

**City of Stanton
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024**

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, Jane Basom, Ray Holloway, Charles Miel, Jacky McGill, Lewis Corwin, Tamara Kuhn

Absent:

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Standing Items

- a. Motion made by Miel second by Kuhn to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 27, 2024, with amendment to item (4), removing the verbiage of the failed motion except the words "Motion made by Holloway second by Basom to strike item 9 (a) from tonight's agenda". Motion carried on a voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Kuhn second by Miel to approve the accounts payable report through March 7, 2024, in the total amount of \$32,678.09. Motion carried on a voice vote.

7. Monthly Reports

- a. Stanton Police Department- New Sergeant position proposal.
- b. DPW Report- Water tower project, DPW employee Andy Bills leaving.
- c. Clerk/Treasurer Report- Election update.
- d. City Manager Report- Update on budget progress.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- a. Motion made by McGill second by Kuhn to accept 2023 Annual Planning Commission Report. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- b. Motion made by Kuhn second by Basom to approve agreement with Dixon Engineering for \$24,500 for engineering services related to repair, maintenance, and painting of the water tower. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Miel second by Corwin to approve FY 23-24 budget amendments as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

- d. Motion made by Kuhn second by McGill to accept bid from Katerberg Verhage for the construction of the 3rd ballfield at Veterans Memorial Park for \$123,000. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Kuhn second by Holloway to accept donation from the Central Montcalm Community Foundation, Jeff Smith Veterans Memorial Park Endowment, for \$123,000 for the construction of the 3rd ballfield. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- f. Motion made by Holloway second by Corwin to accept donation from Stanton Old Fashioned Days, Inc. for a wooden antique truck model to be added to the playground at Veterans Memorial Park. Motion carried on a voice vote, Basom and McGill abstained from vote due to conflict of interest.
- g. Motion made by McGill second by Basom to go into closed session for City Manager performance evaluation pursuant to OMA 15.268, section 8 (a) at 6:56 PM. Motion carried on a voice vote. Open session resumed at 7:09 PM, a statement was read by Mayor Ferguson concluding “We have been impressed by Rachael’s professionalism, commitment, drive, attention to detail, and ability to see things through to completion. We believe she is giving her best to Stanton and continues to be happy serving our community in her role as City Manager.”

10. Committee Reports

None.

11. Public Comments

Lori Hufford, city resident, commented that Rachael (city manager) is awesome. Mike Hardy commented that Rachael (city manager) has been excellent to work with regarding donation for the 3rd ballfield and very knowledgeable.

12. Commission Comments

None.

13. Adjournment

Motion made by McGill second by Kuhn to adjourn at 7:11 PM. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Rachael Coffey, City Manager