

The Stanhope City Council met in Regular Session April 14, 2026, at the Stanhope Community Building starting at 6:01 p.m. Mayor Jeff Schroeder called the meeting to order with Council Members: Jill Haman, Devin Hensley, Beau Jensen and Tom Stupp present.

Members of the public present: Harold Hove, Marcia Hove, Daryl Gisch, William Watts, Grant Young, Gary Northrop, Jackie Baker, Gary Baker, David Read, Gary Green, Peggy Phipps, Linda Jennings, Paul Hetland, Bob McNally, Cathy Springer, Public works – Tim Dally, Paul Block, Keith Bockoven, Erma Bockoven, Lucy Haman, Roger & Polly Hayes, Rick Young, Robert Johnson, Kelly Wirtz, EJS Chief Kaleb Morton, Vickie Anderson, Roger Anderson and Brad Anderson.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the agenda for April 14, 2026

Approval of the Property Tax Hearing Minutes, Drainage Assessment Meeting Minutes and the approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2026

Approval of the payment of claims.

Approval of the financial reports for the period of 3/1/26 - 3/31/26

Hensley made a motion to approve the consent agenda Stupp seconded the motion. Roll call 4-0. Motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REQUESTS:

- None

GENERAL AGENDA

Wins & Recognition: Mayor Schroeder shared an email from Ottie Maxey stating the Cities of Kamrar and Williams approved the resolutions for applications. All nine communities are moving forward with Hometown Pride – Keep Iowa Beautiful program.

Appointment of Council Member: There were two (2) letters of interest for the open Stanhope City Council seat. Robert Johnson and Grant Young. Each stood and addressed the crowd. Afterwards Stupp made a motion to nominate Grant Young to the open council seat and Haman seconded the motion. Roll call 4 – 0. Motion Carried. Young read his Oath of Office and joined the council meeting.

One Call – no call Railway St. The council discussed how to proceed when this occurs going forward. It will be addressed with Ordinance 2025-2026-06 Regarding Residential Digging.

Public Safety: Mayor Schroeder presented a summary of the April 2, 2026 EJS minutes. At that meeting Stanhope and 28E Agreement were among the topics on the Agenda. At that meeting, after further discussion the Board determined that Stanhope will no longer be involved with the EJS Police Department after the 2025 Fiscal Year ends. Walker made a motion that after June 30th, 2026 EJS will revert to the Ellsworth, Jewell Police Department, Olson 2nd the motion, all members were in favor, motion carried. Council member Haman asked if a compromise would offer a solution to the issue. Mayor Schroeder agreed to work with Haman to come up with a revision to the proposed 28E Agreement that would take effect on July 1, 2026.

Neighborhood Watch: Council member Jensen presented an idea of ‘See something – say something’.

Town & Country Insurance renewal: Justin Malloy presented the Commercial Insurance Review for the policy effective April 1, 2026.

Set date for Public Hearing – Proposed Budget for FY July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:

Haman made a motion for this Public Hearing for May 27th at 5:00 pm at the Stanhope Community Center, Jensen 2nd the motion. Roll call vote 5 – 0. Motion Carried

Set date for Public Hearing – Amend current budget FY July1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Jensen made a motion for this Public Hearing for May 27th at 5:05 pm at the Stanhope Community Center, Grant Young 2nd the motion. Roll call vote 5 – 0. Motion Carried

ORDINANCES AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES

1. **Second reading for codifying the Ordinance book.** A motion to accept the updated Ordinance book and waive the third reading was made by Jensen and 2nd by Hensley. Roll call vote. 5 – 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **2025-2026-03 Adopting Hamilton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan** Motion to approve the resolution was made by Hensley and seconded by Jensen, Roll call vote 5 – 0. Motion Carried
 2. **2025-2026-04 Authorizing the City Clerk to Certify to the County for Collection of unpaid utility bills** Motion to approve the resolution was made by Stupp and seconded by Hensley, Roll call vote 5 – 0. Motion Carried
 3. **2025-2026-05 Authorizing the City Clerk to Certify to the County for Collection of unpaid utility bills** Motion to approve the resolution was made by Jensen and seconded by Stupp, Roll call vote 5 – 0. Motion Carried
 4. **2025-2026-06 Resolution Regarding Residential Digging** Motion to table the resolution was made by Haman and seconded by Hensley.
 5. **2025-2026-07 Resolution Assessing fees for Ordinance Abatement** Motion to table the resolution was made by Haman and seconded by Hensley.
 6. **2025-2026-07 Reorganization Resolution** Motion to approve the resolution was made by Jensen and seconded by Stupp, Roll call vote 5 – 0. Motion Carried
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hensley seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jori Young, City Clerk

Jeff Schroeder, Mayor

April 17, 2026.