

The Stanhope City Council met in regular session Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 6:00 pm at the Stanhope Community Center.

The meeting was called to order by Hetland at 6:05 pm. Council Members Jill Haman, Mindy Hetland, Beau Jensen, were present. Council Member Sogard and Mayor Pro Tem Young were absent.

Members of the public present: Keith & Erma Bochoven, Devin Hensley, Jackie & Gary Baker, Robert Johnson, Tom Stupp, Lucy Haman, Jeff Schroeder, Paul Hetland, Michaeline Acker, Gary Green and Public Works Tim Dally.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the agenda for December 9, 2025

Approval of the City Council minutes of November 18, 2025

Approval for the payment of claims.

Approval of the financial reports for the period of 11/1/25-11/30/25

Council member Hetland made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Haman seconded the motion, all voting yes, the motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REQUESTS

GENERAL AGENDA

1. Wins and Recognitions – Council member Jill Haman thanked the Snow Plow crew for doing a great job clearing the streets after the recent snowfalls. She also thanked Mayor Pro Tem/Council member(s) Young and Sogard for serving on the City Council. Council Member Hetland thanked an anonymous city member who let her know of a family that was struggling to obtain a Thanksgiving meal. She was able to find a donor to provide a meal for the family in need. Lucy Haman thanked Public Works, Tim Dally for assisting a stuck motorist. Council Member Hetland also thanked Chuck Claybaugh and Paul Hetland for shoveling snow around the fire station.
2. November Election Canvass Materials. City Clerk Young passed out certificates to the recently elected Mayor, Schroeder and incoming council members, Hensley, Hetland and Stupp.
3. UMB Credit Card. A motion was made by Haman to authorize Jori Young access the City Credit Card, seconded by Jensen. All voting yes, the motion carried.
4. Budget Planning – tabled until January meeting
5. Annual pay for Mayor/Council/Fire/EMS. All voting yes motion carried
 - a. Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem: \$600 Annual/\$20 Special Meeting
 - b. Council Members: \$20/meeting
 - c. Fire & EMS Meeting & Call \$20
 - d. EMS call-fire: \$10
6. Employee Handbook – tabled until January meeting
7. Open Meeting – training update.
8. Parking fines – ordinance book update. Motion to use the EJS current fee schedule made by Haman and seconded by Jensen. All voting yes, motion carried.
9. Fire/EMS insurance. There will be a slight increase in the annual premium due to an increase in volunteer FIRE/EMS. Motion to approve the increase made by Jensen and seconded by Haman. All voting yes, motion carried

ORDINANCES AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 700 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STANHOPE, IOWA. The City Code of Stanhope, Iowa, propose amending by repealing all previous ordinances pertaining to "Electric Utility Rates", and is adopted in lieu thereof:

FY26 3% increase a month for the first-year electric rates and FY27 a 2% increase a month for the next 4 years for a total of five years on increase. Roll called, all voting NAY.

FY26 5% increase a month for the first-year electric rates and FY27 a 2% increase a month for the next 4 years for a total of five years of increase. Motion to approve the electric rate increase made by Jensen, seconded by Haman. All voting yes, motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMITTEE UPDATES / REPORTS

Landfill Commission-

Public Safety-Fire/EMS, Police-

Business Enterprise-

Building permits-

Park Committee Report -

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Council member Haman thanked Stanhope Library board and librarian Dee for a great turn out at their event on December 6, 2025.

MAYOR COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Jensen made a motion for adjournment.

Council member Haman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm

POSTING

First State Bank, 600 Park Street, Stanhope, Iowa.

United States Post Office, 605 Parker Street, Stanhope, Iowa.

Stanhope Community Center, 600 Main Street, Stanhope, Iowa.

Date of postings: 12/12/25

ATTESTATION

ATTEST:

Jori Young, City Clerk, Stanhope, Iowa

Kempton Young, Mayor Pro Tem, Stanhope, Iowa

CITY SEAL

