

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 01/13/2025, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Tharp and Siebels. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall, Sheriff Wethington, PW Tim Schultz, Kyle Dennis

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Consent Agenda: Motion by Tharp, seconded by Deppe to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- N/A

Reports

Mayor: Attended EMS meeting, Jodi's last day Jan 31st.

Clerk/Zoning: Clerk Lasack reported the continuing with audit, completed W2's and 1099s, all departments have their budget worksheets, new calendars are available for garbage and recycling. Utility bills not being received.

PWD: Tim met with LL Pelling to get seal coat quote, had his wastewater inspection in Dec, all went well. Made some repairs at the lift station, have been updating meters as needed.

Sheriff: Wethington is the interim 911/ema director. New deputy hired. Working on our contract. He does not have anyone at the moment to keep track of the stats. Resident complaints need to have a name not anonymous to make a change.

Park: Rentals for Dec were 3 and had blood drive, so far, 3 for Jan.

Fire: Kyle reported that they have a couple of trainings coming up, had a new member join. Chief is working on budget and township agreements.

Library: report reviewed

EMS: N/A no report

Council: Spaghetti supper March 1st for Fun Fest, talk of a Stanwood Community Engagement Group to help with community ideas, Fun Fest would like to apply for Grant from Cedar County Community Foundation, Vote for the Fun Fest logo on their Facebook page. Lead line discussion on getting the list on no responses cleaned up.

New Business

Public hearing was opened at 8:14 p.m. No written or oral objections were received. Motion by Siebels, seconded by Tharp to approve resolution 2025-01, Committees and Appointments, Roll call vote, 3 ayes, 2 absent. Roll call vote, all ayes. Public hearing was closed at 8:40 p.m. Motion by Tharp, second by Deppe to approve resolution 2025-02 Budget Amendment, 3 ayes, 2 absent. Motion by Deppe, seconded by Siebels to approve liquor license for Dollar General, 3 ayes, 2 absent.

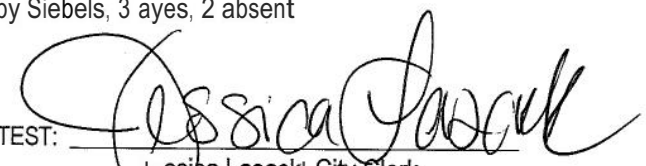
Old Business

Discussion was held on nuisance properties; clerk was ordered to send out nuisance letter to a property and follow up with the City attorney on a couple other properties.

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday Feb 10th, 2025 at 7:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Deppe, to adjourn at 8:50 pm., seconded by Siebels, 3 ayes, 2 absent


Todd Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

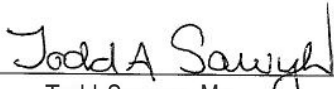
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Stanwood City Council met in special session on 1/27/2025, at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Tharp, Rottman, and Siebels. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Linda Coppess and EMS members. Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 6:30

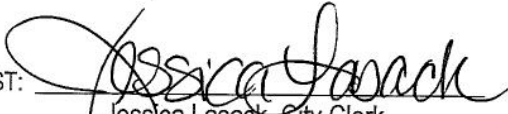
Motion by Siebels, seconded by Tharp to approve agenda as posted, All ayes. Motion by Tharp, seconded by Siebels to approve liquor license for Budda's One Stop LLC, all ayes.

Budget workshop was held- no action taken

EMS budget was reviewed. Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday February 10th, 2025, at 7:00PM
Motion by Rottman, to adjourn at 8:15 pm., second by Tharp, all ayes.



Todd Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

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Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 02/10/2025, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Tharp, Rottman, Siebels and Knapp. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall, Deputy Koch, PW Tim Schultz, Kyle Dennis, Dakota Adams

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Consent Agenda: Motion by Siebels, seconded by Tharp to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- Nick Ganoe wanted permission to seal off hole/drain on edge of property. All okay to seal up.

Reports

Mayor: N/A

Clerk/Zoning: Clerk Lasack reported W2's and 1099 were submitted. Continuing to work on the budget.

PWD: had a few small snows, serviced the tractor and dump truck and serviced leaking meter.

Sheriff: no issues to report

Park: Rentals for Dec were 3 and had blood drive, so far, 3 for Jan.

Fire: Chief Adams reported no calls, had an 8hr hazmat training last week, Trustee meeting on Feb 11 at 6pm, Had work done to the brush truck, Ice training on Feb 16.

Library: N/A

EMS: report reviewed

Council: Reminder of Spaghetti supper March 1 for Fun Fest, dessert donations needed. Needing community members wanting to be a part of a Stanwood Community Engagement Group to help with community ideas. Fun Fest logo was decided. Looking for monetary sponsors for new Fun Fest activity.

