

**City of Stanton
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 9, 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 Holloway second by McGill to approve the agenda with the removal of item 10 (i) Consideration to approve employment contract with Rachael Coffey for City Manager Position. Motion carried on a voice vote.

5. Public Comments

Amy Thomas, 9-1-1 Director, thanked the staff/commission for hosting the May special election.

6. Standing Items

- a. Motion made by Kuhn second by Corwin to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 9, 2023. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Miel second by Kuhn to approve the bills for the 1st half of May 2023 in the total amount of \$56,392.35. Motion carried on a voice vote.

7. Monthly Reports

- a. Stanton Police Department- No report.
- b. DPW Report- No report.
- c. Clerk/Treasurer Report- No report.
- d. City Manager Report- Water meter arrived for Montcalm County building, Sidney State Bank to open location in Stanton.

8. Presentation

- a. Presentation by Jennifer Morris with OHM Advisors – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project Planning Document.
- b. Public comments – Commissioner Holloway questioned if we already have a plan in place to replace galvanized lines. Jennifer Morris answered yes but this would help cover costs and complete the projects. Commissioner Holloway asked if submitting the project planning document is committing us to the project. Jennifer Morris answered no, this is not committing the city, we have until October to decide. Commissioner Holloway questioned that some of the data related to the age of the water mains appeared to be outdated. Jennifer

Morris answered they used the most current data available. Cameron Ward, 322 N Lincoln St., submitted written questions pertaining to how the residents would be charged for this project and wondering if the city was looking into grants to help fund the project. Ward noted that his questions were answered by Jennifer Morris' presentation.

9. Old Business

10. New Business

- a. Motion made by Miel second by Basom to adopt a resolution for the DWSRF Project Planning Document for FY 2024 for drinking water system improvements. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- b. Review of the recommended FY 23-24 budget.
- c. Motion made by Kuhn second by McGill to accept quote from Richards Septic Services for cleaning of the restrooms at Veterans Memorial Park. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Holloway second by Basom to accept 2023 local road contracts with Montcalm County Road Commission for a total of \$54,832. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Corwin second by Holloway to adopt resolution to designate Manager Coffey as the Street Administrator. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- f. Motion made by McGill second by Kuhn to adopt resolution to appoint Manager Coffey as the Zoning Administrator. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- g. Motion made by Holloway second by McGill to hold an OMA/Parliamentary Procedure class instructed by Bloom Sluggett for \$975 on June 8th at 7 PM. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- h. Motion made by Holloway second by Basom to appoint Tammy Ferguson to the open seat on the Stanton Planning Commission. Motion carried on a voice vote.

11. Committee Reports

DDA- Family Fun Day is this Saturday, May 13th.

Veterans Park – Manager Coffey gave updates about the playground and swings.

Commissioner Holloway spoke about the concern of no electricity for lights on the Veterans Monument.

12. Public Comments

Chief Pumford introduced our new officer, Adam Richmond.

Officer Richmond thanked the commission for this new opportunity.

13. Commission Comments

Commissioner Corwin stated his disappointment in a comment that was made to the Daily News by a fellow commissioner to the effect of “when one commissioner votes a certain way, the others follow”.

14. Adjournment

Motion made by McGill second by Kuhn to adjourn at 7:39 PM. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Rachael Coffey, Clerk