

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on Monday January 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Council present on roll call: Koberle, Procopio, Robinson and Wagner. Sawyer was absent. Also present: Elmeda Bean and Michelle Potter. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boesenberg.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Robinson, seconded by Koberle to approve the consent agenda as posted, ayes: all.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: None

New Business

Procopio motioned, Wagner seconded to reimburse Grayland Crist \$500 for tree removal on the two lots he owns on Broadway Street, all ayes. Procopio motioned, Koberle seconded authorizing Mayor to sign application & certification for pay requests 1 and 2 to Bockenstedt Excavating in the combined amount of \$64,125. Council addressed 2010 committees and appointments and made the following changes: Economic Development – replaced Koch with Procopio; Hazardous Mitigation – replaced Sawyer with Robinson; Personnel – replaced Koch with Sawyer; Police – replaced Sawyer with Wagner; Sewer & Water – replaced Procopio with Wagner; Streets & Sidewalks – replaced Koch with Procopio; Ambulance rep – replaced Koch with Bendixen. Motion by Koberle, seconded by Robinson to approve a Native Iowa wine liquor license for Two Friends Gift & Flower Shop, all ayes. Motion by Koberle, seconded by Wagner to approve Resolution 2010-01 fixing a date for a public hearing on a water revenue loan and disbursement agreement, all ayes. Public Hearing has been set for 2/8/10 at 7pm.

Old Business

Council reviewed Howard R. Green wastewater treatment plant analysis. Council would like to see 2-3 more proposals from other engineers. PWD Ihns will contact other firms. Bendixen reported on the two dangerous buildings. Bendixen is working with City Attorney Wolfe to ensure all parties receive proper notification. Council member Robinson discussed the status of his purchase of the 10 acres from STEDCO. Robinson intends to construct a residential development. At this point the North Street extension needs to be completed. Luke Oberbrecking has been to the site and stressed that water & sewer lines need to be put in prior to the street. PWD Ihns will contact JJJ Enterprises for estimates to put in the lines. Council also discussed jetting the sewer lines, PWD Ihns will contact Hydro-Kleen for estimates. Council discussed several projects to work on in the 2010-2011 fiscal year and agreed to start work on looping the water lines which will increase water pressure and flow.

Reports

Mayor: Community State Bank hours have been reduced to M-F 8am – 12pm and Saturday drive-up only 8am-11am. CSB President Eric Newton presented Mayor with an opportunity for the City to purchase the bank building for city hall offices. Newton would then execute a lease back to the City as the bank intends to utilize the west half of the building. Council was agreeable to a meeting between the finance committee and Eric Newton to learn more details. Councilmember Procopio exited the council meeting at 8:40pm.

Clerk: Finance committee is working on budget. Presented correspondence to be signed by Mayor regarding the SnowChasers snowmobile club. Correspondence is addressed to the IA State Snowmobile Association. In order for the club to be compliant with state regulations, the club president needs to send a letter from each city the club rides through giving the club permission. Mayor executed correspondence.

Fire: No report.

Library: Requesting estimates from two companies for new carpet. Movie Saturdays are having a huge turnout. The Cedar County Library Assoc. is applying for the CFCC grant again to be used toward teen materials.

PWD: Working on budget. Will not be replacing the storm sewers on Hwy 38 this year since the IDOT is planning to repair Hwy 38.

Police: 101 hours spend in Stanwood during December.

Park: Discussed renovations to park shelter. Clerk will look into availability of grants to construct a new shelter. This will not be in the 2010-2011 budget.

Schedule next regular meeting: February 8, 2010

Adjournment: Robinson made the motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm, Koberle seconded, ayes: all.

ATTEST:

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on Monday February 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Council present on roll call: Procopio, Robinson, Koberle, Sawyer and Wagner. Also present: Elmeda Bean, Librarian Michelle Potter, PWD Ihns, Carol Worby, Carol Andrews, Shirley Gibb, Ray Linder and Dave Siebels. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boesenberg.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Procopio, seconded by Sawyer to approve the consent agenda as posted, ayes: all.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: Shirley Gibb requested permission from the Council to explore the Neighborhood Watch Program and report back to the council with the results. Council liked the idea and granted Gibb permission. Ray Linder requested use of the Fire Station on 4/3/10 from 6am - 1pm for the Union Church's annual Lord's Portion Sale. Linder also reminded Council the Union Church is affiliated with the Community Cupboard which meets in Mechanicsville at the Methodist Church on the 2nd & 4th Thursday and 4th Saturday and is geared toward helping North Cedar school district families.

New Business

At 7:10pm Mayor opened the public hearing on the water revenue loan & disbursement agreement. With no comments or questions from the public, Koberle motioned to close the hearing at 7:20, Robinson seconded, all ayes. Shirley Gibb, on behalf of the ambulance board, presented Dave Siebels with a plaque in appreciation of his 22 1/2 years of service on the ambulance board. Sawyer motioned to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2010-03, taking additional action to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement in the principal amount of not to exceed \$250,000 for the pump house project, Wagner seconded, all ayes. Clerk informed Council the environmental review had been completed on pump house #1 and documentation granting the categorical exclusion provided by the IDNR will be published in the 2/9/10 edition of the Tipton Conservative. There is a 30-day waiting period after the publication (expires on 3/12/10) before any work can be performed in the pump house. Shoemaker & Haaland prepared Change Order #2, which reinstates the installation labor deleted by Change Order #1 while the environmental review was in process. The change order can be approved contingent upon the expiration of the 30-day waiting period. Robinson motioned, Koberle seconded to approve Change Order #2, all ayes. Koberle motioned, Wagner seconded to approve Resolution 2010-02, appointing Joan Koch and Rita Becker to the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority Board. Both Koch and Becker are assigned two year terms. MSI and LL Pelling provided proposals for seal coat maintenance for 2010. MSI's bid for single seal coat is \$1.83 per sq. yd.; base repair including scarifying, pulverizing, grading, compacting and second seal coat is \$2.88 per sq. yd.; and patching material furnished & placed at \$182.00 per ton. These prices are the same as last year. LL Pelling's proposal was slightly higher. Robinson motioned, Sawyer seconded to approve MSI's proposal and authorize Mayor to sign. Mayor appointed Joan Koch and Kevin Koob to the ambulance board. Council reviewed FY2010-2011 budget. Council discussed major expenditure items such as jetting and televising the sewer lines which will be performed by Hydro-Kleen in the spring at a quoted price of \$28,000. This expenditure will be paid out of the Local Option Sales Tax fund. This project aims at identifying infiltration problem spots as well as cleaning the sewer lines that in need it. Another project discussed is the installation of 4 new culverts, two near the intersection of Walnut & North Street and two near the intersection of North and Main Streets. There are existing culverts in these areas now but are broke and sunk in. The new culverts will be installed next to the existing and will improve drainage from the park to the school. Estimated cost of installation of the culverts is \$16,760 and will be performed by JJJ Enterprises and funded with Road Use monies. Council reviewed additional budgetary items with no major questions or discussion. Robinson motioned, Wagner seconded to set a public hearing on 3/8/10 for adoption of the budget and authorized Clerk to publish notice.

Old Business

PWD Ihns has sent out RFP's to engineering firms for an analysis on the wastewater treatment facility and DNR's upcoming requirements. RFP due date is 3/4/10 and will be discussed at the March meeting. Clerk reported no change on the property owners who received dangerous building notices. Clerk will draft another letter.

Reports

Mayor: Attended CCEDCO meeting and is planning to attend the Lions Club meeting on 2/9/10.

Clerk: We will know by May 5th if Stanwood is awarded the housing rehab grant.

Fire: Clerk gave treasurer's report.

Library: Movie Saturdays are extremely successful. Working on Summer Reading program entitled Make A Splash.

PWD: Was contacted by Gee Asphalt about Gilsonite which is supposed to add 3-5 years of life onto the chip & seal for the streets. It flexes better and isn't supposed to crack. Cost is \$1.15 - \$1.20/sq. yd. PWD Ihns was also contacted by Utility Services Company which builds water towers and then leases them back to cities. E-coli test was performed at the new pump house and passed. Ihns went to a meeting at Shoemaker & Haaland where an electrician suggested installing an elevation gauge as well an alarm system at the new pump house.

Police: No report.

Park: No report.

Schedule next regular meeting: March 8, 2010

Adjournment: Procopio made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, Sawyer seconded, ayes: all.

ATTEST: _____

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk

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Stanwood City Council met in regular session on Monday March 8, 2010, at 7:00 pm in City Hall. Council present on roll call: Procopio, Robinson, Koberle and Wagner, Sawyer was absent. Also present: Elmeda Bean, Librarian Potter, PWD Ihns, Clerk Bendixen, Jim Halverson, Elmeda Bean, Jim Tenley and Ray Linder. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boesenberg.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Procopio, seconded by Wagner to approve the consent agenda as posted, ayes: all.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: Jim Tenley presented Council with an article regarding the successfulness of Hills Bank (among others) and inquired as to what Council is doing to bring another bank into town. Council informed Tenley it is not Council's place to seek out other banks and will continue its business with Community State Bank.

New Business

At 7:10 pm Mayor opened the public hearing on the FY 2010-2011 budget. With no comments or questions being heard from the public, Robinson motioned, Koberle seconded to close the public hearing at 7:20 pm, ayes: all. Procopio motioned, Robinson seconded to adopt and approve Resolution 2010-04, adopting the budget for FY ending June 30, 2011, ayes: all. Clerk informed Council the Cedar Co. Sheriff's Office yearly fee for protection will remain the same as last year at \$26,491. Sheriff Wethington previously dropped off the contract for FY 2010-2011 for Council approval and Mayor signature. Robinson motioned, Koberle seconded to approve the contract, ayes: all. Koberle motioned, Wagner seconded to approve Fairfield Township's fire protection agreement for FY 2010, ayes: all. Township fees for the year are \$633.87 payable to the Fire Department. Clerk was contacted by ECIA regarding Stanwood's desire to participate in the Single Family Unit Production New Construction-Round 2 Program. 2.9 million in CDBG money has been allocated for Iowa. This program provides 25% down payment assistance to individuals interested in new construction. Requirements include: 1/2 of the buyers must be at or below the 100% median household limits, the other 1/2 must be at or below 80%. There is a maximum per unit sale price of \$180,000. ECIA is looking for city owned in-fill lots. Clerk suggested submitting Lots 8 thru 12, Block 3, Preston's 1st Addition. These are the lots to the south of the new pump house. The city's requirements are to submit lots and set sale price per lot. Discussion ensued and Procopio motioned, Wagner seconded to set a price of \$5000 per lot or \$12,000 for 2 1/2 lots, ayes: all. Council would like to see all lots sold so as not to be left with one odd lot. Koberle motioned, Wagner seconded to adopt Resolution 2010-05, authorizing and approving a loan and disbursement agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$206,000 water revenue bonds, ayes: all. This is the final step in securing an SRF loan for repayment of the construction of the pump house. Council discussed Change Order #3 and pay request #4 for the pump house. Council had issues with the change order and has asked PWD Ihns to contact Shoemaker & Haaland for further clarification. Procopio made a motion to approve change order items #5A, 5D and extension of the substantial completion date to 4/19/10, to delete from item 3, the building temperature sensor but leave the door entry switch equipment to the alarm system with a cap of \$2000, and only to approve the \$650 charge for wiring the generator with PWD Ihns approval after further clarification from Shoemaker & Haaland, and to approve pay application #4 according to these changes, Wagner seconded, ayes: all. Procopio motioned, Robinson seconded to set Spring Clean-Up day for May 13, 2010, ayes: all. Clerk informed council that City Wide Garage Sales will be May 8, 2010. Contact Vicki Bendixen to register.

