

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 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: Link, Winslow, Prout, Spencer, Fleszar, King, Rang

Absent: None

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to approve the agenda with the removal of item A. Fence & Gate Bids Park Lane/Fairgrounds Property from Current Business and add item C. Closure of Beaver St for Car Show to New Business.

The motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Whitney – 220 E Cedar St

Myers – 115 S Church St

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Link and supported by Rang to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024, Regular Meeting.

All approved, motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

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

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

8. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

A. Spark Grant

- We are still waiting on our packet from the DNR for our information on the Spark Grant
 - The packet will include the information that needs to be put in a press release.

B. Backup Generator

- Received \$40,000 in tribal funding to help with the purchasing of a backup generator for the main lift station.
 - This generator needs to be a 350-megawatt system that will cost approximately \$164,000.
- The water treatment plant has a 350-megawatt generator currently installed, which is oversized for the plant would need to run off if there was a power failure.
 - This generator could be moved and reinstalled at the main lift station and a new 150-megawatt generator could be purchased and installed at the Water Treatment plant for \$120,000.
- The actual move of the 350-megawatt generator would be \$38,000, which tribal funding would be enough to cover.
- The new generator would be purchased utilizing Water funds, which has a healthier fund balance.
- The Water/Sewer Supervisor believes that it would be more cost effective to move the large generator from the Water Treat
- The council would like to see more bids for this project at the next meeting for review.

C. Community Center Nomination Committee

- The City Manager has been asked to sit on the Community Center Nomination Committee
 - This committee will assist with establishing a management team and employees to operate the community center and manage the grant the school received for the center.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. City Hall Landscaping Proposal

- Current landscaping is the original materials from when the building was established in 1996.
 - The blocks around the building are starting to crumble.
- The City Manager would like to pursue land scaping renovations to freshen up the appearance of City Hall.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to move forward with renovating that landscaping at City Hall.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

B. 313 N Grove Tree removal quote, Uprooted Tree Service

- \$2,500 quoted by Uprooted Tree Service to removed tree at 313 N Grove St.

MOVED by Link and supported by Rang to move forward with Uprooted Tree Service quote to remove tree from the 313 N Grove St.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

C. Closure – Beaver St

- Annual car show is coming up and they would like to close Beaver St West of US-23 to the Railroad Tracks.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar approve the closure of W Beaver St between US-23 to the Railroad tracks for the car show.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion carried.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mason reported the following:

- Michigan Rual water did a rate study for the school water project.
 - They suggested a small increase in our water rates, we do not need to implement this, it is just a suggestion.
- Another rate study will be done with the Saw Grant for the Sewer rates, any rate changes if implemented should wait till both studies have been completed.
- There has been interest from several residents in joining the City Council, with several council seats opening for the November election.

12. MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

King reported the following:

- Would like a notepad to put out for people to sign in when they attend a council meeting, with names and addresses.
- On receiving the Spark Grant, we (City council) would like to walk to the property where the park is going to be located.

13. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Winslow –
 - When will the Dobson drain project start?
 - Should be starting very soon.

- Fleszar –
 - What is going on with the demolishing of 307 N Main St?
 - The city is waiting on the county land bank to complete a couple of things at their end.
- Link –
 - What is happening with the homes in the City with Tarps on the roofs?
 - A letter has been sent to them with a deadline of repairs need to be started/completed.
- Rang –
 - Property on east side of River Rd just before you take the curve, needs to have a grass letter sent.
 - Weeds in Lions Park need to be sprayed or removed.
- Spencer –
 - Washington St at the end where Park Lane will be closed should be paved when we are doing the road work on Church St.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Champagne Southworth
City Clerk

Kevin King
Mayor