**STANTON CITY COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**September 26, 2023**

**6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order**

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

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**

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

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Commissioner Corwin and seconded by Kuhn to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

1. **Public Comments**

Fred Hansen of Crystal Lake presented the Commission with his personally compiled information regarding the Stanton Police Department. He stated that, in his opinion, with low rate of felonies and high salaries of the officers, it is detrimental to the city and its budget to have police because Montcalm is a poor community. He would like the sheriff to cover the city instead.

1. **Standing items**
   1. Approval of commission minutes from September 12, 2023. Motion made by Commissioner McGill and seconded by Commissioner Holloway. Motion carried by Voice vote.
   2. Approval of bill payments for the second half of September 2023. Motion made

by Commissioner Kuhn and seconded by Commissioner Corwin. Commissioner Basom requested to abstain due to a conflict of interest as one of the bills would be paid to her company SeeJaneB. Motion carried by voice vote.

1. Monthly Reports
   1. Police Department-None
   2. Public Works-None
   3. Clerk- Community Events. Passports for Girls Night out is now on sale.
   4. City Manager-MICHDA Neighborhood Improvement Grant. Senior Banners
2. **Old Business**

Motion made by Commissioner Miel to adopt option F as new rate increase option to support new USDA bonds to be effective at the time of closing. Rates as follows:

**Sewer Rates**

$4.18 per 1,000 gal.

$29.49 Readiness to serve for 5/8x3/4"

$32.93 Readiness to serve for 1"

$42.76 Readiness to serve for 1 1/2"

$56.52 Readiness to serve for 2"

$95.84 Readiness to serve for 3"

$150.89 Readiness to serve for 4"

$17.54 each additional unit

$42.93 sewer only fee

**Water Rates**

$4.08 per 1,000 gal.

$26.73 Readiness to serve for 5/8x3/4"

$29.85 Readiness to serve for 1"

$38.75 Readiness to serve for 1 1/2"

$51.22 Readiness to serve for 2"

$86.86 Readiness to serve for 3"

$136.74 Readiness to serve for 4"

$14.52 each additional unit

Motion seconded by Commissioner Basom. Motion carried 5:1 with Commissioner Holloway casting the sole opposing vote.

1. **New Business**
   1. Motion made by Commissioner Basom to consider to amend Ordinance No. 141 Water Supply System and Ordinance No. 173 Sewer Ordinance to reflect rate increases. Seconded by Commissioner Kuhn. Motion Carried by voice vote 5:1 with Commissioner Holloway casting the sole opposing vote.
   2. Commissioner Basom presented questions on City Manager Evaluation. Work Session planned to review Manager Evaluation Form for October 5th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.
   3. Motion made by Commissioner Holloway to accept the Spectrum Phone and Internet Proposal. Seconded by Commissioner McGill. Motion Carried by Voice vote.
   4. Motion made to appoint Scott Giddings to the Planning Commission by Commissioner Miel and seconded by Commissioner McGill. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. **Committee Reports**

DDA-Girls Night Out taking place on October 14th from 6-8 PM.

1. **Public Comments**

None

1. **Commission Comments**

-Commissioner Corwin gives thanks to City Manger for putting out weekly news and updates. Commissioner Miel commented on how nice the front of City Hall looks after updates to sign and lawn.

1. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Commissioner McGill and seconded by Commissioner Basom to adjourn at 7:08 PM. Motion carried on a voice vote.

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Sarah Johnson, Clerk