New Business

Mayor appointed Nick Ganoe to Board of Adjustments. Discussion was on LL Pelling for spring seal coat. Tim was told to use his discretion on which streets to do with in current budget. Property tax levy Public Hearing set for March 31 2025 at 6pm, Budget Public Hearing set for April 14#, 2025 at 7pm.

Old Business

Send letters out to nuisance properties

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday March 10th, 2025 at 7:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Rottman, to adjourn at 8:00 pm., seconded by Deppe, all ayes



Todd Sawyer@Mayor

ATTEST: 

Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

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Stanwood City Council met in special session on 2/17/2025, at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Tharp, Rottman, Siebels. Also present: Clerk Lasack, PW Tim Schultz

Mayor Pro tem- Deppe called the meeting to order at 6:05pm, roll call, Sawyer absent, all ayes

Motion by Siebels, seconded by Tharp to approve agenda as posted, 3 ayes, 1 absent

Budget workshop was held- no action taken

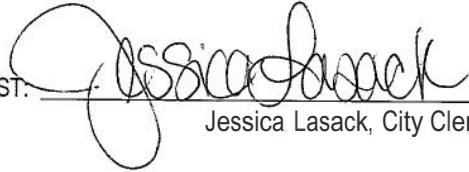
Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday March 10th, 2025, at 7:00PM

Motion by Rottman, to adjourn at 8:00 pm., second by Tharp, all ayes.



Ryan Deppe, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:



Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

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Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 03/10/2025, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present Deppe, Tharp, Rottman, Siebels and Knapp. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall, Sheriff Wethington, PW Tim Schultz, Kyle Dennis, Dakota Adams, Rod VonMuenster

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Consent Agenda: Motion by Rottman, seconded by Knapp to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- Marla Quinn- Presentation on ECiAs Nuisance Program

Reports

Mayor: N/A

Clerk/Zoning: Clerk Lasack attended finance class in Solon, reviewed some legislative updates, will make contact to get city wide clean up day set, past due resident invoices were put on the income offset program.

PWD: Schultz reported on having a couple minor snows, he will be removing the snow fence, has been replacing non-working meters and contacting residents that stated they have lead service lines to check.

Sheriff: no issues or activity to report, Wethington has been the acting Ema/911 director, they have hired an EMS director.

Park: No rentals for Feb and currently March has 3. We might receive restitution on the repairs for the park restrooms.

Fire: Chief Adams reported they had 1 brush and 1 structure fire, will need to add new member to app, made donation to Fun Fest for \$250.00.

Library: Director Mallie reported receiving a donation from Fidelity which they used to have an interactive movie, teen takeover, puzzle palooza and book club were successful. March will include Dr. Seuss story hour, teen takeover and gaming. Made the switch to Clarence phone and internet, will be converting email to outlook. April 19th story hour with the Easter Bunny.

EMS: report reviewed

Council: Stephanie Rottman reported on the Fun Fest Spaghetti Supper, low turnout, Fun Fest received a donation from The American Legion for \$500, they will also have a booth at Fun Fest looking for new members. Music is set for Fun Fest to include, daytime, street dance and karaoke. There will be a bags tournament also. Official Fun Fest colors will be Red & Black.

New Business

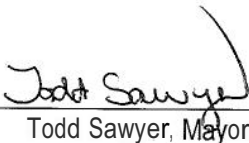
Motion by Rottman, seconded by Deppe to approve Resolution 2025-03, for certifying delinquent municipal infraction. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion by Tharp, seconded by Siebels to approve Resolution 2025-04, for certifying delinquent utility payment. All ayes. Motion by Deppe, seconded by Tharp to approve Township agreements with Fairfield Township and Red Oak Township for Fire protection, all ayes. Discussion was held on ordering two picnic tables for the park from Plastic Recycling of Iowa Fall and ordering new camera for the park. Budget workshop set for March 20th at 6pm.

Old Business

Nuisance properties: Letters were sent out.

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday April 14th, 2025 at 7:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Tharp, to adjourn at 8:30 pm., seconded by Deppe, all ayes

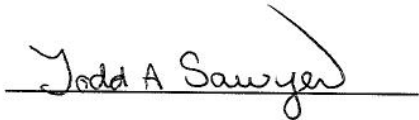

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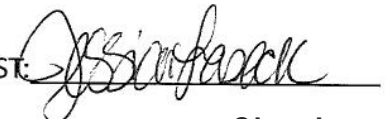
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Stanwood City Council met in special session on 3/31/25 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.
Council present: Deppe, Tharp, Knapp. Also, present Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall and Keith & Marcia Stahl.

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, Public Hearing was opened at 6:02 pm.
Clerk reviewed the proposed property tax levy. No written or oral objections were received.
Public hearing was closed at 6:23 pm. Motion to adjourn by Tharp, seconded by Knapp.



