

**City of Stanwood
Workshop of the City Council
October 23, 2025 | 5:00 PM**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Darren Robb called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Mayor Roberts joined the workshop at 6:00 p.m.

2. Attendance

Councilmembers Present: Dani Gaumond, Marcus Metz, Darren Robb, Robert Hicks, Steve Shepro, and Tim Schmitt.

Councilmembers Absent: Andreena Bergman

Staff Present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Engineer Alan Lytton, GIS Analyst Hannah Cole, Finance Manager Tim Niebruegge, Building Official Scott Black, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

Others present: Paul Quinn FCS Group via Zoom

3. New Business

a. Utility Rate Study

Finance Director Hammond introduced Paul Quinn, Assistant Project Manager with FCS Group. The FCS Group conducted a utility rates study for the city.

Quinn presented the results of the rate study, which includes three rate-setting steps, which all work together to determine appropriate rates for each utility, by customer class, and also how the rates are designed. Quinn's presentation included:

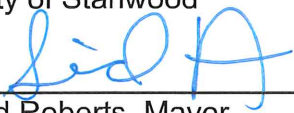
- Revenue requirement overview.
- Key assumptions.
- Financial policies.
- Water, Sewer, Drainage fund balance and reserve policies.
- Cost of Service analysis for water and sewer utilities.
- Rate methodology for water utility, revising base to accommodate smaller homes, and adding a third tier with higher consumption charges to incentivize conservation.

Council discussed, asked questions and made comments.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Robb adjourned the workshop at 6:30 p.m.

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Sid Roberts, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk