

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2023

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor King called the regular meeting of the Standish City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO AMERICA**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor King.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: King, Link, Fleszar, Winslow, Rang, Prout, Spencer

Absent:

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to approve the agenda with addition of item B. Kentucky Fried Chicken to current business.

The motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Whitney – 220 E Cedar St

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023, Regular Meeting.

All approved, motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

MOVED by Link and supported by Rang to pay the invoices for the month of December.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS:	Fleszar, Spencer, Link, Rang, Prout, Winslow, King
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

The motion carried.

8. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

A. Public Hearing- Resolution 23.07- DWSRF – Intent to Apply

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to go into a Public Hearing for Resolution 23.07 DWSRF Intent to Apply 6:07pm.

All approved, motion carried.

- The City of Standish SSC Water project qualifies for a grant to complete the project.
 - The project will cost approximately 2.9 million.
- The city will need to go through the bonding process initially for the project.
 - The bonds will be fully forgiven via the grant received.
- Any additional cost incurred for this water project will be covered by Standish Sterling Central Schools.
- The city needs a resolution of intent to apply for the grant.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to Leave Public Hearing for Resolution 23.07 DWSRF Intent to Apply 6:10pm.

All approved, motion carried.

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to accept Resolution 23.07 DWSRF Intent to Apply.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Prout, Link, Spencer, Rang, Fleszar, Winslow, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

B. Kentucky Fried Chicken

- The Planning Commission met last month to review the KFC project.
 - Planning Commission does recommend this project to the City Council
- Project is waiting on county Drain Commissioner and MDOT to give their final approval on the plans.

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to allow City Manager to give final approval to Landtech Developers for the Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurant contingent on Drain Commissioners findings and MDOTs approval.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Winslow, Link, Prout, Fleszar, Rang, Spencer, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Property Acquisition – M-13 @ South City Limits

- County’s Ag and Event Center parcels approximately 52 acres
- November’s council meeting it was discussed purchasing this property to utilize the applying for the Spark Grant with
- County had this property appraiser to determine its value for a ligation they have taking place.
 - Appraisal came back for \$110,000.
 - The County purchased this property for \$145,000 in 2019.
- The City would like to purchase the property for \$70,000 based on November’s meeting approvals.
- The council would like the City Manager to meet with the County to make an offer on the property for \$70,000.
 - If the County makes a counter offer a special meeting can be held to discuss the counter
- The city has till the end of January to apply for the Spark grant utilizing the property.

B. Property Acquisition – Wheeler Rd @ Grove St. – 006-0-002-200-125-00

- SSC Water project will need a buster pump to maintain water pressure out to the schools.
 - The city will be required to purchase a parcel of land to build a pump house on and be capable of maintaining the equipment.
- SSI engineers recommend the pump be installed into the system at the beginning of the water main junction leading to the schools.
 - This would be the best location for a pump station.
- The owners of this parcel would be willing to sell the property to the city for \$6,000.
 - The city attorney would be capable of completing all the paperwork for the purchase of the property.

MOVED by Link and supported by Fleszar to move forward with attempting to purchase parcel 006-0-002-200-125-00 for \$6,000 utilizing the city attorney for the paperwork.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Rang, Fleszar, Spencer, Winslow, Link, Prout, King
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

C. Equipment Purchases

- Labconco Glassware Washer that is utilized by the sewer department to clean their testing equipment has gone down.
 - This is a specialty washer that reaches temps of higher-than-normal temperatures to ensure bacteria from Sewage testing is killed.
 - This item cannot wait till the next 2% request for Tribal Funding
- This style of washer is required to meet State requirements to avoid fines from inspectors.
- The City Manager needs a new desktop computer, the current one is dated and starting to run slower.
 - The computer is going to be placed on the next 2% request for Tribal Grants

MOVED by Link and supported by Rang to approve the purchase of a Laboratory glassware washer up to \$15,769.30.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Link, Rang, Fleszar, Spencer, Prout, Winslow, King
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

D. Meeting Date – February 2024

- City Manager requests that the February 2024 meeting date be changed from February 12 to February 5th at 6pm

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to approve the changing of February 2024 City Council Meeting to February 5th, 2024, at 6pm.

All approved, motion carried.

E. Boar of Review Dates

- March 6, 2024, at 10am
- March 13, 2024, at 3pm to 9pm
- March 14, 2024, at 10am to 5pm
- July 17, 2024, at 10am
- December 11, 2021, at 10am

MOVED by Rang and supported by Fleszar to approve the 2024 Boar of Review Dates.

All approved, motion carried.

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mason reported the following:

- 307 N Main St Project – Landbank meeting has been move to December 14
 - The city should know after this meeting if we will receive a grant from the Landbank to remove the dilapidated buildings from this property.
 - There has been interest in the purchase of this property expressed by a local business in the area looking to move to Main St.
- Has received several compliments on how nice the Historical Depo looks for the holiday season.

12. **MAYOR & FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

King reported the following:

- The Fire Authority is looking to invest some of their funds with a governmental account that Huntington Bank is offering with 5% interest earnings.
 - Would like to see the city looking into investing with Huntington as well.
- Residents are requesting a bike path from the City to the Schools on Grove St and Wyatt Rd

13. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Link – Would like to see James St. repairs be a road project for this coming year.
- Prout – Would like to see the leaves picked up a little timelier.
- Rang – Leaves were not picked up on Church St before the Christmas lighting this past month.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Champagne Southworth
City Clerk

Kevin King
Mayor