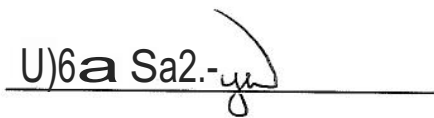
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Stanwood City Council met in special session on 3/31/25 at 6:15 pm in Council Chambers.
Council present: Deppe, Tharp, Knapp. Also, present Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall and Keith & Marcia Stahl.

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm, Motion by Tharp, seconded by Deppe to set public hearing for proposed budget approval on April 14th at 6:45 pm. Motion to adjourn by Tharp, seconded by Knapp.



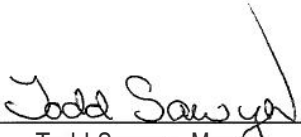
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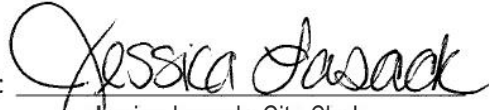
Stanwood City Council met in special session on 4/14/2025, at 6:45 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Tharp Rottman, Knapp, and Siebels. Also present: Clerk Lasack.

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 6:45, Public hearing was opened at 6:47. Clerk reviewed the proposed budget. No written or oral objections were received. Public hearing was closed at 7:00. Motion by Deppe, seconded by Rottman to approve Resolution 2025-05, Approval of Budget FY 2026, Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion to adjourn by Siebels, seconded by Knapp, all ayes.



Todd Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

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Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 4/14/2025, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Tharp, Knapp, Rottman and Siebels. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall, PWD Tim Schultz, Jay Johnson, Kyle Dennis, Jamie Dawson, Megan Mallie, Keith & Marcia Stahl

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00

Consent Agenda: Motion by Deppe, seconded by Rottman to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- None

Reports

Mayor: Mayor Sawyer attended the EMA/911 meeting.

Clerk/Zoning: Clerk Lasack reported City Wide Clean up day will be May 17#, more info to come, addressed concerns regarding street names, working with Tim on the FEMA grant for generators, currently catching up from being sick.

PWD: Schultz reported him and the clerk met with Railtown.org regarding crossings in town and that each crossing has its own number to call to report issues and that citizens needs to call and report any issues with the crossings to get them repaired. Plan to have the Park restrooms cleaned and opened by April 19#. Sealcoat will be starting sometime this month when the wind dies down. Alliant Energy is in town replacing gas mains. Well has been kicking out, quote from Acme to replace starter. Solution and cost to replace drain to handle flow on W. Center St.

Sheriff: Jay Johnson reported issue with dog at 104 N. Walnut St.

Park: March had 4 rentals, currently 1 for April. We will be installing new cameras. Two new picnic tables have been assembled. New diggers should be here sometime in May. Deppe Construction fixed the restrooms.

Fire: Assistant Fire Chief Dennis reported 4 brush fires and 2 structure. 3 new applicants. 2 new captain positions. 18 current members. Easter Egg hunt will be April 19# @ 10:00 am at Stanwood City Park.

Library: Librarian Mallie reported 361 people visited the Library in March, they hosted several events and have several planned for the coming month. Food Pantry had 17 stops. Megan reported getting her directors endorsement renewed. Michelle McCall paid for the Dollar General bill for \$84.00 as this is something Rural Recycling does for the community. Garage sales have been set for May 2 through 41.

EMS: Written report showed 6 calls for March.

Council: Rottman provided updates on the Fun Fest Activities and the next Community Action Group meeting April 17* @ 6:30pm at park shelter.

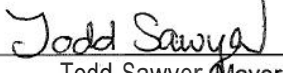
New Business

Motion by Tharp, seconded by Deppe to approve Township agreements with Dayton Township and Fremont Township for Fire protection, Roll call vote. all ayes. Approval of Resolution 2025-06 setting salaries, tabled until May meeting.

Old Business

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday May 12th, 2025 at 7:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Rottman, to adjourn at 8:25 pm., seconded by Knapp, all ayes.



Todd Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

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Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 5/12/2025, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Tharp, Knapp and Siebels. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall, PWD Tim Schultz, Megan Mallie, Keith & Marcia Stahl

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00

Consent Agenda: Motion by Knapp, seconded by Siebels to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- Jeff Freeman

Reports

Mayor: Mayor Sawyer reported on working with the county on updating their records regarding a few streets in Stanwood.

Clerk/Zoning: Clerk Lasack reported 23-24 audit is continuing and the 24-25 is scheduled. Planted the flower pots in town.

PWD: Schultz reported that the restrooms are open. LL Pelling was in town and completed the sealcoat on the streets. The E. coli tests are complete and good. Looking to get some sewer lines cleaned, flushed hydrants. Working with Clerk Lasack on the Fema grant.

