

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 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, Spencer

Absent: Myers, Niernberg

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

The motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bladecki – 220 E Cedar

Whitney – 220 E Cedar

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Link to approve the minutes of March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting.

All approved, motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

MOVED by Link and supported by Lincoln to pay the invoices for the month of April.

Roll call vote:

YEAS: Lincoln, Spencer, Fleszar, Link, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Myers, Niernberg

The motion carried.

8. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

A. Second Reading – Budget 2025-2026

- General funds will see a 3.1% increase from tax revenue this coming fiscal year
- Staffing wages will increase once DPW position is filled in the next few months
- State is making changes to Act 51 funds for road repairs, possibly allowing for more repairs to be completed in the future
- Contract for Trash is out for bids – expect a 2-3% increase in the cost of this service

- DDA has a healthy budget – funds are utilized to help with the downtown area
- Sewer fund is running at a loss – rate study will be completed with the sewer project taking place this year, possible resulting in an increase in sewer rates
- Water funds are healthy and are expected to grow in the coming year with the completion of the water main to Standish-Sterling schools on Grove Rd.
- Final read will be completed at a special meeting on April 28, 2025, at 6pm

B. Wheeler Road Gravel Project

- Received \$57,000 for gravel to be placed on Wheeler Rd. from the Tribal 2% grant.
- Discussion was held about the boundaries of the city and what portion of some roads were considered city responsibility.

MOVED by Link and supported by Lincoln to approve the Road Commission to begin work on Wheeler Road.

Roll call vote:

YEAS: Fleszar, Spencer, Lincoln, Link, King*

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Myers, Niernberg

The motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. My Michigan Medical Center Standish – Quick Claim Deed

- The way the description is written for My Michigan Medical Center property on Cedar St. it shows that a 12-foot strip of their parking lot belongs to the city
 - They are requesting the City complete a Quick Claim Deed for this property over to My Michigan Medical Center
 - My Michigan Medical Center had their attorneys complete all the paperwork/quick deed for this request.
- This was an error made when the description was completed at the time this property was sold, the city should not have this strip of land.

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Spencer to approve moving forward with Quick Claiming the land over to My Michigan Medical Center.

Roll call vote:

YEAS: Lincoln, Link, Fleszar, Spencer, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Myers, Niernberg

The motion carried.

B. Loyalty Day Parade

- April 26, 2025
 - Line up starts at 11am on Airpark Drive
 - Parade starts at 12pm and proceeds east on Cedar St through the red light and will finish at Cast St at the Standish Community Resource Center.

- MDOT has approved the parade route

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to approve the Loyalty Day Parade route as presented.

The motion carried.

C. United Postal Service – ACH

- UPS is charging \$25 when they are paid via check, the only way to avoid this fee is to have ACH payments set up
- We utilize UPS to ensure our samples from the water treatment plant and sewer plant are sent to the state within 24 hours of the time the sample is taken.
 - This time frame is put in place by the state and each time we must retake a sample it is additional expenses

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Lincoln to set up ACH payments to the United Postal Service to avoid fees associated with paying with check.

The motion carried.

D. Contract Negotiations – Closed Session

MOVED by Spencer and supported by Link to go into close session at 6:54pm

All in favor, motion carried.

MOVED by Spencer and supported by Fleszar to leave close session at 7:26pm

All in favor, motion carried

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mason reported the following:

- North Central Credit Union will be starting to build soon.
- Residents are starting to clean their yards and putting brush out, DPW is picking it up as they are seeing it.
- 307 N Main is almost completed with the demolition work, the ground just needs to be leveled.

12. **MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

King reported the following:

- Fire Authority – Nothing to report
- Blight – Have we seen any improvement with blighted areas?
 - There have been some improvements noted with the homes that have been sent letters

13. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Lincoln – What is going on with the condemned house at 212 N Cass St.?
 - Certified letters have been sent to the property owner with no response, the next step will be to contract the City Attorney and move forward with his directive.
- Spencer – Blight – House on S Front St. with Brown car in the side yard-
 - This has been sent a letter to both the resident and property owner
 - The owner was in City Hall asking for a little bit of time for him to help his tenant get the property cleaned up

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Champagne Southworth
City Clerk

Kevin King
Mayor