Old Business

Council reviewed Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from Howard R. Green Co, IIW, Shoemaker & Haaland, Snyder & Associates and Shive-Hattery regarding wastewater treatment plant modifications. The RFP's were for qualifications only. Council picked their top three: IIW, Snyder & Associates and Howard R. Green Co. Clerk will contact the references listed by each firm and council also requested Clerk contact the firms for bids for an initial study of the wastewater treatment plant modifications needed to meet new IDNR requirements. Clerk informed council of correspondence sent to the owner of 206 S. Walnut Street regarding failure to comply with the dangerous building ordinance. Owner has failed to contact Clerk as requested, Council directed Clerk to file the civil citation.

Reports

Mayor: Attended a Lions Club meeting. Lions want to do something to help the city. Several options including purchasing Christmas lights, flags, or donating towards a new park shelter. Lions Club decided that all proceeds from the April fish fry would be donated to the park shelter.

Clerk: 30-day historical exclusion for pump house expires on 3/12/10; budget is due to the auditor by 3/15/10; new loan proceeds will be available 3/17/10; attending an IPERS, etc class on 3/18/10 all day; Jeff Kaufman listening post at city hall on 3/20/10 at 9am. City wide garage sales 5/8/10 - contact city hall to sign up. Not run though city hall but Vicki is heading them up.

Fire: Clerk gave treasurer's report.

Library: No Easter story hour. Library will be closed from 4/30/10 - 5/9/10 for installation of new carpet. Books will need to be moved on 4/30 and again on 5/7/10 - volunteers will be greatly appreciated. Applied for CFCC grant for carpeting, awards to be announced later this month.

PWD: Electric clutch on the front of the dump truck needs replaced, cheapest one found is \$1175. Discussed whether it would be beneficial to install flow meters, go house to house to look for illegal hookups to sewer lines and the benefits of smoke testing. IA Rural Water provides flow meters and can do smoke testing free since the City is a member. Visited the Wheatland sewer plant to check out the Lemna cover they had installed to comply with new IDNR requirements and found out the cover isn't working properly. PWD Ihns will attend CCR training 4/14/10 in Coralville and requested vacation 5/31/10 - 6/4/10. Council approved both.

Police: 79 hours for the month of January

Park: No report.

Schedule next regular meeting: April 12, 2010

Adjournment: Procopio made the motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm, Robinson seconded, ayes: all.

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on Monday April 12, 2010, at 7:00 pm in City Hall. Council present on roll call: Procopio, Robinson, Koberle, Sawyer and Wagner. Also present: Elmeda Bean, Chuck Schrader, Lou Licht, Gene Parkin, Malissa Woolley, Betty Ellerhoff, LuAnn Robinson, PWD Ihns and Clerk Bendixen. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boesenberg.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Sawyer, seconded by Robinson to approve the consent agenda as posted, ayes: all.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: None.

New Business

Lou Licht, founder & president of Ecolotree, Inc. an IA based engineering company that designs, installs & maintains engineered forests at regulatory permitted sites such as landfills & chemical spill sites spoke to the Council regarding alternative natural treatments for the wastewater treatment plant. Professor Gene Parkin from the U of I who works closely with Lou was also present. These treatments use trees that grow a usable crop while managing water and regulated pollutants. Licht is working toward DNR approval, and will be presenting his findings to DNR the very near future. Licht explained that this type of natural ammonia and nitrate removal would be more cost effective and less labor intensive as the current methods of removal are. Malissa Woolley, candidate for Cedar County Recorder spoke to the council regarding the experience and knowledge she will bring to the position if elected. Woolley is fully endorsed and supported by current Recorder Thumm and asked for the Council's support and vote. Betty Ellerhoff, candidate for Cedar County Supervisor spoke to the council regarding the experience and knowledge she would bring to the Board if elected and asked for the Council's support and vote. Election will be held June 8, 2010. Koberle motioned, Robinson seconded to approve Red Oak and Freemont fire township agreements, ayes: all. Lions Club request to cook fish in city shed on 4/23/10 was approved. Procopio motioned, Wagner seconded to set a public hearing for May 10, 2010 for the FY09-10 Budget Amendment, ayes: all. Sawyer motioned, Procopio seconded to approve Thirsty on 30, Inc. liquor license, ayes: all. Koberle motioned, Procopio seconded to have the first reading of Ordinance #202, Approving Alley Vacation, ayes: all. Procopio motioned, Robinson seconded to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance #202, ayes: all. Robinson motioned, Koberle seconded to approve & adopt Ordinance #202, ayes: all. Chuck Schrader with Municipal Pipe Tool Company, LLC spoke to the council regarding a 5-year sewer maintenance contract. Contract may be terminated at anytime by giving a 30 day written notice. Council reviewed the contract and informed Schrader they would discuss it further. Start up for well #3 is scheduled for 4/16/10. Clerk will post signs around town of the potential for rust in the water during the initial start up period. Discussion regarding appointing a new city attorney has been tabled. Council discussed appointing a new engineering firm due to several issues with the current firm. Wagner motioned, Koberle seconded to appoint IIW Engineers & Surveyors, P.C. from Dubuque, IA as the official city engineering firm, ayes: all.

Old Business

Council reviewed proposals for engineering services for wastewater treatment planning study from IIW Engineers & Surveyors, Snyder & Associates, Engineers & Planners and Howard R. Green Company. Wagner motioned, Robinson seconded to accept IIW's proposal for engineering services-wastewater treatment planning study in the amount of \$4900.00 ayes: all. Clerk had conversation with the owner of 206 S. Walnut who is currently in violation of the dangerous building ordinance. Owner stated he is looking for a contractor to fix the roof and install new windows. Owners intent is to sell the property. The 90-day timeframe has expired for the owners of a property located on Middle Street who are also in violation of the dangerous building ordinance. Clerk will contact an attorney specializing in these situations for advice.

Reports

Mayor: Steve Lacina, CCEDCO has resigned and CCEDCO is looking for a replacement.

Clerk: Requested & received approval to attend a Small City Workshop in Lisbon on 5/20/10. Topics of the workshop are small city economic development and city council & staff relationships. Council members Wagner and Procopio expressed interest in attending as well. Reported on correspondence received from ECIA regarding loans recently approved by the ECIA Business Growth, Inc. Board of Directors. North Cedar Recycling in Stanwood was the recipient of a Regional RLF loan.

