

The Stanhope City Council met in Regular Session Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at the Stanhope Community Building starting at 6:18 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, Roger Hayes, Peggy Phipps, Polly Hayes, Michaeline Acker, Gary Green, Linda Jennings, Paul Block, Gary Northrop, Chase Whetstone, Paul Hetland, Rick Young, Keith Bockoven, Erma Bockoven, Brad Anderson, Vicki Anderson, Steve Butler, Robert Johnson, Grant Young, Jakie Baker, Gary Baker, Cathy Springer, Phillip Phipps, Tim Dally, Lucy Haman, Roger Anderson and Mindy Hetland.

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion to amend the agenda to add Envision Stanhope Annual Block Party/Polly Hayes was made by Hensley and seconded by Haman.

Approval of the agenda for March 24, 2026

Approval of the City Council minutes of December 9, 2025

Approval of City Council minutes of February 10, 2026

Approval of the payment of claims.

Approval of the financial reports for the period of 2/1/26-12/31/25 and 2/28/2026 – present day

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

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REQUESTS:**

- None

**GENERAL AGENDA**

- **COUNCIL RESIGNATION:** Mayor Schroeder announced that Mindy Hetland emailed [cityofstanhope@netins.net](mailto:cityofstanhope@netins.net) on February 18, 2026, at 7:40, resigning from Stanhope City Council, effective immediately. The Hamilton County Auditor's office was notified of the resignation, same day.
- **INTENT TO APPOINT OR SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT:** A motion to appoint was made by Hensley and seconded by Stupp. Roll call 4-0. Motion Carried.
- **WINS & RECOGNITION:** City Clerk Young congratulated the Stanhope Library on the success of their recent program for Pie making. Fifteen (15) people signed up and everyone had a good time. There have been requests for a follow-up pie class. Council member Haman thanked Mindy Hetland for her service to Stanhope EMS/Fire and City Council.
- **ENVISION STANHOPE ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY:** Polly Hayes asked for approval for the Stanhope Block party, which will be held the evening of July 17, 2026. The Thirsty Pig will be there as well as live music. Haman made a motion to approve the Stanhope Block Party and Stupp seconded the motion. Roll call 4-0. Motion carried.
- **APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER TO EJS BOARD:** Mayor Schroeder asked if any council members had interest in an appointment to the EJS Board to represent the City of Stanhope. Haman and Stupp stated that they did not. Hensley volunteered for the seat on EJS Board. motion to appoint Hensley was made by Jensen and seconded by Stupp. Roll call Jensen: aye; Haman: aye: Stupp, aye: Hensley: abstain. Motion Carried.

- **APPOINTMENT TO IOWAY CREEK WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY:** Mayor Schroeder stated that he will fill this seat. A motion to appoint Schroeder was made by Jensen and Hensley seconded. Roll call 4 – 0. Motion carried.
- **CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT:** Mayor Schroeder stated that the City of Stanhope is participating in Hometown Pride and that a future conflict of interest may arise with council member Jensen, as he owns several properties in Stanhope. An Affidavit of Conflict of Interest was drafted by city attorney, Zach Chizek. Jensen will not vote or participate in any future activity that involves his properties or would benefit him personally.
- **STANHOPE LIONS CLUB – PARK CEMENT PROPOSAL:** Grant Young spoke on behalf of the Stanhope Lions Club. They have funds available to add two (2) cement slabs in Stanhope City Park. The cement slabs would be beneficial to various rides on Watermelon Day and would have a multi-purpose for the remaining days of the year. Hensley made a motion to approve and Stupp seconded.
- **GARBAGE COMPLAINT:** A citizen filled out a complaint form at the office of the Stanhope City Clerk. They stated that garbage from the dumpsters at Sparky’s One Stop are open and trash blows in the back yards of neighboring residents. Mayor Schroeder will address the concern.
- **CAN DONATION CAGE – CHERYL HAMAN:** Ms. Haman asked that the can donation fence be moved to the South Shed. The current location is at Sparky’s One Stop and is no longer ideal. Ms. Haman stated that she raises approximately \$1,800.00 annually and the funds are used to support Watermelon Day. Jill Haman made a motion to approve moving the can fence and Jensen seconded.
- **GARAGE SALE 5/2/2026 & CITY CLEAN UP DAY 5/9/2026:** Haman made a motion to approve City Garage Sale Day and City Cleanup day and Hensley seconded.
- **EMPLOYEE WAGE INCREASES:** Mayor Schroeder stated that the budget committee would like to increase the wages for the city employees. City Clerk, increase \$2.50/hour and City Maintenance, increase \$1.00/hour. The increase is far less than the monthly insurance premium stipend that was offered to staff in the past. A motion to approve employee wage increases was made by Hensley and seconded by Stupp. Roll call vote 4 -0. Motion carried.
- **ORDINANCE BOOK CODIFICATION:** Hensley made a motion to approve and Jensen seconded.
- **SET MEETING FOR BUDGET CERTIFICATION:** April 14, 2026, was suggested for the 2026-2027 Budget Certification. Jensen made a motion to approve the date and Hensley seconded. Roll call 4 – 0. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCES:**

1. **2026-09 Chapter 13 setoff program** Jensen made a motion to approve the Chapter 13 setoff program ordinance and Hensley seconded. Roll call 4 – 0. Motion carried.
2. **2026-10 Hometown Pride Program** Haman made a motion to approve the Hometown Pride Program and Hensley seconded. Roll call Hensley: aye; Haman: aye: Stupp, aye: Jensen: abstain. Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **2025-2026-09 Chapter 28E Agreement:** Roll call Hensley: Nay; Haman: Aye, Stupp: Aye, Jensen: Nay. 2:2 vote, motion not carried.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Haman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jensen seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jori Young, City Clerk

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Jeff Schroeder, Mayor

**March 25, 2026.**