Sheriff: Deputy Johnson reported they had 87.5 hours in town. Traffic stops, suspicious vehicles and fraud.

Park: April had 2 rentals and May has 4 so far. Cameras are installed. Discussion on golfcarts on camera driving through the park and through the over hang on Park Shelter. Discussion on setting hours for park restrooms. New diggers will arrive in a couple weeks. Wood chips will be added in the coming weeks.

Fire: Dakota Adams reported 1 brush fire, 1 structure and 1 Co2 call. Great turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt. Call with Attorney about Pierce case.

Library: Megan Mallie reported the library had 453 people in April. Anonymous donor purchased some classic books, Strategic plan update given. Food pantry had 12 people. Proposal from Martin Farner Architecture Firm, discussed summer reading program, revering retirees and other programs coming up.

EMS: Written report showed 2 calls for April and 4 f for May so far. They received a \$1,500 grant from The Community Foundation of Cedar County for a portable suction unit with charging/retention bracket.

Council: Reminder of Community Action Group Meeting May 15th at 6:30 pm

New Business

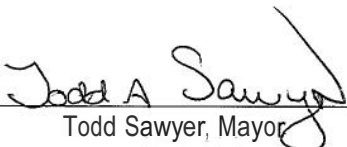
Motion by Tharp, seconded by Deppe to approve quote from Tony Wagner to help repair culvert, raise manhole. Roll call vote. all ayes. Motion by Knapp, seconded by Siebels to order another \$5,000 worth of meters to be replaced. Waiting on the actual contract for the library expansion, council tabled approval until June meeting. The school did not need any street closures as they will have everything over in the grass by the track field.

Old Business

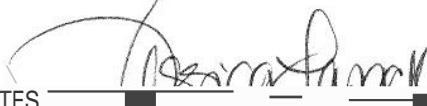
Clerk was directed to send notices for junk and junk vehicles to residnets and doors will be posted for weed control.

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday June 9th, 2025 at 7:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Deppe, to adjourn at 8:49 pm., seconded by Siebels, all ayes.


Todd Sawyer, Mayor

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Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 6/09/2025, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Tharp, Rottman, Knapp and Siebels. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall, PWD Tim Schultz, Megan Mallie, Keith & Marcia Stahl, Rhonda Gutwiler,

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Siebels, seconded by Rottman to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- Rhonda Gutwiler spoke on the PWD Tim being very professional on dealing with a disgruntled resident concerning mowing a property.

Reports

Mayor-

Clerk/Zoning: Clerk Lasack reported 23-24 audit is complete. Railroad crossings are being worked on through town. Main St. crossing will be closed up to 72 hours starting June 11th while the other crossing will have flaggers at the crossing. She reviewed Senate File 303. A resident has an issue with nothing growing where ash trees were removed, Tim will take a look. Another resident will be having a company removing trees on his property and wanted a tree removed from the ROW, the city gave permission to remove at resident's expense as long as completely removed and stump ground out by company.

PWD: Schultz reported on second E.coli testing. Spraying weeds and mowing. Will be doing some tree trimming/removing.

Sheriff: No report

Park: May had 4 rentals, June has 7. Woodchips were added to both playgrounds. Two new picnic tables were added. Painting and repairs will be done to the existing tables. Tim is looking into cost of painting lines on basketball court.

Fire: No report. 1 call for power line down. Mayor investigating training incident.

Library: Megan Mallie reported the library had 350 people in May. New books and movies purchased. Food pantry served 10 people. Donation received from Koch estates and an anonymous donor for books. Completed enrich IA agreement. Summer reading program has 55 signed up.

EMS: 8 calls for May, 1 for June.

Council: Knapp asked of Alliant was still in town removing poles, they are still working. Rottman reported very low interest in merch orders for Fun Fest this year. Donations have been coming in. Looking for more community booths, vendors, dunk tank participants and of course Volunteers. Community Action committee meeting June 18# 6:30pm at the park shelter.

New Business

Approval of liquor license for Thirsty on 30, motioned by Rottman, second by Tharp, all ayes. Motion by Tharp, seconded by Knapp to approve tobacco license for Dollar General. Motion by Tharp, seconded by Deppe to approve tobacco license for Buddha's One Stop, all ayes. Discussion was had on helmets for fire dept. Public hearing was opened at 8:33 pm. Clerk reviewed the first reading of Ordinance 246, amending the water rates. No written or oral objections were received. Public hearing was closed at 8:34 pm. Motion by Tharp, seconded by Siebels to approve the first reading of Ordinance 246. All ayes. Second reading will be on July 14th at regular council meeting. Motion by Rottman, seconded by Tharp to approve Resolution 2025-06- revisions to personnel policy, roll call vote, all ayes. Motion by Deppe, seconded by Knapp to approve Resolution 2025-02 – setting salaries, roll call, all ayes.

