

City of Stewartville
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Stewartville City Hall
September 8, 2026

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor King called the meeting to order on September 8, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Present: King, Anderson, Arndt, Beyer & Oeltjen

Also Present: Finance Officer Grabau, Public Works Director Hale, Pool Director Flynn and City Clerk Jefferson

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Beyer, second by Arndt to approve the budget workshop minutes of August 25, 2026. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by Beyer, second by Oeltjen to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 25, 2026. Unanimously approved.

V. FINANCE AND BUDGET - Accounts Payable

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

VI. PROCLAMATION - Mayor King recognized Adena Seering as Librarian for a Day. Mayor King welcomed Seering and thanked her for her participation and interest in the Stewartville community and Public Library.

VII. MOTIONS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing/Annexation of 15th Ave NE** - Mayor King opened a public hearing to consider the annexation of 15th Ave NE. No comments or concerns were presented by the public or City Council.

Mayor King closed the hearing.

Motion made by Arndt, second by Anderson to approve resolution 2026 - 13. Unanimously approved.

- B. **Limited Hunt** - Staff had been in communication with Fisher Nagel and Marv Schumann regarding a limited goose hunt near the ponds in Schumann Business Park. Mayor King noted safety concerns due to the area's proximity to local businesses and residential properties.

Beyer questioned applicable DNR regulations. Nagel stated that the proposed hunting area would be at least 500 feet from homes and businesses and clarified that the hunt would not be conducted for business purposes, but would involve himself and his two sons.

Mayor King expressed concerns regarding allowing hunting within City limits and the need to obtain permission from affected property owners. Discussion followed regarding the proposed timing and frequency of the hunts. Hale encouraged Nagel to consult with the DNR regarding applicable regulations and requirements. Arndt and Beyer explained they would also like to see permission from affected property owners.

Motion by Beyer, second by Oeltjen to table consideration of the proposed limited goose hunt until the next City Council meeting. Voting in favor: Arndt and Mayor King. Voting opposed: Anderson. Motion carried.

- C. **LRIP Grant - 2027 CIP Project** - City staff have been working on a grant application through MnDOT's Local Road Improvement Program for 2nd Avenue NW as part of the 2027 CIP project. The project will address aging infrastructure while enhancing safety, reliability, and efficiency for the public. Mayor King stated that City staff are seeking support to move forward with the grant application.

Motion made by Arndt, second by Anderson to approve Resolution 2026 - 15. Unanimously approved.

- D. **2027 Budget** - City Council discussed the proposed 2027 preliminary levy and budget. The City Council must certify the preliminary levy to the County by September 30, 2026. The levy approved at this time can only be reduced in the final levy and cannot be increased.

Following the Council Workshop, staff was directed to prepare the proposed certified levy based on the preliminary 2027 budget of \$12,489,176. The proposed levy is \$5,899,802, which is an increase of \$403,615 from the 2026 certified levy. Due to the increase in tax capacity and the homestead exclusion credit adjustment, the proposed increase in City taxes is approximately 0.2%.

The proposed levy includes \$5,357,838 for operations, \$479,259 for the Library, \$62,705 for tax abatements, and \$115,291 for the fire hall referendum levy.

Council also discussed the required Truth in Taxation (TNT) meeting. Staff recommended holding the meeting on Monday, December 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., with a continuation meeting, if needed, during the regular City Council meeting on December 8, 2026. The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to review the proposed levy and budget and provide input.

Motion made by Anderson, second by Beyer to adopt Resolution 2026-14. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by Beyer, second by Arndt to set the Truth & Taxation public meeting for Monday, December 7th at 6:00pm. Unanimously approved.

- E. **Personnel** - The Personnel Committee directed Department Heads to conduct interviews with four finalist applicants for the Public Works Maintenance I position. Discussion took place on overall applicants.

Motion made by Arndt, second by Anderson to approve Isaac Spencer for the Maintenance I position. Unanimously approved.

VIII. MAYOR, STAFF, AND CONSULTANTS REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT-

- Sympathy to the family of: Lisa Schild, Jim Nosbisch & Elaine Stadelmann
- Stop out at the UMC Farmer's Market
- Fall is a great time to stop out at the Stewie Cruisers Car Show
- SHS Football fun night is this coming Saturday - a great time to show your support
- High Forest Old Settlers Day is September 12th - lets show support to our neighbors
- Fall Festival is September 19th from 9-3 at Bear Cave Park
- Happy 40th Anniversary to City Administrator Schimmel

B. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- No Report

C. FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

- No Report

D. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- No 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

- Flynn updated the Council on the successful summer season at the pool. He noted that many residents appreciated the pool remaining open until school resumed.

IX. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: No Report
- B. EDA/HRA - No Report
- C. FINANCE - Minutes of August 19
- D. LIBRARY - No Report
- E. PARK BOARD - No Report
- F. PERSONNEL - No Report
- G. PLANNING AND ZONING - No Report
- H. PUBLIC SAFETY - August Calls for Service
- I. PUBLIC WORKS - No Report
- J. RAEDI - No Report
- K. ROCOG - No Report
- L. TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - No Report

X. COMMUNICATIONS - None

XI. OPEN MIC

- A. Nels Pierson, 4415 Valley Ct., Rochester, addressed the Council and announced that he would be running for the Minnesota Senate, as Carla Nelson would not be seeking re-election. Pierson noted that he has made an effort to attend all City Council meetings within the district and stated that he strives to listen and learn before leading.

XII. ADJOURN -

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Jefferson
City Clerk