

City of Stanwood
Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 8, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

City Clerk Lisa Sokolik called the roll with the following Councilmembers Present: Dani Gaumond, Earl Cowan, Darren Robb, Robert Hicks, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman, and Jeff Wheatley. The meeting was quorate.

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Engineer Alan Lytton, Finance Manager Tim Niebruegge, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Fire Chief Dave Kraski, Police Chief Jason Toner, Incoming Police Chief Glenn DeWitt, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Shepro to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Presentations

No presentations.

5. Public Comments

Name	City	Topic
Al Schreiber	Stanwood	Appreciation for the response to the flooding. Impressed by Police and Fire on how they enlisted and worked with the high school students, many students went back to help after school was let out.
Cathy Wooten	Stanwood	Thanked the new council members for stepping up to serve the community. Appreciate the new flashing stop sign on 80th and 280th. Concerned about the limited amount of parking spaces in the police station design.

6. Staff/Department Reports

No staff or department reports.

7. Council Committee Reports

No council committee reports.

8. Consent Agenda

a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks

b. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes - December 11, 2025

c. Adopt Resolution 2026-01 Revised Consolidated Rate and Fee Schedule

*Motion by Councilmember Hicks, second by Councilmember Gaumont to approve consent agenda items A. approval of vouchers and payroll checks, B. approve December 11, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting minutes, and C. adopt Resolution 2026-01 Revised Consolidated Rate and Fee Schedule. **Motion carried unanimously.***

9. Unfinished Business

a. Adopt Ordinance 1559 SMC Chapter 12 Utility Billing

Hammond discussed the changes that were made in order to implement the switch to monthly billing. He explained the concerns that citizens had when they received their first monthly bill, the steps taken to resolve those concerns, and the lessons learned. Hammond said that the finance staff has done a great job of answering questions and explaining the new billing cycle change to our citizens Council discussed and asked Hammond questions.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Gaumont, to approve first and second reading and adoption of Ordinance 1559 Revising Utility Billing Timing. **Motion carried unanimously.***

10. Public Hearing

No Public Hearing.

11. New Business

a. Set the 2026 City Council Meeting Calendar

*Motion by Councilmember Hicks, second by Councilmember Bergman, to approve and set the 2026 City Council Meeting Calendar as presented and to publish all dates on the city website. **Motion carried unanimously.***

b. Elect Mayor Pro Tem

*Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Hicks, to appoint Councilmember Robb as Mayor Pro Tempore to serve a one-year term in 2026. **Motion carried unanimously.***

c. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Studio Meng Strazzara for the Police Station and Council Chambers Building Phase II Design Project

*Motion by Councilmember Gaumond, second by Councilmember Shepro, to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Studio Meng Strazzara for the design of the police station and council chambers project in an amount not to exceed \$785,419. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments

Name	City	Topic
Cathy Wooten	Stanwood	Concern over not having a construction management firm to oversee the Police Station and Council Chamber project.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- Thanked new Councilmembers Cowan and Wheatley for stepping up to serve our community.
- Asked Councilmembers to contact City Administrator Shawn Smith with any questions before contacting the directors. Shawn will have all the answers or know who to direct the question to. If contacting a director, please cc Shawn and the Mayor to keep them in the loop.
- Thanked Police Chief Toner and welcomed Chief Glenn Dewitt.

b. City Administrator's Report

- Answered a question regarding the construction management of the Police Station and Council Chamber project. The decision has not been made if the city will use a construction management firm, it is something that both Alan Lytton and Scott Black can handle depending on their workload.
- Council pictures will be taken at 4:30 p.m. right before the January 22nd workshop.
- The recently signed contract with Rec Technologies for Park's Reservation Software has been canceled. Many of the features that they said they had have not been developed yet. Staff has decided to continue with the current

software, which is less expensive and has added new features.

- Welcomed the new Councilmembers and congratulated the Mayor and Councilmember Gaumond for their election win. With 76% of the votes for the Mayor, it is a good indication that Council is doing what the citizens like and want.
- Thanked Chief Toner for his service to Stanwood and welcomed Chief Dewitt.

c. Councilmember's Reports/Questions

- All Councilmembers thanked Chief Toner and welcomed Chief DeWitt and the new Councilmembers Cowan and Wheatley.
- Cowan appreciated seeing Chief Toner at all the community events. Thanked city staff for fielding all the calls regarding the monthly billing change.
- Robb thanked council for appointing him to Mayor Pro Tem. Thanked Chief Toner for his leadership of Stanwood PD, some major steps forward were made. Thanked Cathy Wooten for all of her comments, particularly the comment regarding the flashing stop sign on 80th and 280th. Kudos to the Public Works crew for getting the flashing stop sign up so quickly.
- Hicks congratulated the Mayor and Councilmember Gaumond for their re-election. Will always remember Chief Toner's response when asked what his strategy was; 'make Stanwood an unpleasant place for bad people'. Agreed with Mrs. Wooten regarding the construction management option for the new Police Station and Council Chambers.
- Shepro said while reviewing the Council Agenda Packet, he had a lot of questions and concerns regarding the police station design. He called Smith, who was fantastic to talk to, and he helped him to understand the things that he would be voting on. He highly recommends to the new council members that if they have questions to call Smith.
- Wheatley thanked everyone for the warm wishes. He had an opportunity to work on the Planning Commission for three years, which he enjoyed. He is looking forward to learning and contributing while serving on the city council.

14. Recess to Executive Session

No executive session.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

City of Stanwood



Sid Roberts (Jan 23, 2026 09:37:59 PST)

Sid Roberts, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Sokolik (Jan 23, 2026 09:48:46 PST)

Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk

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