Fire: No report

Library: LuAnn Robinson gave the library report. Robinson advised the library is the recipient of a \$3000 CFCC grant to be used toward the purchase & installation of new carpet. This is National Library Week. Library will hold an adult and kids drawing for Wal-Mart gift cards. Reminder that the library will be closed from 4/30/10 - 5/9/10 for installation of new carpet. Volunteers are still needed on 4/30, 5/1, 5/8 and 5/9 to help move books. Contact the library directly if you can help.

PWD: Water tower will be cleaned on 4/14/10. Requested vacation from July 15-19, 2010, approved.

Police: Feb. report: 96 hours, March report: 78 hours.

Park: Doors on the bathroom are sprung and in bad shape. Two heavy duty wooden doors were donated to the city and are the same size. Council agreed to have PWD Ihns replace the doors.

Ambulance: Ambulance is the recipient of a \$3500 CFCC grant. Ambulance will use the grant toward the purchase of an AutoPulse Cardiac Support Pump.

Schedule next regular meeting: May 10, 2010

Adjournment: Procopio made the motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm, Wagner seconded, ayes: all.

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met for a special meeting on Tuesday April 27, 2010, at 7:00 pm in City Hall. Council present on roll call: Procopio, Robinson, Koberle, Sawyer and Wagner. Also present: Elmeda Bean, Adrian Holmes, Bob Tobin, PWD Ihns and Clerk Bendixen. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boesenberg.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Koberle, seconded by Sawyer to approve the consent agenda as posted, ayes: all.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: None.

New Business

Bob Tobin and Adrian Holmes from Shoemaker & Haaland were present to discuss the reason behind Change Order #4. When well #3 was drilled in 2009, test results yielded 185 gallons of water/ minute. When the pump house project was being designed, Shoemaker & Haaland chose a pump capable of producing 225 gallons/minute. This issue was discussed with the engineers and the engineers did not think the pump would be too large and wanted to see it perform at test pumping before any alterations would be made. On 4/16/10, testing proved the pump to be too large as it was drawing the water level down at a high rate and having trouble stabilizing at a reasonable level. Several tests were performed, each resulting in the same manner leading the engineers to confirm the pump was too large. Tobin & Holmes provided Council with three options. 1. Lowering the pump setting from its current 245 feet to 287 feet. This option is the most risky as it's unknown if desired results would be achieved, possibly leaving the city in the same position as right now. 2 Exchange the current pump for a smaller pump which will produce between 150-180 gpm, this is the safest and most reliable option. 3. Install a throttling plug valve. The downside to a plug valve is that the life expectancy of the pump will be reduced. The upside is there could be more flexibility and we may be able to get 185-190 gmp/minute. Council chose option 2. Wagner made the motion to install the 150 gpm pump as proposed by Northway Well & Pump for \$3813.00, and to extend the substantial completion date to June 1, 2010, Sawyer seconded, ayes: all. Council also requested Shoemaker & Haaland cover the entire expense of Change Order #4. Tobin & Holmes were receptive to the request but stated the decision must be made by their superiors and asked Clerk Bendixen to put Council's request in writing.

Adjournment: Robinson made the motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm, Sawyer seconded, ayes: all.

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met at the park on Monday, June 14, 2010, at 6:30 pm to discuss design ideas for a larger enclosed shelter. Members then moved to City Hall and met in regular session at 7:00 pm. Council present on roll call: Procopio, Robinson, Koberle and Wagner, Sawyer was absent. Also present: Curt Eldred from Cedar Communications, Elmeda Bean, Michelle Potter, Mike Dauber, Jim Salat, Dave Siebels, Betty Long, Jim Tenley, PWD Ihns and Clerk Bendixen. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boesenberg.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Procopio, seconded by Wagner to approve the consent agenda as posted, ayes: all.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: Betty Long addressed the council regarding the continuing stray cat problem in her neighborhood and inquired as to what the council could do. Letters can be sent to the homeowners who are feeding cats outside as this is a direct violation of the animal control ordinance. All pets are to be kept on a leash, owners are allowed 4 pets, and only three can be the same species. Feeding of stray cats is strictly prohibited.

New Business

Mayor opened the public hearing for the FY09-10 Budget Amendment. No comments or concerns were voiced by Council or the public, therefore; at 7:15 Procopio motioned to close the public hearing, Robinson seconded, ayes: all. Robinson motioned, Procopio seconded to approve Resolution 2010-06 approving the 09-10 budget amendment, ayes: all. Alice Ohrtmann and Adam Moris, with IIW were present to meet the Council. Handouts were provided by IIW and general comments were received. Joe Goodlove was unable to be in attendance and his presentation has been cancelled until further notice. Curt Eldred with Cedar Communications was present and requested an increase in basic cable rates from the current rate of \$31.95 to a rate of \$42.95. Cedar Communications is now offering digital packages at the monthly rates of: Lifeline-\$19.95, Universal-\$61.95 and Colossal-\$66.95. Movie packages will be offered at the following monthly rates: HBO-\$15.00, Cinemax-\$12.00, Starz/Encore-\$12.00 and Showtime-\$15.00. Koberle motioned, Wagner seconded to set a public hearing on the rate increase for 6/14/10 at 7pm, ayes: all. Melissa Helmold, Deputy Cedar County Recorder was present and spoke to the council regarding her candidacy for Cedar County Recorder and asked for Council's vote in the upcoming election. Koberle motioned, Wagner seconded to approve Change Order #4 and Pay Request #5 for the pump house, ayes: all. Change Order #4 is a deduction of \$325 from the project costs as a result of changes to chemical feed equipment and storage tanks and pay request #5 is in the amount of \$49,930.58. Council authorized Mayor to sign the certificate of substantial completion should it come in prior to the June council meeting. Clerk informed council that Shoemaker & Haaland has agreed to cover the entire expenses associated with exchanging the larger pump for a smaller pump (which has already taken place). Bockenstedt will be billing Shoemaker & Haaland directly for these expenses. Robinson motioned, Koberle seconded to authorize Mayor to sign an addendum to agreement with ACCO for delivery of liquid chlorine to the new well site on Walnut Street, ayes: all. Council reviewed nuisance abatement list and Koberle motioned, Wagner seconded to direct Clerk to issue a total of 16 letters. Yards must be mowed by the 15th of each month or when vegetation reaches a height of 8 inches. This also includes trimming of noxious weeds from around all buildings/residences, fences and ditches. Junk is also prohibited from accumulating on property within city limits regardless of zoning districts. Robinson motioned, Koberle seconded to appoint Joan Koch to the Board of Adjustments for a 5-year term and to re-appoint Duane Amundson for another 5-year term, ayes: all. Robinson motioned, Wagner seconded to approve Dan Wherry for part-time summer mowing position. Wherry held this same position last summer. Council discussed design ideas for a new park shelter. Council would like to meet with the Park Board at 6:30 on 6/14/10 at the park to discuss ideas.

