

The Stanhope City Council met in Regular Session Tuesday, March 11, 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, Erma Bockoven, Robert Johnson, Devin Hensley, Dave Staples, Paul Block, Cayden Heck, Harlee Shelton, Tanya Sharkey, Michaeline Acker, William Watts, Danielle Edwards, John Horrell with Water Management and Shelly Codner with Iowa Waste Exchange.

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

- Approval of the agenda for March 11, 2025
- Approval of February 18, 2025 City Council minutes
- Approval for the payment of claims
- Approval of financial reports for period of 2/1/2025 – 2/28/2025

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

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REQUESTS:**

- Paul Block addressed garbage and how Stanhope has too many garbage days. He thinks Stanhope only needs one garbage collection day. Robert Johnson added the garbage trucks drive too fast and we have children at play. He has also witnessed the garbage truck backing up a whole alley and on street to retrieve missed garbage cans. Council agreed this is not acceptable and when this happens patrons should call the City Office to report it and action will be taken. Council is looking into one carrier for all garbage collection commercial and residential for the City of Stanhope.

**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 remove snow around town when needed. Council Member Kempton Young were thanked for his help during the March blizzard. Council Member Hetland was also thanked for her time on EMS this past month as there were many calls. Council expressed there are many good things happening in Stanhope and are appreciative of all the volunteer hours citizens put in to help around town.
- **UTILITY POLE REPLACEMENT:** Adam Dickinson with Webster City Electric Department inspected section 7 for the 2025 IUB Inspection on December 4, 2024. He found 3 poles that need replaced and two locations where trees need trimmed out of power lines. City of Stanhope will have Tanner Jensen with KT&T remove the trees in lines and have Webster City get the power poles replaced. To be started when their schedules allow.
- **SHELLY CODNER WITH IOWA WASTE EXCHANGE:** Shelly Codner with Iowa Waste Exchange spoke with council about the services they provide and the many ways they can be of assistance to our cities nuisance buildings. Shelly said participants can: obtain low cost on materials, reduce disposal costs, reduce material costs, generate revenue from waste materials, free up storage space and help divert waste from our landfill. Shelly explained when you divert it and convert it nothing goes to waste. This is a premiere confidential material exchange program. Council will look into this program as Stanhope has a few buildings in need.
- **WATER TOWER / WATER PLANT ISSUES:** Electric pump has submitted an estimate for \$54,255.00 to repair and install the communicator and control panel for the alarm system at the Water Plant and

Water Tower. First payment will be due in June and the second payment will be due in December. Splitting the cost between two budget years will help Stanhope's cash flow. All agreed this is not an issue that can wait any longer. Motion was made by Young and seconded by Hetland to approve all were in favor and motion was carried.

- **T-BALL / SUMMER REC PROGRAM:** Motion was made by Haman to approve Mark Gansen as summer T-Ball coach and Landon Sogard as Summer Recreation Director. Seconded by Hetland all were in favor and motion carried.
- **SEWAGE BACK UP CLAIM:** Mayor Wirtz called CIT to come scope the city main at 560 Alfred Street due to homeowner complaint. Upon scoping CIT found the city main was clean and no obstruction was found. Motion was made by Haman to deny the claim by the home owner. Seconded by Young all were in favor and motion was carried.
- **GARBAGE CONTRACT:** The City of Stanhope garbage contract is due to expire this June. RFP's were mailed to both contractors in Hamilton County. Bids are due by Wednesday May 7, 2025 by 4:00 PM. The City Council would like the patrons of Stanhope to know they will do their due diligence on selecting best option for the residents.
- **GENERATOR BIDS:** Council member Young received two generator bids for the lift station. Motion was made by Haman to approve the bigger generator with Harvest Electric installing a 24KW Generac generator. Total price of installation \$11471.57. Seconded by Hetland all were in favor and motion was carried. Harvest Electric will be starting as soon as they can with weather permitting. It was determined that the current generator runs off PTO and the tractor used for this generator was sold by the previous council. So, if we lose power the lift station would not be operational.
- **MAYOR COMMENTS:** Police board accepted the resignation of EJS Chief Dave Turpin at the last Police Board meeting. Although Chief Turpin was not present at the council meeting, he was thanked for his time and wished well. Mayor Wirtz said the position will be advertised and filled. Mayor Wirtz reminded the Stanhope Citizens that the Community Center is a storm shelter area.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Haman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hetland seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Vickie Anderson

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Kelly Wirtz, Mayor