

STANTON CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2024
6:30pm

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

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

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Miel to approve the agenda with addition under New Business for the February 13, 2024, meeting. – “The City Commission approves the draft of the model Tree Ordinance prepared by the Arbor Day Foundation and it shall be submitted to the City Attorneys for their review and recommendations.”

Motion seconded by Commissioner Kuhn. Motion failed 3:3 with Mayor Ferguson breaking tie vote with a nah. Basom, McGill, and Holloway Nah and Miel, Kuhn, and Corwin Yah.

Motion made by Commissioner Holloway to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Basom seconded, and motion carried by voice vote.

5. Public Comments

Marty James-Central Montcalm Superintendent. Presented information on the non-Homestead Millage proposal that is on the February election. He stated that the millage is in no way connected to the Bond that was on the last election and is the largest source of income for the school’s budget.

6. Standing items

- a. Motion made by Commissioner Kuhn to approve commission minutes from January 9, 2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner McGill. Motion carried on voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Commissioner Kuhn to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024, work session. Seconded by Commissioner Corwin and passed by voice vote.
- c. Motion made to approve the accounts payable report from January 19, 2024, by Commissioner Kuhn and seconded by Commissioner Holloway. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Monthly Reports

- a. Police Department-Inclement Weather increase in Crash Reports
- b. Public Works-None
- c. Clerk/Treasurer-Pipe inspection, bill payments
- d. City Manager-Budget, Capital Improvement, Master Plan, Spectrum

8. Old Business

- a. Motion made by Commissioner Miel to approve the Stanton Old Fashion Days Festival Agreement and seconded by Commissioner Kuhn. Commissioner Basom and Commissioner McGill recused themselves from vote. Motion passed by voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Commissioner Holloway to postpone Tree Ordinance Review for one year until February 2025. No second. Motion failed.
-Motion made by Commissioner Miel to send tree ordinance back to the Planning Commission to decide whether we (the city) want a tree ordinance. If they do, write a proposed Tree Ordinance draft to send back to the City Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kuhn. Motion passes 5:1 with Commissioner Holloway casting the nah vote.
- c. Motion made to postpone the signing of waiver from Bloom Sluggett, PC regarding Fire Department consolidation until the city receives further direction from the fire department made by Commissioner Basom and seconded by Commissioner Miel. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. New Business

- a. Motion made to approve Website Services Agreement with See Jane B- Creative Solutions made by Commissioner Kuhn and seconded by Commissioner Corwin. Commissioner Basom recused herself from vote. Motion carried by voice vote.
- b. Commissioner Miel made motion to approve the Commission Rules of Procedure Policy as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kuhn. Motion passes 4:2 with Commissioner Holloway and Commissioner Basom casting the nah votes.

10. Committee Reports

None

11. Public Comments

None

12. Commission Comments

Commissioner McGill reports that the next Food Bank will be February 1st.

Commissioner Miel would like to thank the Mayor for helping him while he was stuck in the snow.

13. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Commissioner Kuhn and seconded by Commissioner Basom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

Sarah Johnson, Clerk