

**City of Stanton
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2023**

1. Call to Order

The City of Stanton regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Ferguson.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Bill Ferguson, Lewis Corwin, Tamara Kuhn, Jane Basom, Ray Holloway, Charles Miel, Jacky McGill

Absent:

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Kuhn second by McGill to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

5. Public Comments

Amy Thomas, Montcalm 9-1-1 Director, spoke about the 9-1-1 surcharge that will be on the upcoming ballot for the May 2nd election. She explained how the surcharge plays a crucial role in funding Montcalm 9-1-1 as it makes up a large portion of their budget.

6. Standing Items

- a. Motion made by Kuhn second by Corwin to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 28, 2023. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- b. Motion made by McGill second by Kuhn to approve the bills for the 1st half of March 2023 in the total amount of \$32,559.42. Motion carried on a voice vote.

7. Monthly Reports

- a. Stanton Police Department- Written report provided.
- b. DPW Report- Written report provided.
- c. Clerk/Treasurer Report- Update on accounts at Michigan Class yielding significant interest.
- d. City Manager Report- MML MI Water Navigator Helpdesk received additional funding; the City is qualified to receive the free assistance.

8. Old Business

- a. Motion made by Miel second by Kuhn to adopt the Commission Rules and Procedures. Motion carried on a voice vote.

9. New Business

- a. Motion made by Miel second by Basom to commit up to \$5,000 to the Montcalm County Solid Waste Committee for a recycling compactor. Motion carried on a voice vote. Commissioner Holloway noted he had safety concerns he would like brought to the attention of the Committee.

- b. Motion made by Kuhn second by McGill to remove City Manager VanBoxel from the City's bank accounts with an effective date of March 31, 2023. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Basom second by Corwin to increase Mayor/Commission pay rates by \$25/meeting; Mayor \$125/meeting, City Commissioner \$75/meeting, Planning Commissioner \$50/meeting. Basom, Holloway, and Corwin voted yes. Miel, McGill, and Kuhn voted no. Mayor Ferguson casted a tie breaker vote of yes. Motion passed.
- d. Motion made by Miel second by Kuhn to approve contract with the Pivot Group for the City Manager executive search. Motion carried on a voice vote. Letter of recommendation for Clerk Coffey as Manager was read by Mayor Ferguson. Motion made by Basom second by Miel to appoint Clerk Coffey as Interim City Manager from March 31st to the start date of new City Manager. Motion carried on a voice vote.

10. Committee Reports

Fire Board – Commissioner Holloway noted that the Sheridan Community Fire Dept rebranded as a Fire Authority.

11. Public Comments

Matthew Pumford commented that Clerk Coffey would make an excellent choice for City Manager because of a great history as an employee of the City and for showcasing strong leadership qualities.

James Blum also commented that Clerk Coffey would be a great choice for City Manager. He also questioned whether there was a different approach to abandon the alley next to his property at 543 E Quarterline St.

12. Commission Comments

None.

13. Adjournment

Motion made by McGill second by Kuhn to adjourn at 7:47 PM. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Rachael Coffey, Clerk