

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2024

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor King called the regular meeting of the Standish City Council to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO AMERICA**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor King.

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent:

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Spencer and supported by Rang to approve the agenda with the addition of item C. Fence Bids under Current Business.

All approved, motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leonard A Harrand – Eagle Exploration Inc. – Possible seismic exploration on city property.

Hergot – 380 North St

Jones – 432 North St – Hergot and Jones would like to shut down the end of North St for a Block party on June 29th, 2024, from 4pm-10pm.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to close the North end of North St on June 29, 2024, from 4p-10p for a block party.

All approved, motion carried.

Whitney-220 E Cedar St

Stawowy- 882 N Grove St – On the ballot for Road Commissioner and Farwell as County Treasurer

Myers – 115 S Church St

Beson – 3970 S Huron – Camper as Residents – Tabled till next meeting

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, Regular Meeting.

All approved, motion carried.

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Link to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2024, Special 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 May.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

8. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

A. Public Hearing - #282 Grass Ordinance, replacing Ordinance #210

MOVED by Link and supported by Rang to go into a Public Hearing for #282 Grass Ordinance, replacing Ordinance #210 6:41pm.

All approved, motion carried.

- Hight of lawn can be no higher than 8inches
- Remove the Date of May 15th, and change it to
- Residents and Landowners will receive one letter a year
 - Grass will be cut 10 days after the date of letter sent, after initial letter no additional letters will be sent the lawn will be cut with no warning if it reaches 8inches in height or higher
- If grass fines are not paid, they will be put onto the property tax
- Fines for initial trim will start at \$200 for residential and \$300 for Commercial and increase in \$50 increments every additional lawn service after

MOVED by Link and supported by Rang to leave Public Hearing for #282 Grass Ordinance, replacing Ordinance #210 6:52pm.

All approved, motion carried.

Tabled till next meeting

B. DWSRF Bond Authorizing Ordinance #281, not to exceed \$2,910,000

- The School Water Project is going to be fully forgiven; however, we still need to take the steps of a traditional Bond process.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to approve Ordinance #281 DWSRF Bond Authorizing; provide for the issuance and sale of financing bonds, not to exceed \$2,910,000

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

C. Fence Bids

- Discussion was held about bid received on a fence to block Park Lane off Washington St

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Rang to go with Midland Fence to block off Park Lane at the end of Washington St for \$6,750.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Yeo & Yeo, Audit Engagement Letter 2023/2024

- May need to receive bids from additional audit firms next year, due to the cost of having Yeo & Yeo perform the Audit each year
 - Yeo & Yeo has been completing the City’s annual audit for several years
 - Put out for bids after the 23/24 audit is completed this fall

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to accept Yeo & Yeo’s audit engagement letter for the fiscal year ending 2023/2024.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

B. Standish Area Fire Authority – Installment Purchase Contract – New Firetruck

- Unable to borrow money through the USDA for equipment
- Installment purchase program would be an option to utilize purchasing the Fire Truck
 - Fees are less to obtain this loan
 - Installment purchase programs are structured like a leasing program
- Amount of the loan would be the same as previously discussed

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Rang to go with Installment purchase loan to purchase the Standish Area Fire Authority New Fire Truck.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- North Central Credit Union will be moving locations to S Huron Rd
- Spark Grant has been pushed back till the end of June
- City Hall's landscaping is completed
- Current road work will be done by the end of the day tomorrow, future road project to consider is S Forest St/River St, Front St, Washington St.
- KFC has been in contact with the City Managers office about their progress with their build
- Drain assessments have been sent out to residents from the drain office. If there are any questions the Drain commissioner will have office hours Monday June 17th from 9a-5p; no appointment will be needed.
- 307 N Main Street is still being worked on by the landbank, hoping to be starting demolition soon.

12. MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Fire Authority –

Received funds to purchase a new drone from the Tribal 2% Grant

Mayor –

City is looking good; street cleaning will need to pick up in frequency

13. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Winslow –

City Property Near the Fairgrounds, has it been turned over to the county?

- The county is still in the process of completing the necessary paperwork to take over ownership of property

Rang –

Would like to see the lot with tall grass near her cleaned up

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Champagne Southworth
City Clerk

Kevin King
Mayor