

City of Stewartville
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Stewartville City Hall
April 28, 2026

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor King called the meeting to order on April 28, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Present: King, Anderson, Arndt, Beyer & Oeltjen

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Anderson, second by Arndt to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 14, 2026. Unanimously approved.

V. FINANCE AND BUDGET – Accounts Payable

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

VI. MOTIONS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

A. 2025 Audit- Andrew Forliti of CohnReznick appeared before Council to present the audit findings for 2025. Forliti noted that the 2025 Year-end Financial Statements were in compliance and an unqualified opinion was issued. Information on revenues, expenditures and reserve balances were presented for all funds. Forliti commented that the city's financial records are well-kept and a result of good city management overall.

Mayor King and Schimmel both thanked Forliti and his staff for their continued help throughout the year.

B. Ordinance Amendment/2025-1 Flag Display Policy- Mayor King informed Council that the first reading of the proposed ordinance was read at the April 14th meeting. He noted that the proposed change to the Mn Flag would include the language: "The current or historic flag of the State of Minnesota". King asked for discussion on the proposed language. Arndt stated that he felt the current language should stay in place as it was just adopted in October 2025. It was his opinion that the discussion should have been held at that time, if we had issues with the official flag. Beyer stated that he wanted to make the language change as he didn't agree with how the citizens of MN didn't have a vote on the new flag. He also stated that he has talked with veterans and members of the Fire Dept and they preferred to fly the historic flag.

Motion by Beyer, second by King to approve Ordinance 2026-1, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2025-1, An Ordinance Establishing a Flag Display Policy for City-Owned Property and Infrastructure. Voting in favor: Beyer, King and Anderson. Voting against: Arndt & Oeltjen. Motion carried.

- C. Ordinance Amendment Chapter 2 Administration** – Mayor King informed Council that the first reading of the ordinance was held on April 14th regarding the pay of Mayor/Council salaries. He stated that Mn State Statue Sec 181.101 requires pay to be made monthly vs quarterly.

Motion by Anderson, second by Beyer to approve Ordinance 2026-2, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Administration and Operations. Unanimously approved.

- D. Public Works Summer Help** – Public Works Director Hale has submitted the following names for approval. Returning Jerry Neubauer, Jayce Klug and Maxson Miland. New: Issac Larson, Josh Langseth and alternate to fill in during vacations is James Hale.

Motion by Arndt, second by Oeltjen to approve the applicants as recommended. Unanimously approved.

- E. Aquatic Center Applicants**– Pool Directors Jake Flynn and Stephanie Schmitz have submitted the following applicants for lifeguarding and concessions.

Abbie Langseth, Addie Blee, Alex Anderson, Alivia Garnatz, Amelia Wellick, Asher Langseth, Ava Beyer, Avery Spencer, Brayden Yaw, Britney Harris, Cami Hoth, Clara Henderson, Cole Kropp, Cora Johnson, Dexter Simmons, Eli Schei, Elise Campbell, Ella Spencer, Emily House, Emmerson Horstmann, Ethan Owen, Gabbie Schei, Gavin Clark, Gloria Nelson, Grant Jeardeau, Hailey Hatz, Hannah Loftus, Haylie Strum, Irelyn Proper, Isaac Spencer, Isaiah Schei, Izzie Schei, Jackson Bleess, Jackson Eckerman, Jayda Ramaker, Jenna Kime, Josiah Scruggs, Josie Bunne, Julia Dick, Kaydyn Strum, Kylie Medinnus, Lainey Roeder, Lucas House, Luke Cook, Luke Nelson, Makayla Hysell, Marshall Dick, Mason Russell, Mattie Helwig, Morgan Arndt, Morgyn Manion, Nolan Schatz, Norah Campbell, Owen Lehrman, Owen Santjer, Parker Carrigan, Sadie Looney, Sadie Romans, Sam Cratchy, Sarah Oeltjenbruns, Sydney Klar, Sylvia Heusinkvelt, Talan Fauver, Taylor Ferrie, Tenley Matzek, Valerie Nelson, Vince Wellik

Motion by Oeltjen, second by Beyer to approve the applicants as submitted. Unanimously approved.

- F. 2026 Election Judges** – Mayor King presented the listing of Election Judges for the Primary Election on August 11th and General Election on Nov 3rd. Judges include: Sarah Benson, Cory Fiksdal, Julie Gawarecki, Nikki Garnatz, Laurel Jacobs, Mary Kuhlman, Dave Nystuen, Jan Rowekamp, Patty Schroeder, Pat Wondrasch, Steve Wondrasch and serving as Head Judges, Kathie Barnhardt and Casandra Jefferson.

Motion by Beyer, second by Arndt to Approve Resolution 2026-8, A Resolution Approving Election Judges for 2026. Unanimously approved.

- G. Website Contract**- EDA Coordinator Gehling presented a request from Herr Branding Co for a contract adjustment of \$2,000 for creating the new website. Herr explained in her letter to the City

that throughout the development process and with working closely with staff, the scope and complexity of the website expanded beyond the initial expectations. Additional time, content development, revisions and strategic implementation was required to ensure the final product met the City's needs and expectations at launch. King noted that Staff was recommending the contract adjustment.

Motion by Anderson, second by Oeltjen to approve the contract adjustment for a total project cost of \$10,000. Unanimously approved.

- H. 2026 Sidewalk Project** - Engineer Tech Koch prepared bid documents for the removal and replacement of sidewalks in the Countryview Estates Subdivision area. The project would also include adding a sidewalk connection from Country Estates Crt to Co Rd 106. Five bids were received, with the project being broke out into different two different options for bidding. First option was to remove and replace the concrete sidewalk, Option Two was the concrete grinding and Option Three was for both Option One and Two. Staff is recommending the low bidder, Noz Concrete & Construction for the removal and replacement of sidewalk and Clark Concrete for the grinding of sidewalk.

Motion by Oeltjen, second by Arndt to approve Noz Concrete and Construction and Clark Concrete for the project. Unanimously approved.

- I. 2026 Chip Seal/Crack Fill Project** – Public Works Director Hale presented the bids for chip sealing/fog seal and crack filling. The streets involved include the 2020-21 CIP Projects, the city owned parking lot by the Down Under Bar & Grill, the city owned parking lot by Subway and the alleyway East of City Hall. Also included in the project are the two parking lots owned by the Care Center, which will be reimbursed. Staff was recommending the low bidders, Pearson Bros for \$70,000 and Fahrner Asphalt for \$3.58/lb.

Motion by Arndt, second by Anderson to approve the contracts with Pearson Bros and Fahrner Asphalt. Unanimously approved.

- J. Rolling Ridge Park Pavilion-** Mayor King informed Council that two bids were received on the design of the Rolling Ridge Park Bathroom/Shelter. He stated that the Park Board was recommending the low bidder, Nicole Pierson Associates in the amount of \$3,000.

Motion by Beyer, second by Oeltjen to enter into contract with Nicole Pierson Assoc as recommended. Unanimously approved.

- K. Hwy 30 Project – Lighting** – Mayor King reminded Council that during the recent workshop discussion was held in regards to the lighting on Hwy 30. City Administrator Schimmel outlined two proposals. He presented the possible layout, which can now be accomplished with six (6) lights instead of ten (10) in meeting the MnDOT requirements. It was noted, that the fixture shown was the closest we could find that was near an acorn globe look, as now the new requirement for State and Federal projects, there can be no light shining above fixture. He then presented the costs, if all lights and poles were new, and/or if new lights were put on the existing poles the city has. He

explained the more common item that may need a repair, which is a driver in the fixture that lights the actual LED unit. MnDOT has informed staff, that an aesthetic portion of their overall budget could cover the initial cost and installation of these (6) lights, but future maintenance and/or replacement would be upon the city. An estimated cost of lighting fixture replacement to be approximately \$4,800, and an estimated cost of lighting and pole replacement to be approximately \$7,700.

Schimmel explained that the city can still reinstall any lights that are our originals in this Business Section, but they must be on the adjacent private property, and all costs would be the city's or shared with the adjacent property owner, if they so desire. Schimmel also noted that if we chose to reinstall the lights on private property, the aesthetic MnDOT funds could then be used for other possible amenities, such as benches, planters or other ideas.

Council discussed the options at length, noting the pro/cons of each option.

Motion by King, second by Oeltjen to move forward with the cobra lighting supplied by MnDOT. Voting in favor: King, Oeltjen, Anderson & Arndt. Voting against: Beyer. Motion carried.

- L. Civic Center Sale-** Mayor King referenced the memo from Community Development Coordinator Gehling noting that the Finance Committee has reviewed the status of the Civic Center following discussions regarding potential sale of the facility. While the property was previously listed for sale and market interest has been received, including a strong offer, the Committee evaluated the long-term financial and community implications of a potential sale versus continued ownership.

After review, the Finance Committee is recommending that the City retain ownership of the Civic Center. The Committee determined that maintaining the facility as a City asset provides greater long-term value, supports community programming and public use, and aligns with broader community and operational priorities. Based on this recommendation, the Committee further advises that the "For Sale" signage be removed and the property be taken off the market.

Motion by Arndt, second by Oeltjen to take the recommendation of the Finance Committee and withdraw the property from active sale status. Unanimously approved.

VII. MAYOR, STAFF, AND CONSULTANT'S REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report-

- Sympathy to the family of: Robertina Minter, Tom Noble and Todd Wolf
- City Wide Garage Sales will be May 7, 8, & 9th
- City Clean Up will be held on May 13th & 16th

B. City Administrator's Report -

- Bi-Weekly Report
- Thanked Public Works, Stewartville Fire Dept & Olmsted County Emergency Management for their help during the recent tornado event. He also pointed out the Rolling Ridge neighborhood who banded together helping each other out.

- C. Finance Officer's Report -
 - No Report
- D. Public Works Director's Report-
 - Bi-Weekly Report
- E. City Engineer's Report
 - No Report
- F. Library Director's Report-
 - No Report
- G. Fire Chief's Report-
 - No Report
- H. Pool Director's Report-
 - No Report

VIII. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. Chamber of Commerce: No Report
- B. EDA/HRA: Minutes of April 21st
- C. Finance: Minutes of April 15th & 20th
- D. Library: No Report
- E. Park Board: Minutes of April 13th
- F. Personnel: No Report
- G. Planning & Zoning: No Report
- H. Public Safety: No Report
- I. Public Works: No Report
- J. RAEDI: Communities Council Minutes of Feb 17th & March 23rd
- K. ROCOG: Minutes of Feb 25th
- 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{

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