

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2025

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**

Mayor King led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: King, Link, Fleszar, Lincoln, Niernberg

Absent: Spencer, Myers

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bomaster – 713 E Cedar St

Pops Car Show Representative Tim –

- Asked if the city would allow the Car Show to move back from the Fairgrounds back to downtown.
- The Car Show scheduled for June 14, 2025, with the event starting at 9am and ending at 4pm
- Would like to request road closures be from 5am-5pm
 - Roads Closed:
 - Cedar to Grove
 - Grove to Beaver
 - Grove to Pine
 - Forest to Pine
 - Forest to Beaver
- 150 cars on average have been present for the car show pending weather conditions.

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Lincoln to allow the Pops Car Show to be held in downtown Standish on June 14, 2025 with the requested road closures starting at 5am to 5pm. Road closures would be for Cedar to Grove, Grove to Beaver, Grove to Pine, Forest to Pine, Forest to Beaver.

Roll call vote:

YEAS: Niernberg, Lincoln, Fleszar, Link, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Myers, Spencer

The motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to approve the minutes of December 9, 2024, Regular Meeting.

All approved, motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Link to pay the invoices for the month of January.

Roll call vote:

YEAS: Lincoln, Link, Fleszar, Niernberg, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Myers, Spencer

The motion carried.

8. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Chase Mitzryk – Green Mitten Pharms**

- Would like to open a marijuana retail store within city limits at 3768 S Huron St.
 - Currently this is not permitted within the city limits.
- Topic tabled, pending a public hearing scheduled for February 2025 City Council meeting.

B. **Water Plant**

- The State of Michigan is requiring Water Treatment Plants to get an additional Software to better monitor the filters within the water system.
 - FilmTec Corporation will provide the software and install it at the water treatment plant.
 - Price Quote was \$7620.00.
- This needs to be implemented as soon as possible by state guidelines.
- Expense would come out of the water fund.

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to move forward with purchasing the state mandated water plant software from FilmTec Corporation for \$7620.00

Roll call vote:

YEAS: Fleszar, Niernberg, Lincoln, Link, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Myers, Spencer

The motion carried.

C. **Poverty Exemption – Resolution 25.01**

- State provides guidance that allows low-income households to apply for a poverty exemption, which allows them to not pay property taxes.
- The City Assessor has provided the City with a Poverty Exemption Resolution for the board to review.

MOVED by Link and supported by Lincoln to approve Resolution 25.01 Poverty Exemption as presented by the City Assessor following the state guidelines.

Roll call vote:

YEAS: Link, Niernberg, Fleszar, Lincoln, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Myers, Spencer

The motion carried.

D. Steel Building – Main Lift Station

- The new lift installed at the lift station was presented as not needing a building around it to protect it from the elements.
- The Sewer Plant supervisor has found that this is not the case, the lift freezes being exposed to the wind in the freezing weather.
 - It is believed that we do not need heat to prevent the machine from freezing just something to block from the wind.
- A small building quote from local business was \$6259.00.
 - There are a few businesses that sell these types of buildings, and the council would like to get quotes from a few additional locations.

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Link to move forward with getting additional quotes on a building and giving the City Manager approval to purchase a building for the Main Lift Station that does not exceed the amount of \$6,259.

Roll call vote:

YEAS: Niernberg, Lincoln, Fleszar, Link, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Myers, Spencer

The motion carried.

E. Personnel Discussion – Close Session

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Lincoln to go into close session at 6:55pm

All in favor, motion carried.

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to leave close session at 7:18pm

All in favor, motion carried.

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mason reported the following:

- 3970 S Huron St. –
 - In May 2024 a letter was sent to the property owners of 3970 S Huron for being in violation of City Zoning Ordinance – Dwelling violations, Residing on a Commercial C-2 Property
 - In July it was determined that the property owner and other occupants of the property would have till December 31, 2024, to find other accommodation.
 - It has been determined that as of January 13, 2025, individuals are still residing on this property in a Camper – A certified letter will be mailed to the property owner issuing a fine for the violations.

12. **MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

King reported the following:

- Nothing to report on the Fire Authority
- Would it be possible for the on-call employee to run the sidewalk sweep in case of a snowstorm during the weekend?

13. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Lincoln – DPW is doing a nice job with the snow removal from Sunday's snowstorm.
 - Pothole filled in on Elm St.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Champagne Southworth
City Clerk

Kevin King
Mayor