

City of Stewartville
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Stewartville City Hall
June 24, 2025

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor King called the meeting to order on June 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Present: King, Anderson, Arndt, & Oeltjen

Absent: Beyer

Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, Finance Officer Grabau, Public Works Director Hale, City Engineer Obernolte, Library Director Deprey and City Clerk Roeder

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Motion by Anderson, second by Oeltjen to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Arndt, second by Anderson to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 10, 2025. Unanimously approved.

V. FINANCE AND BUDGET –Accounts Payable

Motion by Oeltjen, second by Arndt to approve the accounts payable listing. Unanimously approved.

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS –

- A. **Public Hearing – 103 3rd St. SW** – Mayor King opened a public hearing regarding the condition of the property owned by John & Jamie Hubert, 103 3rd St. SW. Notice of the public hearing was sent by City Attorney Leth on June 11, 2025. Roeder stated that the applicant was in and indicated that they would be cleaning up the property and moving the RV. As the owners were not in attendance, Mayor King closed the public hearing.

Motion by Anderson, second by Arndt to declare the property to be a nuisance and to order the abatement based on the following Findings of Facts. Unanimously approved.

1. That the property owner has failed to abate or prevent the nuisance on the premises of 103 3rd St. SW and is currently present in plain view of the abutting property owners;
2. That photograph's documenting the weeds, tires, misc junk and RV show that the owner has failed to abate or prevent the nuisance on the property and are attached hereto as Exhibit A;
3. That the failure to abate or prevent the nuisance on the premises of 103 3rd St. SW is in such quantities as to reasonably annoy, injury, or endanger the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of the public;
4. That the failure to abate or prevent the nuisance on the premises of 103 3rd St. SW, is in such quantities as to be indecent or offensive to the senses, and an obstruction of the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property of the public.

- B. **Public Hearing – 102 2nd St. SW** – Mayor King opened a public hearing regarding the condition of the property owned by Ryan & Danielle Sackett, 102 2nd St. SW. Notice of the public hearing was sent by City Attorney Leth on June 11, 2025. Ryan Sackett appeared before Council to question the process, noting that sending a letter from the City Attorney seemed excessive. Council responded that this was the process that the City followed. Sackett agreed to clean up the property and acknowledged the policy regarding RV's. Mayor King closed the public hearing.

Motion by Arndt, second by Anderson to declare the property a nuisance and ordered the abatement on the following Findings of Facts. Unanimously approved.

1. That the property owner has failed to abate or prevent the nuisance on the premises of 102 2nd St. SW and is currently present in plain view of the abutting property owners;
2. That photograph's documenting the weeds, tires, scrap wood and RV show that the owner has failed to abate or prevent the nuisance on the property and are attached hereto as Exhibit A;
3. That the failure to abate or prevent the nuisance on the premises of 102 2nd St. SW is in such quantities as to reasonably annoy, injury, or endanger the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of the public;
4. That the failure to abate or prevent the nuisance on the premises of 102 2nd St. SW, is in such quantities as to be indecent or offensive to the senses, and an obstruction of the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property of the public

- C. **Public Hearing – 817 Berg Blvd SE**- Mayor King opened a public hearing to regarding the condition of the property owned by Jennifer McClaren, 817 Berg Blvd. Notice of the public hearing was sent by City Attorney Leth on April 23, 2025. As owners of the property were not in attendance, Mayor King closed the public hearing.

Motion by Oeltjen, second by Anderson to declare the property a nuisance and ordered the abatement on the following Findings of Facts. Unanimously approved.

1. That the property owner has failed to abate or prevent the nuisance on the premises of 817 Berg Blvd SE and is currently present in plain view of the abutting property owners;
2. That photographs documenting the fallen down fence, tall weeds and dead branches show that the owner has failed to abate or prevent the nuisance on the property and are attached hereto as Exhibit A;
3. That the failure to abate or prevent the nuisance on the premises of 817 Berg Blvd SE is in such quantities as to reasonably annoy, injury, or endanger the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of the public;
4. That the failure to abate or prevent the nuisance on the premises of 817 Berg Blvd SE, is in such quantities as to be indecent or offensive to the senses, and an obstruction of the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property of the public.