Old Business

In regards to the two dangerous buildings, a citation will be issued to one and a final 30-day deadline will be offered for the other and if compliance is still not achieved, a citation will be issued.

Reports

Mayor: Need to get this fiscal year's projects finished up by the end of June.

Clerk: Rcv'd a letter from IA Dept of Transportation regarding a resurfacing project beginning 5/18/10 on Highway 38 from Broadway Street to Farmers Street. The work consists of milling and resurfacing the center 24 feet of the existing pavement. Will attend SFR training June 15 - no cost. Will attend IA Municipal Professionals Institute in Ames 7/14 - 7/16. Requested leave from 6/9 - 6/11.

Fire: Responded to 1 car fire, 1 field fire and 1 storm watch.

Library: New carpet is in & looks great. Thank you to Al Robinson for the use of his truck and Jeff Freeman for the temporary storage and to all of the volunteers who helped move books. Summer reading will start on June 1st and last for 5 weeks.

PWD: The water tower has been cleaned & is in good condition. There is a small section of epoxy on the bottom that needs attention in 1-2 years. MSI was here and cleaned the curb & guttered streets

Police: 93 hours for April.

Park: No report.

Schedule next regular meeting: June 14, 2010

Adjournment: Procopio made the motion to adjourn at 9:18 pm, Wagner seconded, ayes: all.

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present on roll call: Procopio, Robinson, Wagner and Koberle, Sawyer joined the meeting at 7:25pm. Also present: Elmeda Bean, Rod Daebelliehn, Jeri Daebelliehn and Phillip Bench with the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Procopio, seconded by Wagner to approve the consent agenda as posted, ayes: all.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: None

New Business

Council listened to a presentation from Rod Daebelliehn, the Cedar County Representative for the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities, the organization that arranges trips for World War II veterans to Washington D.C. They are fund raising for a trip this fall and are trying to raise approximately 30% of \$90,000 (which is the cost of one trip). Daebelliehn asked if the Council would like to donate. Council thanked Daebelliehn for his presentation and would discuss the request and contact Daebelliehn at a later time. Koberle motioned, Robinson seconded to approve Resolution 2010-09 Re-Establishing the Park Reserve Fund, ayes: all, Sawyer absent. Robinson motioned, Koberle seconded to approve Resolution 2010-10 proposing the vacation and sale of a portion of a platted street known as North Avenue located in Block 13, Maley's Addition to the town of Stanwood, IA, ayes: all, Sawyer absent. Koberle motioned, Wagner seconded to set a public hearing on the vacation and sale for 8/9/10 at 7pm, ayes: all, Sawyer absent. Council member Todd Sawyer joined the council meeting at 7:25 pm. Wagner motioned, Robinson seconded to approve pay request #7, the final pay request to Bockenstedt Excavating for the pump house, ayes: all. Sawyer motioned, Wagner seconded to appoint Tonya McCutcheon to the janitorial position, ayes: all. Koberle motioned, Wagner seconded to appoint Kathy Sloan, Michelle Kwiatkowski and Judy Linder to the Library board, ayes: all.

Old Business

In regards to the two dangerous buildings, 206 S. Walnut St, contacted Oberbreckling Construction to have the house and garage torn down. Oberbreckling will have it down as soon as possible. Upon completion of the removal, the City will dismiss the court case and assess all costs to the owner. A civil citation is being filed against the second property owner for failure to comply. In regards to the individuals on the nuisance abatement list, Council member Procopio will personally visit with the 6 owners who failed to comply with the request to find out why compliance has not been achieved. Others who have initiated clean up but have failed to complete will be sent letters acknowledging their progress asking for the clean-up to be completed.

Reports

Mayor: Attended CCEDCO meeting, hired Bill Schultie. Attended the Cedar County Board Meeting with Dan Letts. Asked the Council if they are interested in looking into monthly water billing, council said yes.

Clerk: Informed Council that on 6/28/10 Attorney Wolfe sent a deed and correspondence to Rick Wagner stating they will receive final payment once the City receives a fully executed deed in fulfillment of a real estate contract. Informed Council complaints have been received weekly from residents on the northwest side of town regarding all the stray cats. Council has decided they will set a date in the upcoming months and will trap all loose cats and requested Clerk to contact local vets for costs of euthanization. Once a decision has been made regarding date, it will be posted in several locations in town, on the website, on the cable channel and put in the paper. Clerk has already talked to property owners feeling cats outside and requested they stop.

Fire: No report.

Library: No report

PWD: Clerk & PWD lns had a conference call with IIW and the DNR regarding options for the wastewater treatment plant. Right now IIW is looking into a seasonal discharge. JJJ will be in town in the next few weeks and will repair culverts by the practice football field, one on Broadway and Massilion and on Elm Street. We are still waiting on the results from the radium sample. The dump truck is fixed. Bustin' Wood came into town and cleaned up all the downed trees after the severe storms that came though the end of June. PWD lns suggested sending them a thank you along with some money. Council agreed and authorized payment of \$300.00 to come out of the general fund.

Police: 60 hours for May.

