

City of Stanton  
Regular Meeting  
January 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor tissue-Daws.

Commissioners present: Basom, Burris, Corwin, Johnson, Petersen, and Yoder.  
Absent: None

A motion was made by Burris and supported by Petersen to approve the agenda with the correction of the date and addition to set a Public Hearing. 6 Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Petersen and supported by Burris to approve the minutes to the January 26, 2016 meeting. 6 Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Ray Holloway commented on the nice looking poster boards of the Park Plan displayed in the community room.

A motion was made by Corwin and supported by Petersen to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$6,171.00. 6 Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

DPW report is attached.  
Chief Patino informed the commission about damage to several vehicles in the city.  
City Manager's report is attached.

A motion was made by Petersen and supported by Burris to accept the contract with republic Services without the curb side recycling. 6 Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Petersen and supported by Corwin to solicit bids from at least three firms with the intent of re-appraising all taxable parcels within the City of Stanton, with a priority placed on commercial zones. 5 Yes. Yoder No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Petersen and supported by Burris to authorize the City Manager to attempt sale of all three lots as presented with the goal of recoupling as much of the City's investment as possible, and at minimum recovering demolition contracted costs. 6 Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Basom and supported by Johnson to solicit bids and qualifications from web site designers with the intent of redesigning the city web page. 5 Yes. Yoder No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Burris and supported by Petersen to set a Public Hearing for February 9, 2016 regarding the Park & Recreation Plan at 7:00 pm in the Community room at City Hall. Public Welcome.

A motion was made by Petersen and supported by Burris to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm. Next meeting will be held on February 9, 2016 immediately following the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm. Public Welcome.

Monica Tissue-Daws, Mayor  
Janet Davis, City Clerk

January 21, 2016

D.P.W. Report

-Holiday lights, bows, and garland taken down. (a little sooner next year?)

-Snow plowing, and plenty of salt spreading, has kept the city streets and parking lots looking great. We have found the sidewalks to be a bit of a challenge though, not for lack of effort.

-The piles of snow from downtown parking, and parking lots, have been hauled away.

-We continue to keep busy with maintenance projects as well as inventory and organization at the D.P.W garage on top of the many everyday tasks.

**City Manager's Report**  
**Stanton City Commission Meeting**  
**1/26/16**

To the Commission and Citizens of Stanton,

We are making considerable progress on numerous projects and I am pleased to offer some updates:

1. You will notice a different format for agenda items in this meeting's packet. I think codifying our agenda items will make it easier for residents and other interested parties to locate specific business by meeting date and item number. This will also lend to transparency and organization on our part as a municipality. This new format includes the topic, summary, potential financial impact, and my recommendation for each issue.
2. The Parks and Recreation survey we submitted to the community was a great success. We have received 123 total responses, which is a great sample size when one considers there are roughly 500 total households in the community. I am still in the process of analyzing the aggregate data, and we will add any specific tenets of the results to the Parks and Rec Plan final draft if there are not already specific sections to address them. We are on the home stretch for Parks and Rec Grant eligibility.
3. We have a draft of the final contract with Republic Services for our solid waste removal in the City. There are two alternates to the final page, one quoting curbside recycling. I hope to resolve the final contract and have an endorsement for signature tonight, so that we may finalize the project.
4. We have received the final rendering posters for the park, and I am beginning the process of soliciting various community organizations for donations to the park fund. I am hopeful that in conjunction with the City's committed match funds, the \$700,000 in total grant dollars we are seeking from MDNR and MDOT, these private donations will get us well over the necessary amount to complete phase I of the Veteran's Memorial Park.
5. The DDA is meeting directly before our regular meeting and will discuss several items. These include the ongoing negotiations with Montcalm County as to an annual contribution to the Stanton DDA, possible partnership with the Heart of Montcalm Chamber of Commerce, and an educational component about DDA's and their role in main street commerce.
6. The second phase of our project with Michigan Meter has commenced with the ordering of our commercial water meters, radio reading equipment, and billing software. Our DPW will be installing these meters, and a draft letter that will be going out to all water customers is in the packet for your review. I am very pleased with the

project so far, and Jamie Blum has done a wonderful job working with our partners at MI Meter to coordinate the project.

7. Tonight we will discuss the possibility for the City to update its assessment rolls by completing a reappraisal for all parcels within the limits, starting most importantly with our 106 commercial/industrial parcels.
8. The next project on the docket I would like the Commission to consider is a redesign/rebuild of our City web page. It is quite outdated and receives minimal traffic. If properly utilized, we can create a valuable tool for the residents to find information and communicate with the City, and it can also be an excellent way for us to gather data and broadcast to our stakeholders.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jake Eckholm', written in a cursive style.

Jake Eckholm, City Manager