- D. **2026/27 Olmsted County Sheriff's Contracts** – Mayor King stated the city has received the new contracts. The new amounts for the city contract are \$805,737 (6% increase) for 2026 and \$837,966 (4% increase) for 2027. He also noted that the COPS amounts are \$133,850 (6% increase) for 2026 and \$139,204 (4% increase) for 2027. He also mentioned that not included in

the costs above are the indirect costs including: squad costs, training, records evidence, dispatch services, information technology services, administrative supervisions, including Chief Deputy, Captains and Sergeants as well as all investigation services. Mayor King and the City Council expressed their appreciation for Chief Deputy Schueller and Captain Lee. They also shared positive remarks about Deputy Kassel, noting he is doing an excellent job serving the community.

Motion by Arndt, second by Anderson to approve the contracts with Olmsted County Sheriff's Department. Unanimously approved.

- E. **Legacy Drive NW Improvements-** Mayor King presented City Engineer Obernolte's recommendation to reject the bids for Legacy Dr NW. Her recommendation is based on BP Pipeline's denial of the design plans, specifically that their pipe will be too deep for maintenance. Obernolte will be re-designing the segment of the roadway to reduce the cover on BP's pipe to 8' and then look at storm sewer conveyance options. She is also recommending the project be re-bid to allow for construction to start the fall of 2025 and allow for completion in the summer of 2026. King stated that the DEED IBPDI grant requirement is to have completion by December 2026.

Motion by Arndt, second by Oeltjen to reject the Legacy Drive NW Improvement Project Bids and to direct Obernolte to re-design the project for bid letting this fall. Unanimously approved.

VII. MAYOR, STAFF AND CONSULTANT'S REPORTS

A. Mayor-

- Sympathy to Families of: Carol Mestad, Judith Knutson and Scott Struckmann
- Smithsonian Display recognized a special Minnesota girls high school basketball team! Our local legend and sweetheart, Beulah Ankeny was highlighted as the 106-year-old is the only living player from that era. The display was at the Minnesota History Center recently. Beulah played for the Grand Meadow Larks – first girls team. They played 94 games in 2 years and were undefeated!
- Summerfest! Enjoy the festivities and thank you to the Chamber for all their hard work
- Stewie Cruisers Car Shows have started – every Friday evening until late fall
- Farmer's Market @ SUMC – Every Wednesday thru September

B. City Administrator-

- Bi-Weekly Report
- Reminder of MnDOT Hwy 30 Open House on Wednesday

C. Finance Director-

- No Report

D. Public Works Director-

- Bi-Weekly Report
- Thanked Deputy Kassel & SFD for their help with the recent watermain break on Main St.

F. City Engineer-

- Update of CIP project – Bear Cave entrance will still be in place on the 4th.

G. Library Director –

- Monthly Report – Summer is very busy!

H. Fire Chief –

- No Report

I. Pool Director –

- Pool had a few start-up issues and thanked Dalton & crew for their help. Swim sessions have been going well – on track for another busy summer.

VIII. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. Chamber of Commerce: No Report
- B. EDA/HRA: No Report
- C. Finance: No Report
- D. Library: No Report
- E. Park Board: No Report
- F. Personnel: Union negotiations have started
- G. Planning & Zoning: No Report
- H. Public Safety/Safety: Summerfest planning has gone well
- I. Public Works: No Report
- J. RAEDI: No Report
- K. ROCOG: No Report
- L. Transit Advisory Committee: No Report

IX. COMMUNICATIONS – None

X. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC - None

XI. ADJOURN –

Motion by Anderson, second by Oeltjen to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Roeder
City Clerk