

City of Stewartville
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2026

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor King called the meeting to order on July 14, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Present: King, Anderson, Arndt, Beyer & Oeltjen

Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, Finance Officer Grabau, Public Works Director Hale, City Engineer Obernolte, Fire Chief Dohlman and City Clerk Roeder

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Beyer, second by Anderson to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 23, 2026. Unanimously approved.

IV. FINANCE AND BUDGET – Accounts Payable

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

V. MOTIONS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing Property Clean Up- Mayor King closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing pursuant to City Code Section 610 for 13 4th St. E, property owner Rhonda Lindsey. He stated that City Attorney Leth has sent the required notification to clean up the property. Roeder stated that she has been in contact with Rhonda Lindsey and progress was made but still has work to do and presented updated pictures. Mayor King then closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular meeting.

Motion made by Anderson, second by Arndt to declare the public nuisance and order abatement based on the below Finding of Facts. Unanimously approved.

1. That the property owner has failed to abate or prevent the nuisance on the premises of 13 4th St. SE and is currently present in plain view of the abutting property owners;
2. That photographs documenting the misc junk 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 13 4th St. 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 13 4th St. 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.

B. Public Hearing Property Clean Up- Mayor King closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing pursuant to City Code Section 610 for 15 4th St. E, property owner Michelle Hansen. He stated that City Attorney Leth has sent the required notification to clean up the property. King stated that the owner has not made contact with either city hall or Attorney Leth and presented updated pictures. Mayor King then closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular meeting.

Motion made by Oeltjen, second by Beyer to declare the public nuisance and order abatement based on the below Finding of Facts. Unanimously approved.

1. That the property owner has failed to abate or prevent the nuisance on the premises of 15 4th St. SE and is currently present in plain view of the abutting property owners;
2. That photographs documenting the misc junk 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 15 4th St. 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 15 4th St. 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.

C. 2026 Service Line Replacement – Mayor King stated that the city has advertised for bids for the 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement project. Bids were opened with 6 contractors submitting bids. Ellingson Drainage was the low bidder in the amount of \$96,840.00. Obernolte stated that she was in contact with Ellingson Drainage and recommends approving the bid.

Motion by Anderson, second by Oeltjen to approve Resolution 2026-11, A Resolution Receiving Bids and Awarding Contract for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Unanimously approved.

D. MnDOT Cooperative Construction Agreement – The City is entering into MnDOT Agreement No. 1062326 with the State of Minnesota for the new North End Traffic Signal Project at the intersection of Trunk Highway 63 at Schumann Dr NW. The State is requesting a resolution for the authorization of providing payment by the State to the City of the State's share of the costs of the Signal System and ADA improvements and other associated construction.

Motion by Arndt, second by Beyer to approve Resolution 2026-12, A Resolution Entering into MnDOT Agreement No 1062326 with the State of Minnesota, Dept of Transportation. Unanimously approved.

E. SEH, Inc – Wastewater Collection System Model – at the June 9th meeting, direction was provided to Obernolte to submit an agreement for the Wastewater Collection System Model. Stewartville currently does not have a collection system model to help determine future capacity

and impacts of additions to flow. As we continue to grow, the model will help with future development opportunities. The fee is hourly and estimated to be \$73,380 including expenses and equipment.

Motion by Beyer, second by Oeltjen to authorize City Administrator Schimmel to sign the agreement. Unanimously approved.

- F. SEH, Inc – Traffic Signal Project** – While preparing the plans for the Traffic Signal Project, MnDOT requested soil boring & testing. Braun Intertec was contracted to complete the work, which occurred April – June. The estimated fee is \$20,000 including expenses and equipment. Obernolte has submitted the Supplemental Agreement.

Motion by Anderson, second by Oeltjen to authorize City Administrator Schimmel to sign the agreement. Unanimously approved.

- G. Olmsted County Equipment Agreement-** King reported that the annual agreement has been submitted. The agreement covers equipment/operator if the City would need to utilize them. Once again, there was a slight increase as expected.

Motion by Anderson, second by Arndt to approve the agreement as submitted. Unanimously approved.

VI. MAYOR, STAFF, AND CONSULTANT’S REPORTS

A. Mayor’s Report-

- Sympathy to the family of: Sue Johnson, Shirley Pitzer, Ray Goodew and Lee Boettcher
- Congrats to Sydney Klar – one of 7 chosen in the State of Mn as the Most Positive Student Athlete – we are fortunate to have Sydney as a Stewartville representative
- 44th Annual Root River Antique Tractor Show is this weekend
- Racine Lions Chicken Dinner is also this weekend
- Before the Bear Cave Concerts – stop out at UMC Farmer’s Market
- Stewie Cruisers hold their car show every Friday evening
- Thank you to the Chamber for Summerfest 2026 – another remarkable job by volunteers

B. City Administrator’s Report -

- Bi-Weekly Report

C. Finance Officer’s Report -

- No Report

D. Public Works Director’s Report-

- Bi-Weekly Report
- Reminded Council that leaks have been discovered in the play features at the pool and they will be shut down until fall but this will keep the pool open.
- Maplebrook Subdivision has had multiple water breaks and we will be getting pricing on lining the watermain.

E. City Engineer's Report

- Requested a workshop next Tuesday at noon to discuss the 15th Ave NE project

F. Library Director's Report-

- No Report

G. Fire Chief's Report-

- Monthly Report

H. Pool Director's Report-

- No Report

VII. 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: Minutes of July 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 May 18th
- K.** ROCOG: Minutes of April 29th
- L.** Transit Advisory Committee: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS – None

IX. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC – None

X. ADJOURN -

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Roeder, City Clerk