

City of Stewartville
City Council Workshop Minutes
June 9, 2026

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor King called the workshop to order on June 9, 2026 at 5:15pm.

Present: King, Anderson, Arndt, Beyer & Oeltjen

Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, Finance Officer Grabau, Public Works Director Hale, Engineer Tech Koch, Economic Development Coordinator Gehling, City Clerk Roeder, City Engineer Obernolte and Wastewater Engineer Danzl

III. Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

SEH, Inc Wastewater Engineer, Susan Danzl appeared before the Council to discuss the proposed expansion/updates to the plant. As discussed at the April workshop, staff was directed to start the planning study work for the next phases of the facility. The facility plan was actually started in 2023, but halted due to uncertainty around large potential developments. Danzl noted that the plan will help guide the city through various phases of expansion improvements for Stewartville's future wastewater needs. The study will address areas of project growth, including residential, commercial and industrial development.

Hale also stated that the plant is nearing its capacity for solids, which we currently store in an aerated tank and use drying beds to dry the solids. The solids handling evaluation will be an important piece of the Facilities Plan .

IV. 15th Ave NE – Layout Options

Obernolte informed Council that with the recent news that the State of Mn Bonding Bill has passed, planning should commence for the upgrade to 15th Ave NE. Obernolte presented 4 layout options for the roadway for consideration. She stated that although paving was the priority, now that the City can proceed, they should also consider planning for future development. She noted that options included a trail on the west side, noting that grants could be applied for to help with funding and also to consider requiring future developers on the east side of the road way to dedicate ROW for either a sidewalk or trail as part of the development. It was also noted that lighting at the intersection of 15th Ave NE & 6th St. NE will be included with the project. Obernolte suggested that the Council move aggressively with the project so that it could be substantially completed prior to the start of the Hwy 30 project, noting that 15th Ave NE will be used for the detour route and it would be beneficial to have it paved vs gravel. She said she will present the Supplemental Agreement at the next meeting, along with a schedule for Council and the High Forest Board to review.

The consensus of the Council was Option 2 – Future ROW, and to extend an invitation to High Forest Township Board for discussion on respective project assignments and responsibilities.

V. ADJOURN -

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

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Roeder, City Clerpk