Old Business

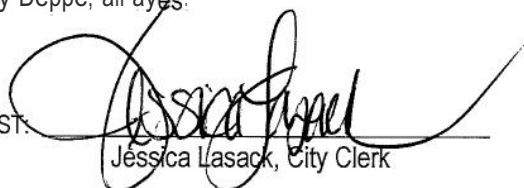
Clerk updated on nuisance properties.

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday July 14th, 2025 at 7:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Rottman, to adjourn at 8:53 pm., seconded by Deppe, all ayes.


Todd Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in special session on 06/12/2025, at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Siebels and Rottman. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Megan Mallie via phone.

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 6:00

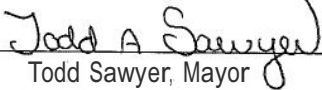
Consent Agenda: Motion by Deppe, seconded by Rottman to approve agenda as posted, All ayes.

New Business

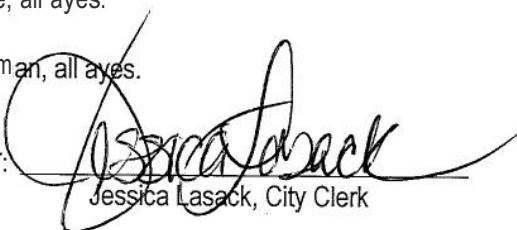
Discussion was held on approving contract with Martin Gardner for library expansion. Once Martin Gardner receives the signed contract, the library will meet with them to discuss what they want and the budget for the project.

Motion by Deppe, seconded by Siebels to approve contract. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Adjournment: Motion by Deppe, to adjourn at 6:52 pm., second by Rottman, all ayes.


Todd Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 7/16/2025, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Tharp, Rottman, Knapp and Siebels. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall, PWD Tim Schultz, Megan Mallie, Keith & Marcia Stahl, Sherrif Wethington, Chief Adams, Kyle & Jamie Dennis

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Tharp, seconded by Rottman to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- N/A

Reports

Mayor- none

Clerk/Zoning: Clerk Lasack reported on information from IPIB about the open meetings/open records training. Discussion on talking with Iowa Rural Water to do a rate study. Discussion was had on looking into the cost of an additional software module through Banyon for online viewing. Will depend on the cost and the actual need of the program. Working on the SFR and debt obligation report. Have been making some update to the city website. Working on finalizing the paperwork to submit application for the fema grant to help with acquiring generators.

PWD: Schultz reported on mowing and spraying. Locates east of highway, radios at wells not communicating. Repairs were made to the sampler. They have a few trees that need taken care of, some will have to be hired out.

Sheriff: The 4th of July and fairs had consumed a lot of time. In the last week have spent quite some time in Stanwood. The New EMA Director started July 1.

Park: July has 7 rentals. Updates were added to the City FB page and website. There is also a calendar on the city website that shows availability.

Fire: 2 lift assists, 10-22 air care and car, 1 brush in June. Pierce has a payment plan for two years

Library: Megan Mallie reported the library had 500 people the month of June. Summer reading program had 75 signed and 61 that completed. 20 programs held in the month of June; party was held at the Stanwood Park Shelter. Last FY 116 programs total, 1,419 participants. The food pantry served 10 people. Donation was made in honor of Terry O'Hara. MJA was to be onsite July 16th to scan building. July programs are still meeting.

EMS: report reviewed, they were available at the Cedar County Fair

Council: Fun Fest volunteer sign-up sheet will be coming out. We are still looking for Vendors and Community Booths, Aug 1st deadline. Money Grab is a new event at Fun Fest, looking for money sponsors to fill. The Stanwood Fire Dept will be painting signs for Fun Fest.

New Business

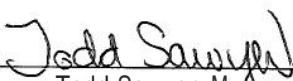
Public hearing was opened at 7:42 p.m. for approval of second reading of Ordinance #246, amending water rates. No written or oral objection were received. Public hearing was closed at 7:57 p.m. Motion by Siebels, seconded by Knapp to approve second reading of Ordinance #246. Roll call vote, all ayes. Approval of waiving third reading pertaining to Ordinance #246 water rates. Motion by Deppe, seconded by Tharp. Roll call vote, all ayes. Discussion was had on options for painting lines at the Basketball court. Motion made by Rottman and seconded by Tharp to approve option 1 & 3 for court painting from Courts Fore Sports. Approval of Resolution 2025-08 collection of delinquent municipal infraction was motioned by Tharp, seconded by Deppe, Roll call, all ayes. Approval of Resolution 2025-09 collection of unpaid utilities was motioned by Rottman, seconded by Knapp, roll call vote, all ayes. Approval of Resolution 2025-10 local match for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Fema grant, motioned by Tharp, seconded by Deppe, all ayes.

