

City of Stewartville
City Council Workshop Minutes
July 21, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor King called the workshop to order on July 21, 2026 at 12:00pm.

Present: King, Anderson, Arndt, Beyer & Oeltjen

Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, Finance Officer Grabau, Public Works Director Hale, Economic Development Coordinator Gehling, and City Engineer Obernolte

II. 15th Ave NE – Bonding Bill

Obernolte informed Council that the State of MN bonding bill designates only the City of Stewartville as the recipient of the funding. As a result, the City must annex 15th Ave from High Forest Township in order to receive the funding from the state.

Obernolte also shared that the bonding bill limits the funds to construction costs and does not include the engineering costs associated with project planning. However, engineering services related to construction, such as staking, inspections, and other items are eligible expenses once the project is underway. The City has the option to pursue additional state funding to cover planning costs or seek funding from other sources; however, doing so would significantly delay the project. The Council discussed whether to proceed with the project under the current funding limitations. King proposed contacting the County to have them with the design process. Obernolte noted that the Council had previously approved \$240,000 for project planning.

The Council reached a consensus to proceed with the project, including obtaining annexation approval from the High Forest Township Board and completing the topographical work associated with the project. The Council expressed its desire to keep on schedule and avoid delays, with the goal of having 15th Ave NE blacktopped before the Highway 30 project begins next year.

III. Maplebrook Subdivision – Water Main

Hale informed the Council of a meeting that he and Schimmel attended with residents of the Maplebrook subdivision regarding the planned street resurfacing project. During the meeting, they discussed the recent water main leaks and recommended delaying the street resurfacing until the water main issues are addressed.

The Council directed Hale to obtain additional cost estimates for lining the existing ductile iron water main and to present the information to the next Council meeting for further consideration.

IV. ADJOURN -

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

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Grabau, Finance Officer