

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2010

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Winslow called the regular meeting of the Standish City Council to order at 6:13 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Winslow.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Ireland, Winslow, Macaulay, Nelson, Tunney & Reno
Absent: Sanford

MOTION by Reno and supported by Macaulay excuse the absence of Sanford. The motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Winslow requested that Item E. Phase Three-Sanitary Sewer Discussion, under New Business be removed from the agenda.

MOTION by Tunney and supported by Nelson to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Reno and supported by Ireland to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2010 regular council meeting as submitted. The motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

MOTION by Reno and supported by Macaulay to pay the invoices as submitted in the amount of \$37,686.38. A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Reno, Nelson, Tunney, Ireland, Winslow, Macaulay
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sanford

The motion carried.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. *AP SITES*

No one was present from AP Sites

IFT UPDATE

The Clerk noted City Hall had been notified by phone earlier in the day regarding the employment numbers for the City's Industrial Facilities Exemption Companies. She reported that Vantage Plastics is currently at 94 employees, Magline Inc, is at 60 employees and Arenac Castings is currently at 68 employees and expect to be at 100 employees by year end.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. *MERS HYBRID RETIREMENT PRESENTATION*

Mike Straeder from the Municipal Employees Retirement System appeared before Council and gave a brief presentation of the MERS Hybrid Retirement Program. Straeder explained the advantages for the City and its employees. Staeder stated that he would be willing to conduct more intense educational meetings for the City and Employees at no additional costs for the City.

The Mayor directed that the City Manager set up a schedule for educational meetings with the City employees that may be interested in entering into the MERS Hybrid Retirement Program.

B. *DOBSON DRAIN – RELEASE OF RIGHT OF WAY*

MOTION by Reno and supported by Tunney to approve the Dobson County Drain Release of Right of Way as prepared by Apex Engineers for the Standish Adult Care Facility to be constructed on Airport Drive and authorize the City Manager and Mayor to sign same. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS:	Reno, Nelson, Tunney, Ireland, Winslow, Macaulay
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Sanford

The motion carried.

C. *PLANNING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP ORDINANCE LANGUAGE*

Proposed language was submitted to Council for their input and review regarding the changing of the Planning Commission Membership from nine to seven members.

The Clerk was directed by the Mayor to submit the proposed Ordinance to the City Attorney for review and to be brought back to Council for the November 18, 2010 regular Council meeting for a Public Hearing and First Reading of the Ordinance.

D. *RESOLUTION #10-08 – REMOVAL OF SPECIAL ASSESSEMENT*

MOVED by Ireland and supported by Reno to adopt the following Resolution #10-08

RESOLUTION # 10-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FROM THE 2010 TAX ROLL

WHEREAS, The Arenac County Equalization Department prints the tax bills for the property owners of the City of Standish;

WHEREAS, The Standish City Treasurer certified, to the County of Arenac, the delinquent invoices for the 2010 tax roll;

WHEREAS, through the review of the tax roll, it was determined that the following Delinquent Grass Cutting Violation for 325 South Forest Street was paid in the amount of \$317.24 in the 2010 Tax year for parcel number:

Parcel # 040-3-000-000-335-00

WHEREAS, the City of Standish hereby approves the removal of the aforementioned special assessment from the 2010 tax roll and a refund issued if necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standish City Council hereby adopts resolution #10-08, authorizing the removal of a special assessment from the 2010 tax roll.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS:	Ireland, Tunney, Winslow, Macaulay, Reno, Nelson
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Sanford

The motion carried and the Resolution was declared adopted.

Tunney leaves the Regular Council meeting at 7:10 p.m.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *WATER BILLS – USAGE & SALES*

Reno requested that the City Manager provide the sales figures and well as the usage in gallons of the water/sewer bills for the first two billing cycles of this fiscal year. Reno stated he would like to make sure that the budgeted revenues will cover the budgeted expenses.

On a related topic, Reno asked that the City Manager revisit the Phase Three Sanitary Sewer Discussion that was removed from tonight's agenda. Reno stated that he felt if the City's finances could handle the costs of said project that it should be untaken this fiscal year.

B. FOCO ROAD PROPERTY

Reno questioned the status of the offer to purchase the City property on Foco Road. The Mayor stated that this topic was tabled at the September Council Meeting. Reno asked that the Council address this issue at this time.

The Mayor reminded the Council that the City had received an offer of \$18,500.00 for the twenty acre parcel. Reno asked if a counter offer had been made. The Mayor stated that no counter offer was given.

After discussion, it was MOVED by Reno and supported by Nelson to make a counter offer back to the interested party of \$30,000.00 with the buyer to pay 10% of closing costs and to also list said parcel of property along Foco Road with Olsen Independent Real Estate. A roll call vote was taken as follows:


YEAS:	Ireland, Winslow, Macaulay, Reno, Nelson
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Sanford , Tunney

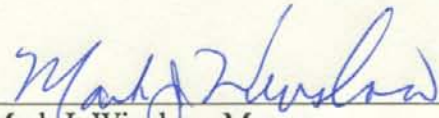
The motion carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before Council, Mayor Winslow adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Peggy S Burtch
Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: 
Mark J. Winslow, Mayor