

City of Stanwood
Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 9, 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 Robb 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, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Engineer Alan Lytton, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Fire Chief Dave Kraski, Police Chief Glenn DeWitt, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Roberts requested to amend the agenda by adding item 11a. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Taylor's Excavators for the Diking District 7 Repair project.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Cowan to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Taylor's Excavators for the Diking District 7 Repair project. **Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Presentations

No presentations.

5. Public Comments

Name	City	Topic
Tim Schmitt	Stanwood	Twin City Idlers car show participants burning rubber on city streets.

6. Staff/Department Reports

a. Police Compstat Report - June

7. Council Committee Reports

a. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes - June 1, 2026

8. Consent Agenda

a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll

b. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes - June 25, 2026

*Motion by Councilmember Gaumond, second by Councilmember Wheatley to approve consent agenda items A. approval of vouchers and payroll checks, and B. approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes for June 25, 2026. **Motion carried unanimously.***

9. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

10. Public Hearing

No public hearing.

11. New Business

a. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Taylor's Excavators for the Diking District 7 Repair Project

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Hicks to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Taylor's Excavators for the Diking District 7 Levee Emergency Repairs project in the amount of \$1,475,003.50. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments

The City received two written comments.

Name	City	Topic
Chantel Keller	Stanwood	Request to use three parking spots in front of the Low Bar business during special events.
Michael Culver	Stanwood	Fireworks on 4th of July.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- The America's 250th Year Celebration was amazing, heard all positive comments from the community. Shout out to City Staff; Aaron Weinberg, Niki Strachila, Kevin Pellham and the Public Works Staff.
- Attended a Park Bench Dedication to the Hamilton Family from the Lions Club. The bench is located on Port Susan Trail.
- Friday, July 10 is the 100-year celebration of Hamilton Lumber.
- Our Savior's Lutheran Church is celebrating 150 years in Stanwood.

b. City Administrator's Report

- Stanfest will be back at Church Creek Park on Saturday, July 18th with Aaron Crawford playing from 6pm-8pm.
- The August 4th ballots will be mailed out next week. Make sure to vote.

c. Councilmember's Reports/Questions

- Councilmembers agreed that the 250th Celebration turned out great. They thanked staff for all the work done to help put on the event.
- Councilmember Hicks, who is on the 250th Celebration Committee, gave a special thank you to the two Toner boys, Grace Walker, and Kevin Pellham for all their hard work. Thanked Dr. Richard Hanks, a local historian, who gave a 10-minute local history presentation. Thanked all the volunteers who helped at the event. The local Boy Scout Troop 86 presented the colors. Highlights of the event were the dunk booth, which raised money for Habitat for Humanity, and the pie eating contest. The Committee learned a lot from this year's event and from reading all the social media comments from the community, so next year will be bigger and better.
- Councilmember Robb asked Chief DeWitt and Chief Kraski to give a brief report of how the event went from a police and fire perspective. Both Chiefs said the event was surprisingly smooth, uneventful, and no complaints. Stanwood and Arlington did not have a single fireworks-related call, which has never happened before, the county did have a few calls.
- Councilmember Shepro thanked Councilmember Hicks for all his work on planning the 250th Celebration. Great job of cleaning the park, it was spotless the following day.
- Councilmember Shepro read a social media post about the City of Mount Vernon changing their meeting agenda on the fly and asked City Attorney Thompson if this was legal. Thompson answered that it is not legal for special meetings, but our City will amend the regular meeting agenda at the beginning of the meeting if we need to remove or add an item.

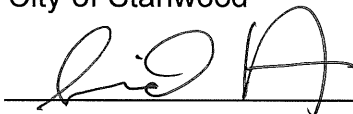
14. Recess to Executive Session

No executive session.

15. Adjourn

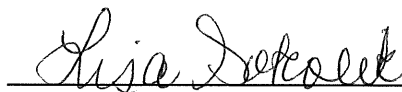
There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

City of Stanwood



Sid Roberts, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk