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

H. Marigolds – Tasting Room Permit/License

- Marigolds would like to add a Wine tasting room to their business location of 200 E Cedar St
 - Modern Craft Winery LLC

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Spencer to allow Marigolds and Modern Craft Winery LLC to apply for an Off-Premises Tasting Room License and Permit Application for 200 E Cedar St.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mason reported the following:

- 307 N Main St –
 - The city is moving forward with having this property renovated.
 - There is an additional company that needs to be brought in to remove asbestos that has been found in the old Spartan Tire Building once this has been taken care of the building itself will be removed.
 - Hopefully the renovation will start early summer.
- Arenac Community Center has received a 1.1 million dollar grant to help fund their programming.
- City owned property 040-1-00-000-621-17 near Airpark Dr and Park Lane Rd
 - This property was given to the City by Arenac County
 - With everything the County is striving to do at the Fairgrounds the City may consider gifting this property back to the County to be included into the Fairgrounds property

12. **MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

Winslow reported the following:

- Nothing currently to bring to the council’s attention.

13. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Rang –
 - North Forest St into River St is in disrepair and needs attention desperately.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Champagne Southworth
City Clerk

Mark Winslow
Mayor pro Tem