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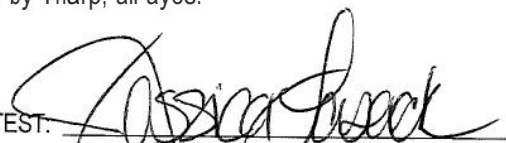
Clerk updated on nuisance properties, discussion on 201 E. Center.

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday Aug 11th, 2025 at 7:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Rottman, to adjourn at 8:10 pm., seconded by Tharp, all ayes.


Todd Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 8/11/2025, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Tharp, Rottman, Knapp. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall, PWD Tim Schultz, Megan Mallie, Deputy Knoche, 1 Asst. chief Kyle Dennis, Jamie Dennis

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Tharp, seconded by Rottman to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- Jim Seago- permission to run generator until Aug 18 at noon. Suggested to keep in the garage to quiet the noise.
Reports

Mayor- attended EMA meeting.

Clerk/Zoning: Clerk Lasack reported on information from IPB about the open meetings/open records upcoming training dates. Application has been submitted to Fema for generators. Debt obligation complete. Working on SFR and doing trainings for the AFR. Reviewed surrounding town ordinances regarding noise hours, generators, minimum living requirements. Discussed different options for utility billing. Clerk Lasack sent out 2 RFPs for audit services. Marla with ECIA provided a contact for nuisance properties, Clerk Lasack will contact him. New part time hire Daniel Hyde started Aug 4.

PWD: Schultz reported on completing the new lift pump repairs. Alliant work will be done this week; the finish crew will be here next. Schultz reported helping with a tree clean up at Dittos. Working on replacing meters. Schultz & Hyde worked on removing the old posts from the tennis court at the park. Schultz reported the antennas were replaced at the wells, they worked for a short time, ended up getting some loaner radios short term.

Sheriff: Reviewed report, discussed speed signs.

Park: July has 5 rentals, Aug has 4 for the month

Fire: 5 calls included- storm, accident structure fire. Sept 27# burn trailer will be in town. Painted signs for Fun Fest.

Library: Megan Mallie reported working on open access, Martin Gardner scanned the building on July 7th and July 16th met with the board to create a vision. Megan completed updating the Welcome Booklet, cleaning up the website, weeded out books that have not been checked out in five years. Signed up for IPB training, Library with heart put a blessing box outside the library. Working on strategic plan and programs.

EMS: report reviewed

Council: Fun Fest volunteer sign-up sheet is out on Facebook, please sign up for a two-hour slot. Diamond Cutter Graphics will be making our sponsor banner. Sponsors, community booth and vendors are still coming in.

New Business

Approval of Resolution 2025-11 collection of delinquent sewer line repair was motioned by Deppe, seconded by Tharp, all ayes. Approval of Resolution 2025-12 collection of delinquent mowing assessment fee was motioned by Rottman, seconded by Tharp, roll call vote, all ayes. Approval of street closure on Front St for Sept 13th Fun Fest, motion by Deppe, seconded by Tharp, all ayes. Approval of street closure on E. Broadway & N. Maple Sept 13th for Fun Fest, motion by Knapp, seconded by Deppe, all ayes. Approval for North Cedar School to shoot off a cannon Sept 12th Salute to Service after the National Anthem, motion by Rottman, seconded by Knapp, all ayes. Approval of Resolution 2025-13 Hiring and setting salary of Part-time employee, motioned by Tharp, seconded by Deppe, all ayes.

Old Business

Clerk updated on nuisance properties, letters will be sent out

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday September 8th, 2025 at 7:00PM at the library

Adjournment: Motion by Tharp, to adjourn at 8:25 pm., seconded by Deppe, all ayes.


Todd Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 9/09/2024, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Knapp, Rottman, Tharp and Siebels. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall, PWD Tim Schultz, Dakota Adams, Kyle Dennis, Jamie Dawson, Megan Mallie, Warren Wethington, Richard Meyer EMS, Rod VonMuenster EMS,

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Consent Agenda: Motion by Tharp, seconded by Deppe to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- None

Reports

Mayor: None

Clerk/Zoning: Clerk Lasack reported on start of the annual exam for FY23, Cedar County Public Health will be offering flu vaccines Oct 3rd at the park shelter, information on IPAIT, Trunk or Treat is set for Oct 27# 3-4pm.

PWD: Rocked alleys and around storm drains, generators were serviced and list of repairs needed. Lead line survey still waiting around 180 to come in yet.

Sheriff: Sheriff Wethington reported they are one Deputy short and starting the hiring process. Calls about the motorcycles in town. One resident is taking up a lot of time in town. They will be stationed at Fun Fest. Report reviewed

Park: 7 rentals for August. 3 rentals so far in September. The restrooms have been hosed down and cleaned.

