

**STANDISH CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 9, 2026**

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**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.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Fleszar, Myers

**Moved** by Lincoln and supported by Niernberg to accept the roll call with Councilmembers Fleszar and Myers absent and to excuse their absence.

**All approved. Motion carried.**

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**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Lincoln, supported by Link, to approve the agenda as presented.

**All approved. Motion carried.**

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**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Huntington Bank Manager – Brandon Koth:**  
Huntington Bank will be resurfacing the parking area in front of the bank this coming summer and is willing to complete half of the City alleyway if the city is willing to redo the other half. Brandon will follow up with the City Manager once he has pricing from the company performing their work.
  - **Whitney – Chamber Member:**  
Standish Strong will be held August 15th.  
Loyalty Day Parade will be April 25th at 12:00 p.m., running from Airpark Drive down M-61 to the Community Center on N. Cass Street.
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**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Link, supported by Niernberg, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, regular meeting.

**All approved. Motion carried.**

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## **7. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Link, supported by Lincoln, to approve payment of the invoices for the month of February.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Spencer, Lincoln, Niernberg, Link, King

Absent: Fleszar, Myers

**Motion carried.**

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## **8. CURRENT BUSINESS**

### **A. Sewer Improvement Grant – Bid Award**

- The Sewer Improvement Project is divided into two separate contracts:
  - Electrical
  - Sewer
- Sealed bids were opened on Monday, August 18, 2025.
  - First Portion of the Project:  
Lowest bid received from John E. Green Company at \$2,597,093.00.
  - Second Portion of the Project:  
Lowest bid received from Fisher Contracting Co. at \$2,707,230.20

**Moved** by Link, supported by Lincoln, to award the first contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pump Station Rehabilitation to John E. Green Company in the amount of \$2,597,093.00.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Lincoln, Niernberg, Spencer, Link, King

Nays: None

Absent: Fleszar, Myers

**Motion carried.**

**Moved** by Link, supported by Niernberg, to award the second contract for Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation to Fisher Contracting Co. in the amount of \$2,707,230.20.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Lincoln, Niernberg, Spencer, Link, King

Nays: None

Absent: Fleszar, Myers

**Motion carried.**

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## **B. Tank Painting Bid Award**

- As discussed in prior meetings, the State requires water tanks to be painted (inside and out) when inspections indicate it is necessary.
- Five companies submitted sealed bids, which were opened January 6, 2026.
- Fedewa, Inc. submitted the lowest bid at \$121,599.00.
- This bid is for painting the smaller water tower located on Pine River Road.
- The larger tower will be painted in 2027 and bid separately.
- This project will be paid for by the Water Fund.

**Moved** by Lincoln, supported by Niernberg, to accept the bid from Fedewa, Inc. in the amount of \$121,599.00 to paint the water tower located on Pine River Road.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Spencer, Lincoln, Niernberg, Link, King

Nays: None

Absent: Fleszar, Myers

**Motion carried.**

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## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. APM – Mosquito Control Proposal 2026**

- APM provided mosquito control services in 2025.
- They have offered to continue services in 2026 at a cost of \$22,050.
- Residents appeared satisfied with the service and there were minimal complaints.
- Some residents requested that their properties not be sprayed, and APM properly marked those property boundaries.
- APM will also spray individual yards upon request.
- This service has been budgeted for the current fiscal year and will not be an additional burden on residents.
- Letters were sent out last year notifying residents of mosquito control and providing the option to opt out.

**Moved** by Niernberg, supported by Lincoln, to contract with APM for mosquito control within the City limits for the 2026 season.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Lincoln, Spencer, Niernberg, Link, King

Nays: None

Absent: Fleszar, Myers

**Motion carried.**

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## **B. Pops in the Past Car Show – Street Closure**

- Pops in the Past Car Show requested use of Cedar Street on June 20, 2026, from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The following road closures were requested for June 20, 2026:
  - Cedar Street from Main Street to Grove Street
  - Grove Street from Beaver Street to Pine Street
  - Forest Street from Beaver Street to Pine Street

**Moved** by Spencer, supported by Niernberg, to approve closing Cedar Street from Main Street to Grove Street, Grove Street from Beaver Street to Pine Street, and Forest Street from Beaver Street to Pine Street on June 20, 2026, for the Pops in the Past Car Show.

**All approved. Motion carried.**

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## **10. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Mason provided the following updates:

- **School Water Project:** Awaiting building and hookup, scheduled for August.
  - **307 N. Main Street:** No update has been received from EGLE regarding completed testing.
  - **SPARK Grant:** Plans have been revised to add park benches and a bike repair station to fully utilize the grant funds received for park establishment.
  - **Salt:** The County is limiting salted areas due to a salt shortage.
    - The City will receive the final allotment of salt requested under its contract with Detroit Salt.
  - **Election Year:** Three Council Member seats, the mayor position, and one additional Council seat (due to a 2023 appointment) will be up for election in 2026.
    - Paperwork will be prepared for anyone wishing to run.
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## **11. MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

- **Fire Authority:**
  - Over the past three months, payroll totaled \$18,000 and \$48,000 has been billed for calls.
  - In the prior year, \$18,000 was the total payroll for the entire year.
  - No funds have yet been collected on billed calls.
  - Structure fires are billed at \$1,200 per call. Any unpaid amount not covered by insurance is the responsibility of the property owner.
  - Unpaid balances will be sent to collections.
  - Sterling Area Fire Department continues discussions regarding joining the Standish Area Fire Authority, but no further action has been taken.

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## 12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- **Lincoln:** Asked if there has been any update regarding the condemned house at 212 N. Cass Street.
  - The City Manager reported no update from the City Attorney.
  - The Mayor suggested the matter may need to proceed to court due to the length of time that has passed.

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## 13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

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Champagne Southworth  
City Clerk

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Kevin King  
Mayor