

The Stanhope City Council met in Regular Session Tuesday, August 12, 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, Kempton Young, Beau Jensen and Doug Sogard were present.

Members of the public present: Paul Block, Peggy Phipps, Phil Phipps, Keith Bockoven, Erma Bockoven, Robert Johnson, Roger Hayes, Lucy Haman, Cathy Springer, Cayden Heck, Harlee Shelton, Deven Hensley, Public Works Tim Dally, Grant young, Brittany Schroder, Suzanne Sogard, Dave Staples, and Deputy Jordan Stangeland.

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

- Approval of the agenda for August 12, 2025
- Approval of July 6, 2025 City Council minutes
- Approval for the payment of claims  
Two claims were denied by Council members Jensen, Young and Sogard due to further investigating.
- Approval of financial reports for period of 6/1/2025 – 6/30/2025  
Sogard seconded the motion. Roll call 2 yay – 3 nay to pay claims.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REQUESTS:** Patron Grant Young discussed capital improvements at the park. Mayor Wirtz asked Grant to consult with the park committee and bring it back to council. Patron Peggy Phipps discussed the city paying for the water shut off at the Stanhope Community Apartment Complex. Council wants more information and will discuss at the next meeting on September 9, 2025.

#### **GENERAL AGENDA**

- **WINS AND RECOGNITIONS:** Council member Haman started off our Wins and Recognitions with Watermelon Day success! Everything ran smoothly even the train. Council member Hetland thanked the lions and community members for the community service project completed.
- **MOSUITO SPRAYING:** After long discussion mosquito spraying will stay on utility bill until further information can be obtained.
- **ENERGY REBATES:** Discussion on energy rebate offers was discussed. Motion was made by Young to discontinue energy rebates at this time. Seconded by Sogard. All were in favor and motion passed.
- **RESIGNATION OF CITY CLERK:** Vickie put in her resignation as City Clerk. Her last day was July 31<sup>st</sup>; however, she is going to help until we get someone else. Kempton motioned and Doug seconded and the motion was carried to accept the resignation.
- **Employee Pay:** Discussion on paying Full-time employees once a month. Tim agreed to getting paid once a month as he is our only full-time employee at this time. It will be discussed with Tim on which date he prefers this to go in to affect. Motion by Kempton and seconded by Jensen, the motion was carried.
- **Insurance on playground:** This is still being worked out between both insurance companies at this time.
- **Midas discussion:** It was discussed to look at the Truck Route, Street Restriction for ATV/UTV and Parking fines. This will be looked at later.

- **MAYOR COMMENTS:** Discussed the vacated property – Extending from Ohio St., West 500 ft, 44 ft, 23.3 ft. 2 sales/2 parcels (Behind Larry Miller Sr.’s property approximately). Public Bid – need to put on next meeting agenda.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Haman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hetland seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Kelly Wirtz, Mayor