

The Stanhope City Council met in Regular Session Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at the Stanhope Community Building starting at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Kelly Wirtz called the meeting to order with Council Members: Jill Haman, Mindy Hetland, Doug Sogard and Kempton Young present. Council member Beau Jensen absent.

Members of the public present: Peggy Phipps, Gary Green, Paul Hetland, Erma Bockoven, Robert Johnson and Devin Hensley.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Hetland made a motion to approve the consent agenda after changing year to 2025.

- Approval of the agenda for February 18, 2025
- Approval of January 14, 2025 City Council minutes
- Approval for the payment of claims
- Approval of financial reports for period of 1/1/2025 – 1/31/2025

Haman seconded the motion. Roll call 4-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Young to set proposed property tax hearing to be held on March 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.. Seconded by Sogard. All in favor, motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REQUESTS:

- Peggy Phipps discussed parking complaint on west side of apartments at 700 School Street. She was directed to contact local police.

GENERAL AGENDA

- **WINS AND RECOGNITIONS:** Council member Haman brought to council attention some wins and recognitions going on around Stanhope. Chuck Clabaugh was “THANKED” for his countless hours of helping around town when needed. City Clerk and Council Member Kempton Young were thanked for their involvement the week of February 10th their work and efforts were appreciated. Council Member Young was also thanked for his time at the water plant and helping with snow removal. Council expressed there are many good things happening in Stanhope.
- **SHELLY CODNER WITH AREA 2 IOWA WASTE:** Tabled until our next meeting, March 11, 2025.
- **WATER ISSUES:** Motion was made by Young and seconded by Sogard to address the following accounts in this manner: Account # 01-00000970-00-5 Clerk was directed to keep billing the same and set up a payment plan if needed. Account # 01-00000710-00-3 remains under investigation, tabled for this month. Account # 01-00001620-00-8 has been forgiven due to meter issue. Council encourages homeowners to monitor their own usage each month. The new meters will alert the city of any significant change in usage. City will make every attempt to notify homeowners when this occurs but the ultimate responsibility lies with the homeowner. Roll call was taken 4-0 motion was carried.
- **WATER PLANT/TRACKSIDE WELDING:** Trackside Welding has given an estimate of \$1971.84 to repair the softener tank legs at the Water Plant. Motion was made by Haman to accept the bid and move forward. Seconded by Hetland all were in favor and motion was carried.
- **CAUTION/SLOW DOWN/SPEED LIMIT SIGN:** It was brought to council attention that maybe we need a slow down and speed limit sign on the west side of town where the gravel road meets the pavement.

Many trucks have been utilizing this road and they don't seem to slow down until they are well into town. Clerk will call the DOT and see if we can order a couple signs.

- **NUISANCE BUILDINGS:** Council discussed properties around town that need attention. Mayor Wirtz will work with City Attorney Chizek on getting nuisance abatement letters in progress.
- **ORDINANCE BOOK UPDATE:** MIDAS is still working on the ordinance book. Once the book is done it will be sent to council for approval. Once that is done the book will be codified. Stanhope will pay MIDAS \$1500.00. Half is due upon approval and half is due upon completion.
- **MAYOR COMMENTS:** CD's have come due and are reissued on a one-year note. Mayor Wirtz suggested reinvesting the interest paid to each account.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Haman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hetland seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

Vickie Anderson

Kelly Wirtz, Mayor