Park: No report.

Schedule next regular meeting: Monday August 9, 2010

Adjournment: Procopio made the motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm, Sawyer seconded, ayes: all.

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 9, 2010, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present on roll call: Procopio, Robinson, Koberle and Wagner. Sawyer was absent but joined the meeting for a short time via phone. Also present: Elmeda Bean, CCEDCO Executive Director William Schulte, LuAnn Robinson, George Walling, Mary Davidson, Duane & Cindy Amundson and Dan Dietz.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Robinson, seconded by Koberle to approve the consent agenda as posted, ayes: all.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: None

New Business

At 7:05pm, Mayor Boesenberg opened the following public hearings: Zoning change from a-1 agricultural to r-1 residential for Lots 13 & 14, Block 2, Kohlhase Addition to Stanwood; zoning change from a-1 agricultural to r-1 residential for Lot 1 of Parcel K in the NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 82N, Range 3, West of the 5th P.M., Cedar County, Stanwood, IA; approval of Rock Creek Ridge preliminary plat and, the vacation & sale of a portion of a platted street known as North Avenue in Block 13, Maley's Addition to the City of Stanwood. Council reviewed planning & zoning's minutes in which they approved the request for zoning changes and the preliminary plat. No public comments were received at the Council level, however, Planning & Zoning (at their meeting on 7/12/10) reviewed 3 letters opposing the rezoning. The concerns addressed were increase in traffic and the close proximity of the proposed extension of North Street to some of the existing homes. Council reviewed a copy of Rock Creek Ridge's preliminary plat. No public comments were received. Council discussed the vacation and sale of a portion of North Avenue to Steve & Rita Becker. No public comments were received. At 7:20 Procopio motioned to close all 4 public hearings, Koberle seconded, ayes: all. At 7:15 Council member Sawyer joined the meeting via phone. Koberle motioned to have the first reading of Ordinance #204 Amending Zoning Ordinance #78 by Amending the Official Zoning Map, Wagner seconded, ayes: Wagner, Koberle, Procopio and Sawyer, Robinson abstained. Koberle motioned to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings, Sawyer seconded, ayes: Wagner, Koberle, Procopio and Sawyer, Robinson abstained. Procopio motioned to adopt and post Ordinance #204, Koberle seconded, ayes: Wagner, Koberle, Procopio, and Sawyer, Robinson abstained. Sawyer then exited the meeting. Wagner motioned, Koberle seconded to approve Resolution 2010-13 approving the Preliminary Plat of Rock Creek Ridge Addition to the City of Stanwood, ayes: Koberle, Procopio and Wagner, Robinson abstained, Sawyer absent, motion carried. Koberle motioned, Robinson seconded to approve Resolution 2010-11 Approving the Sale of a Vacated Street (the N 17" of the E1/2 of N. Ave in Block 13, Maley's Addition) to Steve & Rita Becker, ayes: all, Sawyer absent. Procopio motioned, Robinson seconded to have the first reading of Ordinance #203 providing for the vacation of a portion of a platted street known as North Avenue in Block 13, Maley's Addition to the City of Stanwood, Iowa, ayes: all, Sawyer absent. Robinson motioned, Procopio seconded to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings, ayes: all, Sawyer absent. Koberle motioned to approve and post Ordinance #203, Wagner seconded, ayes: all, Sawyer absent. Robinson motioned to approve Resolution 2010-12 the City Street Report, ayes: all, Sawyer absent. Motion by Procopio, seconded by Wagner to appoint Bill Klawiter to Planning & Zoning and to reappoint Ray Linder to Planning & Zoning, ayes: all, Sawyer absent. Motion by Procopio, seconded by Wagner to approve Petromart Stanwood liquor license, ayes: all, Sawyer absent. The ambulance board has recommended council approval of a contract with EMS Billing Services to take over the ambulance billing. Robinson motioned, Koberle seconded to approve the contract, ayes: all, Sawyer absent. The new CCEDCO executive director, William Schulte, was present and introduced himself to the council and gave a brief presentation on his goals as director. Procopio motioned, Wagner seconded to authorize Mayor to execute the certificates of final loan balance for the SRF loans for the well and pump house, all ayes: Sawyer absent.

Old Business

Procopio motioned to donate \$500 to Honor Flight of the Quad Cities to transport WWII Vets to Washington D.C., motion died for a lack of second. Wagner motioned to donate \$300, Procopio seconded, ayes: all, Sawyer absent. Mary Davidson addressed the council regarding the violation of the dangerous building ordinance. Council modified initial requirements by asking Davidson's to focus on removing the items lying around the yard and straightening up the east porch. A letter will be sent restating these modifications. Dan Dietz addressed the council regarding his nuisance abatement issues with the construction truck and mowing. Dietz presented council with an updated registration for the truck and told council he will move it. Dietz told council he refuses to mow the lots and will continue to let it be baled. Council informed Dietz it is a violation of the ordinance to allow the lots to be baled. Dietz again told council he refuses to mow the lots and abruptly exited the council meeting. Council informed Clerk to send a letter to Dietz stating city will mow the lots and assess a \$75.00 mowing fee to his taxes and the City will have the truck towed if not moved by August 22, 2010. Council addressed Siebels Auto Body. Procopio spoke with Siebels' regarding cleaning up the Siebels Auto Body property. Siebels contacted City Hall and indicated they will set aside time in September, 2010 to clean up. Council directed Clerk to send a letter stating the two cars on the North side of the property must be moved by August 22, 2010 or the city will have them towed. George Walling and Cindy Amundson addressed the council regarding the animal control ordinance. Both feel the \$100.00 impoundment fee is excessive for a cat. Both state their cats run the town and that \$100.00 is too much to pay should their cat be impounded. Council agreed the fee is excessive for first time impoundment of any animal and asked Clerk to prepare a revised Ordinance with a first time impoundment fee of \$50.00 and \$100.00 fee for second and subsequent offenses. Additional language regarding the city's right to trap cats running at large will also be added to the ordinance. Letters will be sent to those who complied with the abatement request thanking them for their efforts.

