

The Stanhope City Council met in regular session Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at the Stanhope Community Building starting at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Jeff Schroeder called the meeting to order with Council Members: Jill Haman, Mindy Hetland, Devin Hensley, Beau Jensen and Tom Stupp present.

Members of the public present: Daryl Gish, Harold Hove, Gary Northrop, Cathy Springer, Cathy Doughty, Eddie Doughty, Craig Groves, Linding Jennings, Peggy Phipps, Roger Hayes, Polly Hayes, Jeanette Muessigmann, Matt Muessigmann, Chris Keenan, Sarah Keenan, Deidre Malmquist, Dorene Geerdes, Paul Block, Paul Hetland, William Watts, Shanda Foust-Staples, Dale Thompson, Keith Bockoven, Erma Bockoven, Vickie Anderson, Roger Anderson, Brad Anderson, Robert Johnson, Happy (Joe) Carter, Kady Carter, Public works, Tim Dally, Michaeline Acker, Gary Greene, Rick Young, Lucy Haman and Police Chief, Kaleb Morten.

#### ***APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:***

Approval of the agenda for February 10, 2026

Approval of the City Council minutes of January 13, 2026

Approval for the payment of claims.

Approval of the financial reports for the period of 1/1/26-12/31/25 and 1/31/2026 – present day

Haman made a motion to approve the consent agenda Hensley; seconded the motion. Roll call 5-0. Motion carried.

#### ***PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REQUESTS:***

Shanda Foust-Staples addressed the community and council. She shared a recent interaction with the Stanhope EMS. She was very grateful that Tim Dally was first on the scene to assist, and Mindy and Jill soon arrive. Additional members of Stanhope EMS/Fire soon arrived, as well as two (2) Hamilton County Deputies on a Sunday morning. Members of the first responders have personally reached out to Ms. Foust-Staples to offer support following the incident. She expressed deep thanks and appreciation for the quick response.

Polly Hayes updated the council and community following a recent Envision Stanhope meeting. They intend to add Bingo to Wednesday Night in the Park this year, as well as add Food Truck Friday. They are planning to have the Block Party again, and would like to be on the March Council Agenda. Ms. Hayes also mentioned that the \$700 donation check to Zack Chizeck has cleared Envision Stanhope's bank account. The donation was made to benefit Stanhope Fire & EMS, going forward with 501.c.3 plans.

#### ***GENERAL AGENDA***

- 1. CAMERAS:** Council member Jensen suggested adding cameras to the Community Center common areas. He indicated that approximately 8 cameras (units) can be purchased for \$500.00 - \$700.00. The agreement with SUMMIT Fire was terminated at the November 18, 2025 meeting. The new cameras would provide monitoring for motion, heat, etc. Hensley made a motion to approve the cameras; Jensen seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 2. STANHOPE LIBRARY:** Librarian Deidre Malmquist presented a public garden program to the City Council. She has done extensive work on obtaining donations and funding to support the garden. Stupp made a motion to approve, seconded by Hetland. Motion carried.
- 3. PUBLIC SAFETY:** Mayor Schroeder and council member Hetland recently attended the monthly EJS Meeting. Mayor Schroeder tabled the topic until the Stanhope City Attorney has reviewed the updated, proposed 28E agreement.
- 4. Water facility & Waste water treatment contract:** The city received one (1) bid from Liquid Logic, LLC. A motion was made by Stupp and Jensen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor. 5 – 0. Motion carried.

5. **CHAIR & TABLE Update:** City Clerk Young provided the council with an inventory of excess tables and chairs at the old Community Center, as well as the current Community Center. Peggy Phipps asked if any of the chairs belonged to the Lions Club. No action was taken.
6. **GHOST PROPERTY:** The city will move forward to either survey the property or do what is necessary to get the properties updated to reflect proper ownership. A motion was made by Hensley and seconded by Hetland. Motion carried.
7. **BANK CD's maturing.** The City of Stanhope had four (4) various Public Funds CD's mature between February 6<sup>th</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. All were renewed with First State Bank at the advertised 6-month special of 3.90% APY. Roll call vote. All in favor 5 -0.
8. **STANHOPE PROPERTY REINVESTMENT & NEW CONSTRUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM:** Council member Hensley, presented the program to council and members of the public. There was no action taken on this item.

**ORDINANCES AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS:** None

#### **BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES/REPORTS**

**LANDFILL COMMISSION** Stupp provided updates from the recent meeting. He said that lithium batteries were discussed and the dangers they provide when disposed of incorrectly. The Hamilton County Landfill will take these items if citizens bring them to the facility for proper disposal.

**PUBLIC SAFETY-FIRE/EMS, POLICE** Chief Brad Anderson, no comment. EMS Hetland, no comment.

**BUILDING PERMITS** Demolition permit for 2 properties located on Parker St/ HWY 17. City Attorney Zack Chizeck confirmed with DNR that they approve the demolition of the said properties. A motion to approve made by Stupp and seconded by Hensley. Roll call 5 – 0. Approved. Motion carried.

**PARK COMMITTEE** All picnic tables from the insurance claim in the park have been procured and are currently being assembled by public works employee, Dally.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**MAYOR COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Stupp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hensley seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jori Young, City Clerk

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Jeff Schroeder, Mayor