

The Stanhope City Council met in Regular Session Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at the Stanhope Community Building starting at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Kempton Young 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, Jackie Baker, Gary Baker, Polly Hayes, Roger Hayes, Robert Johnson, Lucy Haman, Cathy Springer, Cayden Heck, Harlee Shelton, Deven Hensley, Kaleb Morton, Paul Hetland, Wayne Romp Amy Stupp, Tom Stupp, Grant young, Rick Young, Suzanne Sogard, Dave Staples

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

- Approval of the agenda for Sept 9, 2025
- Approval of August 12, 2025 City Council minutes
- Approval for the payment of claims
- Approval of financial reports for period of 8/1/2025 – 8/31/2025

Haman seconded the motion. Roll call all in favor.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REQUESTS: Polly Hayes discussed Trick or Treating. It was decided to have Trick or Treating on October 31st from 6:00pm-8:00pm. It was discussed if Envision could use the parking lot across the street from Community Center to hold the Trunk or Treat. It was decided that Envision could use the parking lot to hold the event. Polly Hayes handed the Council fliers from Envision and stated they would be printing them in October.

GENERAL AGENDA

- **WINS AND RECOGNITIONS:** Council member Haman started off our Wins and Recognitions with Thanking Grant Young for coming to the Fire/EMS meeting with his ideas for Fundraising to help our department. Haman also Thanked Vickie Anderson for keeping up with the City Business during this time. Chuck Clabaugh was Thanked for helping to clean up the park from the motor vehicle accident. Jori and Kempton were thanked for helping with the town business during this time. All Council members thanked everyone also.
- **Rick Young discussed Medical Arts Building and Depot:** Medical Arts building and Depot are now the City's property. The Medical Arts building will bring in 400.00 a month from rent for the two businesses that are currently in there. Discussion about wanting a new business in the Depot and Medical Arts Building.
- **Discussion on 400-410 Parker:** Mayor Young reported that the owners of these buildings did contact him, and he spoke with them about the steps they would need to take concerning the buildings and the state they are in. Young reported that the owners are fulfilling their obligation concerning this issue. And they will have a plan to fix the buildings.
- **Update On Electrical Audit:** Mayor Young stated that our electrical rates have not changed since 2014. Mayor Young stated that we need to consider a 3% increase for 2026 and a 2% increase in the following years. Mayor Young stated this needs to be done so we are staying fiscally responsible as a town. Our Budget amount and our expenses as of right now have little to no room for other expenses that may occur.
- **Concrete Updates on Apartments:** Mayor Young opened it up for discussion and asked council members their input. Hetland stated that it would be more than fair to pay for half the concrete and no labor as we could get volunteers to help with this project. Jensen made a motion, Sogard 2nd roll call everyone in favor.
- **Fire Department Fundraiser:** Grant Young talked to the council about doing a dance at the fire station this year instead of a homecoming tailgate. It was discussed the event would be a fundraiser for the fire department with all cover charge going to Stanhope Fire and Rescue. Motion by Hetland, 2nd by Jensen roll call everyone in favor.
- **Approval for updating Norton on city computer:** Motion by Haman, 2nd by Sogard roll call everyone in favor.
- **MAYOR COMMENTS:** Add was published for new City Clerk with the application deadline of September 22nd, 2025. Jori will be helping at the city office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am until 2pm. This will be at no cost to the city. Devon Hensley talked about the 600,00 loan the city got last year to clear up any questions the public and council may have.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Haman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hetland 2nd all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mindy Hetland, Council Member

Kempton Young, Mayor Pro Tem