Fire: Chief Adams reported they had 3 lift assists, 1 controlled burn, 1 vehicle accident and 1 structure fire. The dinner in Aug did well, they will be doing a take-out dinner this fall. Sept 26 car fire training and Oct 19# burn trailer training.

Library: Had 260 people in Aug, the revering retirees and book club are still meeting. They will have a booth at Fun Fest. There will be a program on Sept 22 & 28# for no school. Working on the plan for expansion, making some adjustments. The food pantry has gone well and has received lots of donations. Accreditation is up in Feb, going forward will be looking into focus groups open to the community. Need to look for a new email server.

EMS: 8 for Aug. 1 for September. Providing standby services at North Cedar Football home games and races at Tipton Fairgrounds on September 12 and the Fall Bash Oct 2-5. Providing standby and first aid services for Stanwood Fun Fest Sept 14#. Oct 3 training- Wisdom at the Winery.

Council: Stephanie Rottman discussed Stanwood Fun Fest and getting ready for this Saturday. Volunteers and donations are still welcomed. Rottman and Tharp asked of status on the Ems handbook and what should be included/updated.

New Business

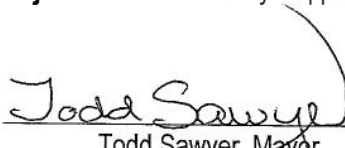
Approval of Resolution 2024-10, Motioned by Deppe, seconded by Rottman. Roll call vote, all ayes. Approval of street closure for Trunk or Treat Oct 27th from 2-4pm. Motioned by Tharp, seconded by Rottman, all ayes.

Old Business

Discussion was held on nuisance properties, code update review, Ems handbook.

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday Oct 14th, 2024 at 7:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Deppe, to adjourn at 9:07 pm., seconded by Rottman, all ayes.


Todd Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 10/15/2024, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Knapp, Rottman, Tharp and Siebels. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall, PND Tim Schultz, Dakota Adams, Megan Mallie, Warren Wethington, Rod VonMuenster EMS

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Consent Agenda: Motion by Knapp, seconded by Siebels to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- None

Reports

Mayor: None

Clerk/Zoning: Clerk Lasack will be attending the IMFOA Conference October 16-18# in Des Moines, the SFR and AFR reports have been completed, the audit is still ongoing for FY23.

PWD: Schultz talked about generator upgrades, repairing pump, preparing locations for new welcome signs.

Sheriff: Sheriff Wethington reported they are one Deputy short and continuing the hiring process. Ongoing problem with one property in town.

Park: 3 rentals for Sept and 5 for October

Fire: Chief Adams reported they had a structure and brush fire, 2 control burns. Participated in Fun Fest. One member left the dept. Oct 19# burn trailer training at Masonic Lodge. Amb will be there to assist in vitals. Participated in Homecoming parade with the cheerleaders.

Library: Librarian Mallie had 290 people in Sep. 2 new and 3 renewals. The food pantry served 11 people. Sept programs went great. Had a booth set up for Fun Fest. 2 No school days, Tween takeover was a success. Rovering Retirees had a scavenger hunt and will do an escape room this month. Oct book club. Annual survey completed; Fiber is installed. Looking to create a focus group.

EMS: 13 calls for Sept, 7 for Oct. Provide services at NC home football games and Tipton races. Participated in Fun Fest. Lifeguard landing training. AEMT's will attend training in Lisbon/Mt Vernon.

Council: Stephanie Rottman discussed Stanwood Fun Fest success. Trunk for Treat is Oct 27# from 3-4pm. 911 and EMA board meeting was Oct 3.

New Business

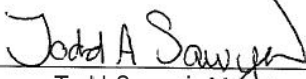
Approval of Resolution 2024-11- Annual Street Financial Report, motioned by Tharp, seconded by Deppe. Roll call vote, all ayes. Jodi Frett, Cedar County EMA spoke about a FEMA grant available for upgrading generators at wells and WW influent structure.

Old Business

Discussion was held on nuisance properties, Ems handbook.

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday Nov 13th, 2024 at 7:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Tharp, to adjourn at 8:20 pm., seconded by Rottman, all ayes.


Todd Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

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Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 11/13/2024, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Knapp, Rottman, Tharp and Siebels. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall, PWD Tim Schultz, Rod VonMuenster EMS

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Consent Agenda: Motion by Deppe, seconded by Siebels to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- Michelle McCall presented a check for \$3,000 donation from Rural Recycling Grinding, LLC towards improvements at the Stanwood Park and Shelter

Reports

Mayor: Discussed ambulance procedure and handbook

Clerk/Zoning: Clerk Lasack attended the IMFOA Conference, discussed the 5 year Proforma check up with SRF loan, attorney is working nuisance properties, cd renewals

PWD: Schultz reported welcome signs are complete. Will purchase solar lights for them at some time. Winter prep is underway, snow fence will be going up, dump truck is getting fixed, lift pump will be repaired next week.

