

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

May 8, 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

Absent: Link, Prout

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Rang to approve the agenda with additions to new business C. Lions Park, D. Dump Truck.

The motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Denise Whitney – 220 E Cedar St.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023

All approved, motion carried.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Winslow to approve the Special meeting minutes of the April 24, 2023

All approved, motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

MOVED by Fleszar and supported by Spencer to pay the invoices for the month of May.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing – Budget Hearing – 2nd Reading

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Fleszar to go into a Public Hearing for the 2nd reading for the Budget at 6:07pm.

All approved, motion carried.

- City Manager reviewed the proposed upcoming fiscal year budget with council.
 - No contracts that are up this year for negotiations
 - Retirement will not have the increase that was initially believed to be happening.
 - Sewer fund balance will be affected by replacement of equipment.
 - Water Fund looks to stay in a healthy position.
 - 2 road projects have been budget for, within mind that in future fiscal years possibly more road projects in the budget.

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Fleszar to Leave Public Hearing and go back into the regular meeting at 6:24pm

All approved, motion carried.

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Fleszar to approve the presented budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

B. Airport Road

- Magline would like to take possession of the road between the Magline and Globe Buildings
 - Approximately 1550 ft of Road

- The city receives about \$2,700 dollars in state funding for this length of road to assist in maintaining it.
 - The city would save in labor, road materials, salt, and other expenses by turning the road over to the company.
 - The city would need to maintain an easement to access a building on city property at the end of the road.
- The city will send letters to residents/companies around this road and hold a public hearing at the next city council meeting if possible.

C. **Building Condemnation**

- 307 N Main St buildings have been condemned by Area Code Enforcement
 - Records show that this building was condemned back 2013, for whatever reason the process was not completed.
 - City Manager has been in contact with the City Attorney on how to proceed with this process of having this address brought back to good standings.

D. **Dobson Drain Section 196a Agreement.**

- \$400,000 would be the City's portion of the project with interest.
 - Part of this will be the cost of cleaning deadfall and other brush from City properties that run along the drain.
 - Approximate cost would be \$60,000 for the cleaning of the brush from the creek bed, starting at North Street to East City Limits road, Drain Commissioner would like the City to prepay this portion so the work can begin. City council does not wish to do so at this time.
- Dobson Drain project may start Summer of 2024, City at this time does not wish to proceed with the 196a agreement to prepay for the

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Zoning Request**

- 335 W Cedar St – New Life Apostolic Tabernacle would like to add onto their existing building.
 - The building would not be extended any closer to Cedar Street, but would be extended closer to S. Court St.
 - This expansion would put the building within 4-5 feet of the sidewalk, which city zoning prohibits, a variance would need to be granted.
- The council will have letters sent to the residents in the area and hold a public hearing at the next meeting if possible.

B. **Rake Screen**

- The rake screen is a piece of equipment that the sewer department utilizes to pull material out of the waste that could cause damage to our pumps in the system.
 - The current rake screen is approximately 43 years old and parts for it are becoming hard to obtain, if they are obtainable.
- We would need to have a new one engineered to fit our specific set up, the engineering of the equipment would be approximately \$30,000.

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Fleszar to move forward with purchasing a new Rake Screen for the Sewer department.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Fleszar, Spencer, Rang, Winslow, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Link, Prout

The motion carried.

C. Lions Park

- Would like to move forward with redesigning the landscaping of the park, to something that is more maintainable.
 - Rang asked to be included in the redesigning of the park.
- DDA may contribute to the funding of this project with in the DDA district.

D. Dump Truck

- The 1984 Dump Truck needs to be replaced, due to age and past the point of repair on parts of the dump bed and possibly frame issues.
- DPW Supervisor has found a 2009 used Dump Truck at Midwest Tractor and Equipment in Buckley MI for \$72,000.
 - Has 16,500 Miles with 384 hours
 - Comes with all the attachments DPW would need to fully utilize it.
 - Was another municipality.
- New Dump Truck would take approximately 2 years to receive if one was ordered costing approximately 150,000, not including the attachments the city would need.
- ARPA funds could be used in this purchase.

MOVED by Winslow and supported by Fleszar to move forward in purchasing the 2009 Dump Truck from Midwest Tractor Equipment in Buckley MI, using ARPA funds.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Rang, Spencer, Fleszar, Winslow, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Link, Prout

The motion carried.

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mason reported the following:

- Kentucky Fried Chicken has contacted City Hall about bring a restaurant within City Limits.
 - This could possibly be located on the West Side of S Huron Rd across from Sunrise Credit Union
- DDA is talking about expanding their district to include property that is behind the Chevy dealer ship at the north end of town.
- They are considering purchasing the property to create a walking trail / park area for residents to enjoy.

12. **MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

- Would like to see the DPW utilize some of the inmates at the local county jail to assist with some of the day-to-day projects the DPW has going on.
- Parking area along E Cedar Street need to be adjusted and painted.
- Stop Sign at Grove and Cedar need small signs added below stop sign letting traffic stopped on Grove know cross traffic does not stop.
- Sidewalk by the new parking area and the entry of the lot needs to be adjusted.
 - Quotes are being waited on for this project.
- DDA donated speed radar signs to the city and would like to see them be utilized soon.

13. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Rang –
 - Stop sign request on S Court St, where are we with this?
 - City Manager would like to put lighted stop signs up at Cedar and Cass St, due to traffic running these stop signs. With the current stop on Cedar being moved to S Court and W Pine St.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 7:34p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Champagne Southworth
City Clerk

Kevin King
Mayor