

**City of Stewartville
City Council Meeting Minutes
Stewartville City Hall
February 24, 2026**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- II. CALL TO ORDER** – Councilmember Beyer called the meeting to order on February 24, 2026 at 6:00.
Present: Arndt, Beyer, and Oeltjen
Absent: Mayor King and Councilmember Anderson
Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, Finance Officer Grabau, Public Works Director Hale, Engineer Obernolte, Library Director Deprey, and City Clerk Roeder

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –
Motion by Oeltjen, second by Arndt to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimously approved.

- IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
Motion by Beyer, second by Arndt to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2026. Unanimously approved.

- V. FINANCE AND BUDGET** – Accounts Payable
Motion by Arndt, second by Oeltjen to approve the accounts payable listing. Unanimously approved.

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Madow Park South Hockey Rink** – Beyer reported that bids were solicited for replacing the existing asphalt at the hockey rink. He stated that the scope of the project would include mobilization and fine grading in preparation for replacing the asphalt at a 4" depth in two lifts. Two bids were received, with Rochester Sand & Gravel as the low bidder in the amount of \$48,850. Hale also noted that the hockey rink would be also be used for pickleball during the spring/summer/fall.

Motion made by Arndt, second by Beyer to approve entering into bid with Rochester Sand & Gravel. Unanimously approved.

- B. Massage License** – Beyer reported that the city has received an application for approval from Ixiumei Hoyer for her therapist license and a business license for Asian Massage & Fitness, located at 105 S Main. It was noted that this was a renewal and that Olmsted County Public Health was currently reviewing the application.

Motion made by Arndt, second by Oeltjen to approve the renewals subject to proper application. Unanimously approved.

- C. Library Expansion Project Update** – Deprey presented handouts showing the expansion features and timeline, noting that they were hoping to break ground this spring. He stated that he expected a three-month renovation of the existing library space and the construction of the new space for a tentative grand opening in May, 2027. Deprey expressed his excitement of

delivering a lot of features that will be an enormous benefit to the citizens of Stewartville, including Meeting Room Space, Maker Space, Gallery Space, Storytime Garden and Imagination Playground. He also noted that there were other important benefits such as expanded collection space, small study room expanded storage and staff space. Council thanked Deprey for the update and also noted that they appreciated all of his expertise and time that he has put into this project.

Motion by Arndt, second by Oeltjen to approve the layout plans as presented.
Unanimously approved.

VII. MAYOR, STAFF, AND CONSULTANT REPORTS

A. Mayor –

- Sympathy to the Families of: Steve Schwarz, John Malone, Nancy Bamlet and David Hanson
- Open Hearts Food Shelf at UMC is now open
- Kiwanis Food for Kidz will be held on April 11th
- Good Luck at State Girls Wrestling – Morgyn Manion. She is making Stewartville history by being the first female wrestler advancing to the State tournament!
- Congratulations to Ed Kruger for being the Chamber Volunteer of the Year! He's always the first to help set up and the last to leave after clean-up. Keep up the great job Ed!

B. City Administrator –

- Bi-Weekly Report

C. Finance Officer –

- No Report

D. Public Works Director –

- Bi-Weekly Report
- Requested No Parking on 2nd Ave by Geotek & Jimmy's. Will follow-up with Resolution at next meeting.

E. City Engineer –

- Update on needing approval for changes on MSAS streets and bidding for the Signal System should be late spring/early summer.

F. Library Director –

- Monthly Update and Annual State Report

G. Fire Chief –

- No Report

H. Pool Director –

- No Report

VIII. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARD REPORTS

A. Chamber of Commerce: No Report

B. EDA/HRA: Minutes of Feb 17th

C. Finance: No Report

- D.** Library: No Report
- E.** Park Board: No Report
- F.** Personnel: No Report
- G.** Planning & Zoning: No Report
- H.** Public Safety/Safety: Deputy Kassel thanked Hale and the quick response during the bomb threat
- I.** Public Works: No Report
- J.** RAEDI: Communities Council Minutes of Jan 20th
- K.** ROCOG: No Report
- L.** Transit Advisory Committee: No Report

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- A.** People's Energy Cooperative – Annual Meeting Notice

X. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC

XI. ADJOURN –

Motion made by Oeltjen, second by Arndt to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Roeder
City Clerk