Sheriff: report reviewed

Park: 6 rentals for Nov, damage report to the park restrooms discussed. Reviewing different camera options.

Fire: Mr. Pierce court date is Nov 15; all fines and restitution has been paid by Mr. Pierce.

Library: Librarian Mallie had 395 people in Oct 8 new and 2 renewals. The food pantry served 29 people. They received a generous donation from the Boy Scouts for the library. Annual survey was submitted. County Library will meet with County supervisors Dec 3rd. Making the switch to Cedar Communications. Focus group had 14 present with lots of comments, will review in January. Trunk or treat had 177 kids. Halloween story hour had 12 kids and 5 adults. Santa Dec 14

EMS: Rod reviewed report, 3 calls for Nov. Survey for Medicare was submitted. Participated in Trunk or Treat. 2 attended IEMSA training in Des Moines

Council: Stephanie Rottman shared Stanwood Fun Fest 2025 planning is in the works and are needing volunteers. Talk of IDOT moving the stop sign area at the intersection of Highway 30 & Highway 38.

New Business

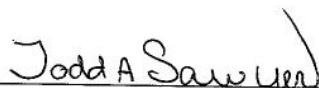
Public hearing is scheduled for Dec 2nd at 6:00 pm on amending sewer ordinance pertaining to rates. Discussion was had on cameras for the Park, will continue looking into different options no action taken. Discussion was had to continue contract with printer/copier. Quote from Deppe Construction to repair the park restroom ceiling was approved. Motion by Siebels and seconded by Tharp. Roll call vote. All ayes.

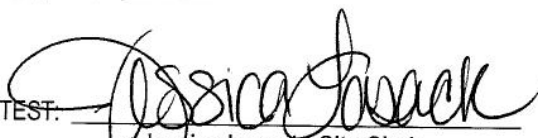
Old Business

Discussion was held on nuisance properties, Ems handbook.

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday Dec 9th, 2024 at 7:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Deppe, to adjourn at 9:05 pm., seconded by Rottman, all ayes.


Todd Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jessica Lasack, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 12/09/2024, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Knapp, Rottman, Tharp and Siebels. Also present: Clerk Lasack, Sue Hall, Sheriff Wethington, Richard Meyer EMS

Mayor Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Consent Agenda: Motion by Rottman, seconded by Deppe to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- Jeff Freeman spoke about his property and needing more time. Court hearing was scheduled for next day, council proceeded with keeping trial date to hold Mr. Freeman to a timeline to clear the city right of way. The city continues to work with Mr. Freeman.

Reports

Mayor:

Clerk/Zoning: Attended budget workshop, reviewed the recent case law regarding sidewalks. NOI was approved to move ahead with application for the hazard mitigation grant. Submitted the final report to Community Foundation of Cedar County for the Welcome sign grant. Applied for the Iowa Small City Work Zone Sign Package Program.

PWD: Report was reviewed

Sheriff: Radios were updated, no issues. Interviewing for Deputy

Parle Rentals for Nov were 6 and so far, 2 for Dec. Repairs were made to the sink drain.

Fire: Had 2 lift assists, 2 brush fires, 1 car crash. Santa will be at the Fire Station Saturday Dec 14 at 10:30am. Mr. Pierce failed to pay the State Auditor, next trial date is Jan 10, 2025.

Library:

- **EMS:** Report reviewed

V.- **Council:**

New Business

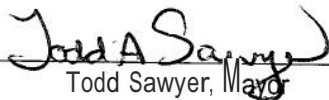
Public hearing was opened at 7.30 p.m. Clerk reviewed the first reading of Ordinance 244, Adopting New City Code of Ordinances. No written or oral objections were received. Public hearing was closed at 7.44 p.m. Motion by Deppe, second by Tharp to approve the first reading of Ordinance 244 adoption new city code of ordinances. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion by Deppe, seconded by Tharp to approve waiving 21 & 3 readings of Ordinance 244. Roll call vote, all ayes. Approval of 1st reading of Ordinance 245 amending sewer rates, Motioned by Rottman, seconded by Knapp. Roll call vote, all ayes. Approval to waive 2nd & 3rd readings pertaining to Ordinance 245, Motioned by Siebels, seconded by Rottman, Roll call vote, all ayes. Motioned by Tharp, seconded by Rottman to approve printer/copier contract with Koch. All ayes.

Old Business

Discussion was held on nuisance properties; clerk was ordered to send out nuisance letter to a property and follow up with the City attorney on a couple other properties.

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday Jan 13th, 2024 at 7:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Rottman, to adjourn at 8:22 pm., seconded by Siebels, all ayes.


Todd Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jessica Lasack, City Clerk