

The Stanhope City Council met in Regular Session Tuesday, June 10, 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, Beau Jensen, and Kempton Young present. Council member Doug Sogard was absent.

Members of the public present: Paul Block, Cayden Heck, Paul Hetland, Harlee Shelton, and Officer Morton.

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:** Young made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

- Approval of the agenda for June 10, 2025
- Approval of May 13, 2025 City Council minutes
- Approval for the payment of claims
- Approval of financial reports for period of 5/1/2025 – 5/31/2025

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

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REQUESTS:** Patron Paul Block thanked the city for finding the water curb stops at the apartments at 700 School Street. Mayor Wirtz explained that is the responsibility of the apartments to replace the concrete parking. Mr. Block will pass this along to the apartment board.

### **GENERAL AGENDA**

- **WINS AND RECOGNITIONS:** Council member Haman brought to council attention some wins and recognitions going on around Stanhope. Haman thanked the community for their support to the Fire and EMS at Wednesday Night in the park on June 4, 2025. Michael Murphy and Chase Whetstone were thanked for helping Stanhope by purchasing and renovating vacant homes around Stanhope. Their work is greatly appreciated.
- **UPDATE ON 400-410 PARKER:** Mayor Wirtz explained there has been no progress made on the nuisance abatement and a municipal infraction has been filed.
- **OFFICER MORTON UPDATE:** Officer Morton gave an update on the unlicensed vehicle on Adams Street. All has been taken care of and the car is now licensed.
- **28E AGREEMENT WITH SHERIFF'S OFFICE:** Mayor Wirtz explained this is a 28E Agreement with Hamilton County and no copy of the 28E agreement has been received. Without further information from the County Supervisors and the Sheriff Department Mayor Wirtz suggested tabling this for now pending further information. Mayor Wirtz will invite them to the next council meeting. Council agreed and this was tabled. No payment will be made at this time.
- **UPDATE ON LAWYER CHIZIK'S EMAIL:** Our City Attorney is on vacation this week, but we will follow up next week on vacant properties and our next steps.
- **UPDATE ON MIDAS:** Mayor Wirtz talked with MIDAS today and they will be sending the ordinance book tomorrow. City Clerk was instructed to make copies for all council members and we need to begin going through each one and make changes. We need to get ordinances codified as soon as reasonably possible.
- **UTILITY RATE STUDY:** Stanhope received a second quote for a rate study. Blair Metzger with DGR Engineering is the engineer that has helped Stanhope in the past. Mr. Metzger tried many times to reach out to the city to keep the process going but was never replied to. At which point he quit trying. Nothing has been touched or updated since 2021 so this could take time to get us back on track. Motion was made by Jensen to continue to work with DGR Engineering as they know Stanhope and they know about the substation. Seconded by Haman. All were in favor and motion carried. The process will start soon.

- **MAYOR COMMENTS:** Mayor Wirtz updated council on the Police Board Meeting. She said advertising is in progress for a new patrolman with deadline being July 14, 2025.
- Council member Jensen excused himself at 6:52
- **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:** Council member Haman suggested making an agenda for our maintenance department to uphold before Watermelon Day. Council agreed and a list is being worked on. Officer Morton reminded council there is no parking on Adams Street during Watermelon Day Parade and signs will need to be put up.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Haman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hetland seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Vickie Anderson

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Kelly Wirtz, Mayor