

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 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

Mayor King led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Fleszar

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Lincoln and supported by Myers to approve the agenda as presented.

All approved. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Whitney – Announced upcoming events: Depo Days (October 4–5) and the Christmas Parade (November 28). Submitted road closure requests.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Link and supported by Niernberg to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025, regular meeting.

All approved. Motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOVED by Myers and supported by Spencer to approve payment of the invoices for the month of September.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Niernberg, Myers, Lincoln, Link, King

Nays: None

Absent: Fleszar
Motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Special Use Permit – Arenac County, North Cass 100 Block, Storage Building

- Arenac County requested a permit to construct a storage building on a vacant lot on N. Cass St.
- City ordinance requires a special use permit for placing a building on an empty lot.

MOVED by Spencer and supported by Lincoln to open a Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m.
All approved. Motion carried.

MOVED by Spencer and supported by Lincoln to close the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.
All approved. Motion carried.

MOVED by Myers and supported by Niernberg to grant Arenac County a special use permit for the property on N. Cass St.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fleszar

Motion carried.

B. Special Use Permit – Generations Health, 212 S. Court St., Family Medical Office

- The North Central Credit Union building on S. Court St. is being sold.
- An individual wishes to purchase the property to operate a family medical office.
- Since the property is in a residential area, a special use permit is required.

MOVED by Spencer and supported by Lincoln to open a Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.
All approved. Motion carried.

MOVED by Link and supported by Myers to close the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m.
All approved. Motion carried.

MOVED by Link and supported by Niernberg to grant Generations Health a special use permit to operate a family medical office at 212 S. Court St.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fleszar

Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS**A. BS&A Cloud Upgrade**

- BS&A has developed a new governmental software system, BS&A Cloud.
- Cost to upgrade: \$27,000.
- Cloud provides improved storage, security, and upgrades over the current system.

MOVED by Myers and supported by Lincoln to approve upgrading to BS&A Cloud.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fleszar

Motion carried.

B. Information Release – Melanie Bizoe (Stamm)

- Former resident Melanie Bizoe (Stamm) requested approval to film an episode of her TV show in Standish.

MOVED by Lincoln and supported by Myers to approve the request.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fleszar

Motion carried.

C. October City Council Meeting Date Change

- Due to a scheduling conflict, the October council meeting was moved to October 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
- The auditor will present the 2024–2025 fiscal year audit at this meeting.

MOVED by Myers and supported by Niernberg to approve the date change.
All approved. Motion carried.

D. Nelson Tank Engineering – Tank Painting Proposal

- Water tank inspection determined repainting and repairs are needed.
- Estimated costs: \$202,300 (2026) and \$360,000 (2028).
- Nelson Engineering would manage the bidding process.

MOVED by Myers and supported by Lincoln to accept Nelson’s contract and begin the bidding process.
All approved. Motion carried.

E. Patriots Day Ceremony

- Ceremony scheduled for September 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Resurrection of the Lord Church Grounds.
- City Manager will give a speech; council members are invited to attend.

F. Arenac Community Funds – 25-Year Grant Recognition

- Event to be held at The Flying Pig on September 17, 2025, from 6:30–8:30 p.m.
 - Council invited to attend.
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10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mason reported:

- School water project awaiting pump house (expected February).
- Sterling Area Health Center opening at the community center; council invited to tour on September 10, 4–8 p.m.
- 307 N. Main St. nearly complete; awaiting final approval from EGLE.
- Dobson Drain box culvert project starting soon (after holidays).
- Spark Grant bid packet submitted; bidding must be completed by Dec. 31, 2025.
- Sewer project: first portion bids received; awaiting second portion.
- Antenna tower approved by Standish Township.

11. MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mayor King reported:

- Sterling Area Fire Authority is considering merging with Standish Area Fire Authority.
- Merger will require approval from all municipalities involved.

12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Link: Elm St. road condition is very poor; needs attention.

Lincoln: Asked about substation issues. City must enforce grease trap inspections at restaurants due to excessive grease in the sewer system.

Myers: Suggested council members have shirts for parades for visibility.

Spencer: Requested a review of which alleys the city still owns versus those returned to residents.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Champagne Southworth, City Clerk

Kevin King, Mayor