

The Stanhope City Council met in regular session Tuesday, November 18, 6:00 pm at the Stanhope Community Center.

The meeting was called the meeting to order by Mayor Pro Tem, Kempton Young at 6:00 pm with Council Members Jill Haman, Mindy Hetland, Beau Jensen, Doug Sogard and Kempton Young, Mayor Pro Tem present.

Members of the public present: Peggy Phipps, Linda Jennings, Devin Hensley, Jackie Baker, Gary Baker, Caden Heck, Harlee Shelton, Robert Johnson, David Staples, Tom Stupp, Katelynn Hensley, Lucy Haman, Jeff Schroeder, Paul Block and Public Works Tim Dally.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the agenda for November 18, 2025

Approval of the City Council minutes of October 14, 2025

Approval for the payment of claims.

Approval of the financial reports for the period of 10/1/25-10/31/25

Jill Haman made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Mindy

Hetland seconded the motion, all voting yes, the motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REQUESTS

Caden Heck – 390 Railway Clarification on what is city responsibility and citizens responsibility for utilities are when it comes to electric and water installation and replacement.

GENERAL AGENDA

1. Wins and Recognitions – Council member Jill Haman thanked Stanhope State University for assisting with the Homecoming and Chili cook-off. Council member Mindy Hetland shared a hand out on Building Relationships.
2. Open Meetings Training – City Clerk Jori Young stated that the new state law requires newly elected and re-elected council and mayor to take an open meetings class. She stated they can work with her to schedule the required training.
3. Update Banking – A motion was made by councilman Beau Jensen and seconded by Doug Sogard to have new mayor Jeff Schroeder replace Kempton Young effective January 2, 2026 on bank account information, all other signers remain the same, all voting yes, motion carried.
4. Setoff Program Enrollment- A motion was made by councilman Beau Jensen and seconded by Doug Sogard to enroll in the shut off program. All voting yes motion carried
5. Annual Financial Report & Street Finance Report has been filed and turned in and copies can be picked up in city office if anyone wants one.
6. Snowmobile Route has been turned in and is the same as last year. Council man Beau Jensen motioned to approve and council women Mindy Hetland seconded. All voting yes, motion carried.
7. Electric Rates- Has been decided for the upcoming five years to raise electric rates at a beginning year raise of 3% followed by the next four years at 2% a year. A resolution will be written up for December meeting to start the voting process.
8. Ordinance book update – Hopefully get finished up in the upcoming months.
9. Fire alarm Contract with City Hall- Was decided to not resign contract with Summit fire and to look for bids from other companies, Mayor Pro Tem will get bids to replace.

BOARDS & COMMITTEE UPDATES / REPORTS

Landfill Commission-

Public Safety-Fire/EMS, Police-

Business Enterprise-

Building permits- **215 Main St.& 465 Main St.**

Park Committee Report -

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Peggy Phipps brought up a snow removal concern about where snow piles will be located. Public Works Dally stated that he would work with her to determine a suitable location.

An inquiry was made regarding the tree removal project. The discussion indicated that there may be two trees, both located in alleyways that might need to be removed.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Kempton Young announced that Baker Mechanical will start AC/Furnace repairs the week after Thanksgiving when parts have arrived.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Jensen made a motion for adjournment.

Council member Sogard seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 7:03 pm

POSTING

First State Bank, 600 Park Street, Stanhope, Iowa.

United States Post Office, 605 Parker Street, Stanhope, Iowa.

Stanhope Community Center, 600 Main Street, Stanhope, Iowa.

Date of postings: 11/20/25

ATTESTATION

ATTEST:

Jori Young, City Clerk, Stanhope, Iowa

Kempton Young, Mayor, Stanhope, Iowa

CITY SEAL