

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2024

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, Link, Fleszar, Winslow, Rang, Prout, Spencer

Absent:

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

The motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Whitney – 220 E Cedar St

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Rang and supported by Winslow to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023, Regular Meeting.

All approved, motion carried.

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Rang to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2023, Special Meeting.

All approved, motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Rang to pay the invoices for the month of January.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Bar Screen, Main Lift Station

- The current bar screen is 44 years old and need of replacement.
 - Estimated cost \$599,000.
 - To move forward with the order the city would need to pay 35% of the cost upfront.
- Sewer fund does not have the liquid assets to fund this project.
 - The city can do an interfund loan from another department.
- The city will consider doing a rate study on the sewer rates.
- The Bar Screen will take approximately 6 to 9 months to be completed and shipped.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to move forward with the Bar Screen project and pay the 35% down to start building the Bar Screen.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Yeo & Yeo 2022-2023 Audit Presentation

- The city was issued an unmodified opinion – highest opinion you can receive.
 - No material modifications need to be made to the financial statement.
- General Fund Revenue 1.2 million
 - Property taxes generate 55% of that revenue.
- General Fund Expenditures 1.1 million
 - General Government is the largest expenditures at 83%
- Revenue exceeds our expenditure for the fiscal year.
- The city maintains a health fund balance.
- Sewer fund had an operating loss of 95,000
- Water fund had an operating gain of 119,000.
- Pensions – liability depends on the performance of the stock market.
 - This fiscal year we had a fiscal loss of approximately 280,000.
 - City is 76% funded.

B. Huntington Bank, Institutional Investment Account

- Government portal that earns a high interest rate
 - Approximately 5.2% interest rate
- Limits the number of transactions in the account to 100 a month.
- Funds are not locked in for a length of time, you access the funds at any time if you do not go over the allotted number of transactions a month.
- Independent has a similar account, however the interest rate isn't as high.
- No cap on the amount of funds you can put into this account.
 - The City Manager recommends placing 1 million in funds in this account.

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Rang to move forward with moving 1 million in funds to open a Government Portal account at Huntington Bank with City Manager Brad Mason, City Treasurer/Clerk Champagne Southworth, and Deputy Treasurer/Clerk Keegan Foltz as signers on the account.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

C. Sterling Area Health Center, Property Barrier Request

- Sterling Area Health Center bought 2 parcels along N Main St. that they recently had the building removed from (116 N Main and 126 N Main)
 - A new health center will be built there – a 5–year plan.
- The gentlemen in charge of this project for the Sterling Area Health Center would like to have Council’s approval to place cement pillars along his property line near 107 E Cedar St
 - These barriers are like the ones you see in road construction areas.
- This style of barrier does not meet the guidelines for fences within the city.
- Council informed the City Manager to inform Sterling Area Health Center that this is not an acceptable barrier/fence based on city guidelines.

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mason reported the following:

- Spark Grant –
 - Discussed the layout of the future park on the south side of the city.
 - A survey will be conducted within the community for ideas for future phases of the park.

12. **MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

King reported the following:

- Nothing to report on the Fire Authority

13. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Winslow – Progress on KFC?
 - The City Manager has not heard anything further about the KFC project.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Champagne Southworth
City Clerk

Kevin King
Mayor