

**STANDISH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 9, 2025**

1. CALL 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 THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor King led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: King, Link, Fleszar, Lincoln, Spencer, Myers, Niernberg

Absent: None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

All approved. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bladecki – 220 E Cedar

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Niernberg to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025, Regular Meeting.

All approved. Motion carried.

MOVED by Myers and supported by Fleszar to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025, Closed Session.

All approved. Motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Niernberg, Myers, Lincoln, Spencer, Fleszar, Link, King

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing – 2024/2025 Budget Amendment

MOVED by Link and supported by Lincoln to enter a Public Hearing for the 2024/2025 Budget Amendment at 6:01 p.m.

All approved. Motion carried.

- The council reviewed the proposed budget changes presented by the City Manager.
 - **General Fund**
 - Tribal Grants Spring 2025 - 21,500
 - Administrative Fees – 20,000
 - Federal Funds Other - \$300,000
 - Bank Interest - \$55,000
 - Due From Water - \$35,000
 - Due From Sewer - \$35,000
 - Due From Local - \$15,000
 - Due From Major - \$15,000
 - Salaries - \$600
 - Social Security - \$75
 - Other Supplies \$3,000
 - Parts - \$16,000
 - Contracted Services - \$11,000
 - **Major Street**
 - Highway Vehicle Funds - \$ 175,000
 - Salaries - \$1,000
 - Social Security - \$75
 - Retirement - \$75
 - Materials - \$1,200
 - Contracted Services - \$5,000
 - **Municipal Streets**
 - Contracted Services - \$12,000
 - **Sewer**
 - Capital Expenditures - \$445,000
 - Contingency – (\$439,700)

MOVED by Lincoln and supported by Spencer to close the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m.
All approved. Motion carried.

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Niernberg to approve the adjustments to the 2024/2025 budget.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Fleszar, Niernberg, Spencer, Myers, Lincoln, Link, King

Nays: None

Absent: None
Motion carried.

B. Trash Bids

- Trash bid requests were sent out in May via email and posted in the local paper.
- Republic Services was the only company to submit a bid.
- Republic is the current solid waste contractor and proposed:
 - A 5-year contract
 - Weekly pickup
 - A monthly rate increase from \$11.20 to \$11.65 (a \$0.45 increase per resident)
 - Optional recycling at an additional \$4.50 per month per resident

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to approve the contract with Republic Services for solid waste removal.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Fleszar, Niernberg, Spencer, Myers, Lincoln, Link, King

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

C. Closed Session for Negotiations

MOVED by Myers and supported by Fleszar to enter Closed Session at 6:52 p.m.
 All approved. Motion carried.

MOVED by Lincoln and supported by Myers to exit Closed Session at 7:12 p.m.
 All approved. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 25.02

- Spicer Group approached the City Manager offering to apply for a road repair grant for Airpark Drive at no charge.
- If awarded the grant, Spicer requested consideration for the engineering contract.
- Estimated project cost: \$3 million
- Grant amount: \$250,000
- City would be responsible for the remaining \$2.75 million, likely requiring a bond.
- Airpark Drive is vital for industrial traffic due to heavy truck and equipment use.

MOVED by Link and **supported** by Fleszar to approve **Resolution 25.03**, a resolution to request funding, designate an agent, attest to the existence of funds, and commit to implementing a maintenance program for pavement improvements on Airpark Drive (M-61 west to Deep River Road) through the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program.

Roll call vote:**Yeas:** Myers, Fleszar, Spencer, Lincoln, Link, King**Nays:** Niernberg**Absent:** None**Motion carried.****B. Tribal Grant**

- The city received **\$21,500** through a tribal grant to:
 - Re-gravel the city's portion of Johnsfield Road (\$12,000)
 - Install a surge protector at the Water Treatment Plant (\$9,500)

C. Pops in the Past Car Show

- Scheduled for **June 14, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- Road closure requests:
 - Forest St from Beaver St to Pine St
 - Grove St from Beaver St to the Post Office
 - Cedar St from the traffic light to Grove St

MOVED by Myers and **supported** by Fleszar to approve the requested road closures for the Pops in the Past Car Show on June 14, 2025.

Roll call vote:**Yeas:** Lincoln, Link, Myers, Niernberg, Spencer, Fleszar, King**Nays:** None**Absent:** None**Motion carried.****D. Grass Letters/Door Tags**

- Proposal to change the current grass ordinance notification method from letters to door tags, to speed up compliance.
 - Letters would still be used for vacant lots.
- The council requested the ordinance be emailed to them for review before the next meeting.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mason reported:

- Spark Grant: Declination submitted. The review could take up to 4 months. Once completed, bidding can begin.
- Water Extension Project: Pumphouse (prefabricated component) has no set completion date. Contractors will begin other parts of the project on June 23rd.
- Sewer Project: Bidding expected to begin late June or early July.
- Mosquito Control: First spray completed last week.

11. MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mayor King reported:

- **Fire Authority:** No updates currently.

12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- **Niernberg:** Requested consistent, scheduled yard waste pickup. Currently, yard waste may sit for weeks. Also noted that the pickup method is damaging road surfaces.
- **Spencer:** Mentioned blight on Church St.
- **Lincoln:** Residents are inquiring about tapping into the water line to the school; this is currently prohibited by the grant.
- **Myers:**
 - Concerned about blight and tree removal on Church St.
 - Inquired about contracting a County Sheriff's deputy for city limits. Staff shortages make this currently unfeasible.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Champagne Southworth
City Clerk

Kevin King
Mayor