

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2023

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**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor King.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: King, Spencer, Link, Cook, Winslow, Prout
Absent: Rang

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dennis Whitney- Benches in front of laundromat were painted and look nice. Reminder that Standish Strong is the upcoming weekend.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 10, 2023, REGULAR MEETING**

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Fleszar to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting.

All approved, motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

- Mason reports that \$80,000 was paid for fixing the roads, Elm Street coming out of the Major Street fund and Cass Street coming out of Local Street funds.
- Mason explains the large amounts being paid by City of Standish are due to tax disbursements.
- One invoice for the Standish Sterling Schools Water project has been paid, the second invoice has been sent to the school but not paid by City of Standish yet.

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Winslow to pay the invoices for the month of July and the August Hand Checks

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS:	Winslow, Fleszar, Link, Prout, Spencer, King
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Rang

The motion carried.

8. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

A. **Asphalt Bids**

- Bids were made by Hodgins, Pyramid and Mid-Michigan to put asphalt on Grove Street, Beaver Street and Mill Street which are three of the worst roads in the city and traveled by all the emergency services.
- Pyramid was drastically lower in price being that the company makes their own asphalt. The estimated amount for all three roads is \$220,000.
- Major Street Fund balance was \$718,000 at the end of the audit on 6/30/2022. If the City proceeds with Pyramid, Grove Street and Beaver Street will be paid from this fund, bringing the account balance to \$528,000.
- Local Street Fund Balance was \$376,000 and would be \$260,000 after the estimated cost for Mill Street to be fixed.
- The Audit has not been finished yet, so the Balance for the Major Street Fund will be about \$100,000 more than the amount shown in the spreadsheet Mason provided.
- There was discussion on what needs to be done to fix James Street.

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to use Pyramid to pave Grove Street, Beaver Street and Mill Street

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Fleszar, Link, Prout, Spencer, Winslow, King
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Rang

The motion carried.

B. **307 Main, Former Spartan Tire Building**

- A purchase agreement was approved by the DDA to buy the Spartan Tire Building for \$70,000.
- If Government funding is available the city will use that for the demolition, but if not the DDA will have to agree to take on that project before the purchase.
- There was discussion about pollution during the demolition.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Resolution 23-03, Authorization of non-motorized transportation improvements.**

- The city has not met the State requirements for sidewalk improvements over a 10-year period, which is about \$2,000 a year. Mason was unaware of that requirement. There was a large project completed in 2012 which met the requirements put forth by the state till recently. The repairs to sidewalks that have been completed since have not been documented properly for the state to recognize the funds spent on none motorized projects.

- The city has been given 3 years to rectify the situation and is due to spend \$25,000 in all to fix sidewalks in the city. The city has completed \$2,300 in sidewalk repairs this year that will be used to help meet the requirement put forth by the state.
- Will have to start discussing more projects for the upcoming years to meet this goal.

MOVED by Link and supported by Spencer to approve the Resolution 23-02

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rang

The motion carried.

B. Consumers Energy EV Charging Station

- There is a grant that is available for the city to install Electric Car charging stations in the city.
- The council discussed what the city will gain from the installation and decided to table until a future meeting when more information is available.

C. Homecoming Parade Route

- The parade will start at Lovett Lane, go to Grove Street, to Orchard Street then back around.

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to approve the route for the Homecoming Parade

All in favor,

The motion carried.

D. Iosco Arenac Library District Library Lease

- There are seven libraries in the district, all of which handles their own pay rolls. It's requested that we do the same, but the council in prior years had agreed not to do so since it creates a lot of different issues.
- The city currently has an agreement in place for the library to utilize the building, while the city maintains and makes the needed repairs. The city has made several repairs over the past couple of years utilizing available Tribal Grants.
- The library would like to get a lease back in place. Mayor King suggests renewing the same lease as last time which is a two-year span and can add on years if necessary.
- The motion carried.

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Winslow to Renew the current Iosco Arenac Library District Library Lease

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rang

The motion carried.

E. Chamber of Commerce – Standish Strong – 5K Race Route & Street Closure

- The race will start at Forest Street, go to Beaver Street, Pine Street, Cedar Street, Red Light, and east to Grove Street.

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Fleszar to approve the Route of the Standish Strong 5K Race Route without the private trailer park in the route.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rang

The motion carried.

F. Peerless Midwest – High Service Pump

- There are three pumps at the main lift station, one has not been working and needs to be repaired. There is too much stress on the other pumps if the third one is not up and running.
- The cost will be around \$125,000 to repair the pumps and the project will take about two weeks.

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to repair the broken pump at the lift station for \$125,000.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rang

The motion carried.

G. Sidewalk on Forest Street

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mason reported the following:

1. Standish Strong is the upcoming weekend of August 19th, there should be good weather, and he is looking forward to the event.
2. Champagne had her baby, and all is well, she is doing some work from home but will pop in when necessary. Our Deputy Clerk, Keegan, is working more hours when needed during Champagnes time off.
3. Tried to walk through the Prison, plan fell through.

12. **MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

King reported the following:

1. There was no Fire Authority meeting in July.
2. Curb painting is looking very good, wants it to be continued.
3. He has had a few residents tell him they're very thankful for the paving of Cass Street, but there are a lot of kids living in that area and people are now driving way too fast.

13. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. Fleszar –

- Wondering if there were any updates on the City Cop, City Manager Mason replied that his meetings regarding a City Cop have fell through, but they are still working on it.

2. Spencer –

- Asked if or when the weeds in the roads are going to be sprayed.
- Claims he has never seen his fire hydrant be blown out; Mason replied that they do them regularly with support from other council members but will send our DPW workers to check the hydrants in Spencer's area.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Keegan Foltz
Deputy City Clerk

Kevin King
Mayor