

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 12, 2023

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor King called the regular meeting of the Standish City Council to order at 6:00p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO AMERICA**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor King.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: King, Winslow, Fleszar, Rang, Link, Prout
Absent:

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

The motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Denise Whitney – 220 E Cedar St. - Would like the City DPW to water the trees since they were paid for by the DDA.

Mike Myers – 115 S Church St

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023

All approved, motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Rang to pay the invoices for the month of June.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Spencer, Rang, Prout, Link Fleszar, Winslow, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

8. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

A. **Public Hearing – New Life Apostolic- 325 W Cedar St**

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to go into a Public Hearing for the New Life Apostolic 6:12pm.

All approved, motion carried.

- Would like to build an expansion onto the existing building for more office space and more space for Sunday school. The addition would bring the building within 2 feet of sidewalk, which violates City Zoning regulations.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Winslow to Leave Public Hearing for New Life Apostolic 6:14pm

All approved, motion carried.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Winslow to approve the variance for New Life Apostolic addition at 325 W Cedar St.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Winslow, Spencer, Fleszar, Prout, Link, Rang, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

B. **Wheeler Road Property**

- Andy Goick purchased 16 Acres within the City Limits and would like to use it for both residential and commercial use.
 - Would also like to see if the City would give him the right of way to the platted road.
- Public Hearing will be held next month.

C. **Spartan Tire Building**

- Owner has been contacted by Council Members and by mail.
- Grants will come available in the next few months that will assist with the removal of the unsafe structures on the property.

- County Treasurer will help provide the information on these grants as they become available.

D. Lions Park

- Lions Park renovation estimate was \$4500.
 - DDA may help with the cost of the renovation.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Spencer to move forward with the Lions Park renovations if DDA declines to assist with this project.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Link, Prout, Fleszar, Spencer, Winslow, Rang, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

E. Cemetery Lots – Bari Bell

- Bari Bell would like to sell his 6 cemetery lots back to the city.
 - Prior meeting it was discussed taking these lots under consignment, Mr. Bell would prefer not to have the lots under consignment.

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Rang to move forward with purchasing Bari Bell's 6 cemetery lots back for the original price of \$350 for each lot a total of \$2,100.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

F. Sidewalk – Forest & Cedar St.

- Received a letter from the state that based on Act 51 the city needs to spend more of State funding on non-Automotive projects.
 - Would like to see the city spend \$20,000.
- Sidewalk/Curb/Gutter repair from Cedar St down Forest to the bank – estimate \$26,000.
- Tabled till later date.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Spark Grant**

- Resolution needs to be made by council on the amount requesting to move forward on the grant.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to request up to a \$103,400, without matching grant funds, from the available Spark Grant program.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Winslow, Rang, Spencer, Link, Prout, Fleszar, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

B. **Baker Tilley Engagement Letter**

- Worked with Backer Tilley for the preliminary portion of the Saw Grant.
- Would like to use them to do the Financial/Bond work of the remaining portion of the Saw Grant
 - Provide us with our rate schedule/ bond payment.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to move forward with an Engagement Letter to Baker Tilley to assist with the Saw Grant.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Link, Rang, Prout, Spencer, Winslow, Fleszar, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

C. **Police Coverage**

- Sheriff Department feels that the city could use some of its own dedicated officers for better coverage.
- This could be a contract with the County, so that the city does not need to hire their own department.
 - Contract would cover wages and benefits of the county officer hired.
- Council would like a few questions answered:
 - Approximately how much would this contract cost the City.

- What is the number of hours the city is currently being patrolled by county officers?
 - Would council have a say in the hours/time that the city is being patrolled.
 - Could the cost be offset by sharing a contract with another village or city.
- The county currently patrols the city however it is based on the number of 911 calls and where the officers need to be dispatched and their available time after calls for patrolling.

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mason reported the following:

- DPW/Water/Sewer has been receiving an inmate from the County Jail to assist with day-to-day projects they have going on.
- East City Limits received funding for more structural repairs and gravel from the Tribal Spring 2% grant.

12. **MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

- Still working on the Hometown hero banners with the DDA to replace the current summer banners.
- Machinery on City Property on the South end of town along Huron St.
 - The machinery has been on this property for some time now for the county's Agricultural and Event Center project.
- Weeds in the sidewalk need to be cleaned up.
- Overgrown Weeds/Grass on Ace Hardware's and Wheelers Lots off Forest St.
 - Letters have been sent to both businesses.

13. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Spencer –
 - House on Front St with a Brown Impala parked in the side yard.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 7:04p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

 Champagne Southworth
 City Clerk

 Kevin King
 Mayor