Reports

Mayor: Attended CCEDCO meeting.

Clerk: Rcv'd correspondence from FEMA regarding initiation of a flood mapping project in Stanwood. Rcv'd correspondence from IDOT regarding the Iowa Byways comprehensive signage project. This program has been in effect since 2008, however formal documentation was never prepared until now. DOT will provide and install first set of signs. Requested approval to attend Iowa League of Cities annual conference in Coralville on 9/22-9/24, council approved.

Fire: No report.

Library: LuAnn Robinson presented the library report. 14 out of 26 kids completed the summer reading program. The library now has all new computers purchased from Creative Software and installed by Rush Yahr. Several patrons have complimented the library on the newer faster computers. The drinking fountain isn't functioning properly. PWD Ihns will remove it. Ihns will also look at the toilet as it is extremely hard for kids and elderly to flush.

PWD: DNR showed up for a surprise sewer plant inspection which went very well. Ihns received compliments from DNR regarding the nice upkeep of the entire area. Well #3 is online and running with no major problems. JJJ installed new culverts on North Street near Hwy. 38. Ihns asked the council which sewer cleaning contract they would like to use for maintenance of the sewer lines. Visu-Sewer is Ihns' top choice. Council asked Ihns to have the contract drawn up with Visu-Sewer.

Police: 83 hours for May.

Park: No report.

Schedule next regular meeting: Monday September 13, 2010

Adjournment: Procopio made the motion to adjourn at 9:16 pm, Wagner seconded, ayes: all.

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 2010, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present on roll call: Procopio, Robinson, Koberle and Wagner, Sawyer was absent. Also present: Elmeda Bean, CCEDCO Executive Director William Schulte, Michelle Potter and Alice Ohrtman, IIW.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Procopio, second by Wagner to approve the agenda, 09/10 minutes, bills and finance report, ayes: all. Council then discussed the End of Year Report and Koberle motioned to approve the report, second by Wagner, ayes: all.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: None

New Business

Alice Ohrtman with IIW explained the current flows & loads prepared by IIW for the waste load allocation (WLA). A WLA must be completed before a NPDES permit will be issued by DNR. One component the flows & loads takes into consideration is projected growth of the city over the next 20 years. Stanwood's 2010 population is 634, down slightly from the 2000 census. IIW has predicted a population for 2030 of 699 and asked Council if this was a fair estimation, Council agreed. Council also discussed the need for a comprehensive plan for the next 5-10 years that includes, water and sewer line replacement and street repair. IIW can assist with this. Motion by Procopio, second by Wagner to have the first reading of Ordinance #205, Amending provisions pertaining to animal protection and control. This ordinance reduces impoundment fees from \$100 to \$50 for the first offense. Subsequent impoundments of the same animal shall be \$100, ayes: all. Motion by Koberle to waive the 2nd & 3rd readings of Ordinance #205, second by Wagner, ayes: all. Motion by Koberle to approve and post Ordinance #205, second by Wagner, ayes: all. Pet owners are strongly encouraged to stop at city hall for a full copy of this ordinance. Motion by Procopio to approve Resolution 2010-14, authorizing the transfer of \$193.44 from the capital projects fund to the general fund, second by Robinson, ayes: all. This money was left over from a prior housing rehab project which expenses were paid though the general fund. Motion by Procopio to approve Resolution 2010-15, authorizing transfer of \$563.75 from the capital projects fund to the water revenue bond sinking fund, second by Robinson, ayes: all. This money was left over from the construction of the pump house and shall be used to repay the revenue bonds. Tonya McCutcheon has resigned as janitor and Kathy Gravert has been hired. Motion by Wagner to approve Gravert to janitorial position, second by Koberle, ayes: all. Motion by Wagner to re-appoint Bob Davidson to Planning & Zoning, second by Procopio, ayes: all. Bill Schulte, CCEDCO spoke of a "business incubator" project he would like to see North Cedar Schools initiate in one of the 4 towns serving the school district. The project will give students experience in starting up a for-profit business. Schulte is looking for business owners in Stanwood to help out with the project. Council discussed the pros/cons of monthly billing. Pros included: incoming revenue each month and ease of budgeting a lower monthly bill. Cons include: increased postage and more staff time devoted to water bills. Council is in favor of monthly billing and would like the water committee to discuss this topic further with Clerk to research lowering the minimum usage from 2000 to 1500 or 1000 to determine what type of impact that would have on those using only the minimum. Clerk will look at budgeting and possible increases of transfers into reserve accounts to save funds for future replacement of water and sewer lines.

Old Business

Davidson residence has shown several improvements. Dietz moved his truck and Clerk provided correspondence from Philip Jensen, Dietz' attorney. Jensen thanked Council for advising Dietz that in 2011 the mowing ordinance will be strictly enforced. Jensen acknowledged if Dietz fails to comply he will be subject to penalties, however, does not feel the ordinance prohibits Dietz from having the lots bailed. Council feels Dietz can bail them but vegetation must be bailed once it reaches a height of 8 inches. Clerk will prepare a letter stating such. Siebels have moved the two vehicles from the front parking lot. Salat timeframe expired, sheep have kept the grass on the south side down well however the miscellaneous items lying in both lots have not been cleaned up. Procopio stated Council needs to address nuisances on a regular basis rather than just once a year.

Reports

Mayor: None

Clerk: Herb Tholen purchased Elm View Apts. and would like to put a dumpster on the property. Clerk received a request from a homeowner in regards to sidewalks. They are doing cement work and would like to remove their sidewalk as it only benefits their residence. Council stated the sidewalk must be replaced. Received a thank-you from Shirley Gibb for resurfacing of the extension of Middle Street.

Fire: No report.

Library: New computers & server are in connected to printers. Library received several positive comments regarding the new computers. Movie Saturday will be starting up soon. The water fountain has been fixed as opposed to being removed. The toilet has been fixed and flushes much easier now.

PWD: Streets are done, used approx. \$14,000. Requested to utilize I-Jobs money to put in a new culvert by the football field, Council agreed. Cleaned out the ditch by the tennis court and is planning to extend the current drainage tube another 60' to reach the new culvert. Will then backfill with dirt and seed down. This area can then be used as additional parking. After football is over, will contact the school for permission to swale out the practice field to get the water flowing more efficiently. Received correspondence from Wayne Manufacturing regarding Christmas pole decorations for \$195/ea. Council would like to order 3 new snowflake lights.

Police: 78 hours for August.

Park: No report.

Schedule next regular meeting: Monday October 11, 2010.

Adjournment: Procopio motioned to adjourn at 9:15 pm, Wagner second, ayes: all.

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 2010, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present on roll call: Procopio, Robinson, Koberle and Wagner, Sawyer was absent. Also present: Elmeda Bean, Michelle Potter, Mike Dauber, David Tenley, CJ and Dina Wachendorf, Joel & Carrie Hahn and Jeff Meyer.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Robinson, second by Koberle approving the consent agenda, ayes: all.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: None

New Business

Jeff Meyer with North Cedar Recycling (NCR) was present to ask for permission to remove a tree stump and add parking on a portion of the extension of East Preston Street. The northerly (approx.) 160' of the street is being used by CJ & Dina Wachendorf and Joel & Carrie Hahn to access their properties. NCR asked for permission to use the southerly portion of E. Preston street approximately 140' x 50', for employee parking. Wachendorf's voiced concern over the ability to access the southerly portion of their lots should the Council grant NCR permission. Wachendorf's are also concerned about losing the 18 Fugi trees they planted last year. These trees were planted as a barrier between Wachendorf's and NCR to keep the garbage from NCR off Wachendorf's property. A property pin in the southeast portion of the property has been located and does show the trees Wachendorf's planted are in city right-of-way. Mayor Boesenberg stated he had a conversation with Dennis Rogers from NCR and it was the Mayor's thought that NCR does not want the entire 50' (east to west) for parking, they want just enough to park a vehicle in. After much discussion, it was decided that NCR, Wachendorf's, Hahn's and 2 council members needed to meet at the site to determine the exact amount of land NCR is interested in using. Wagner and Robinson agreed to meet with the group. An exclusive easement to occupy property was prepared by City Attorney Doug Wolfe and will need to be revised to include just the portion NCR is interested in once agreed upon. David Tenley was present and asked Council if there was any interest in pursuing a "Quite Zone" for the railroad. Council has considered this in the past but found it to be too costly. There are 6 types of quite zones and David Tenley stated he has a contact name/number of an individual from UP that has offered to talk to the council. Tenley will contact this person and have him forward information onto the Clerk for further review and discussion at another meeting. Council set Trick-or-Treat night for October 31, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Council considered resolution 2010-16, establishing a public hearing for the Iowa Dept. of Economic Development housing fund applications. Council felt it would be beneficial to our community to apply for the grant. Motion by Koberle, second by Wagner approving the resolution, ayes: all. Council discussed possible storm sewer upgrades to 304 S. Elm St. JJJ Enterprises has determined there is no fall which makes the task more difficult. PWD Ihns suggested installation of a lift pump. Council tabled discussion until next month.

Old Business

Water/Sewer committee met earlier in the month to discuss the transition over to monthly water billing. More research was needed to be done to determine the best way to make the switch and to decide what to do with the rates. Clerk has begun preparation a spreadsheet and will have completed by next month showing revenue and expenses and income projections for billing the current water/sewer and storm sewer rates 12 times a year. This will go to water/sewer committee first and then onto the finance committee. Clerk sent out one nuisance letter this month and responded to correspondence from Dan Dietz attorney regarding bailing of his lots.

Reports

Mayor: None

Clerk: Rcv'd Parade Permit from NCHS for homecoming parade; rcv'd correspondence from IIW regarding WLA, IIW has not heard back from DNR yet; rcv'd thank-you from Honor Flight of the Quad Cities for the \$300 donation.

American Legion members would like City to move the flag pole to the west onto the grassy area. If the city agrees, the Legion will buy the flags and install a light. City agreed.

Fire: 5 calls. Chief Dauber received complaints regarding the speed their trucks were driving as they were trying to leave town to assist a neighboring town on a fire call the night of the homecoming parade. Chief Dauber extends his apologies to those who felt the fire department was driving too fast.

Library: Halloween story hour is 10-30-31 @ 9am, kids are encouraged to come in their costumes, there will be stories and games. Movie Saturdays will start up November 1st and will be the first Saturday of each month thereafter. Library will be taking bids for a new roof. Al Robinson will give Michelle a materials list so everyone is bidding on the same thing.

PWD: PWD Ihns was unable to attend the meeting. Ihns had asked Clerk Bendixen to request approval for Ihns to attend water/wastewater operator's training Nov. 16-18, 2010 in Des Moines, Council approved.

Police: 84 hours for August.

Park: New door has been installed on the men's bathroom. Someone was burning in the bathrooms, the sheriff's office was notified.

Schedule next regular meeting: Monday November 9, 2010.

Adjournment: Wagner motioned to adjourn at 8:55 pm, Procopio second, ayes: all.

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 7:00 pm at the library. Council present on roll call: Procopio, Robinson, Koberle, Wagner and Sawyer. Also present: Elmeda Bean, Mike Dauber, Tim Crabb with ECIA, CJ and Dina Wachendorf, Jeff Meyer and Ken Koch.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Koberle, second by Procopio approving the consent agenda, ayes: all.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: None.

New Business

Mayor Boesenberg opened the public hearing on the Iowa Department of Economic Development housing fund grant application at 7:10pm. Tim Crabb with ECIA was present and read the application rules and outlined the budget. With no additional oral or written comments, Wagner motioned to close the public hearing, Robinson seconded, ayes: all. Wagner motioned, Koberle seconded to approve Resolution 2010-17, approving the IDED Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Grant, ayes: all. Sawyer motioned, Wagner seconded to approve Resolution 2010-18, Adoption of the Cedar County Hazard Mitigation Plan, ayes: all. Koberle motioned, Sawyer seconded to authorize Mayor to execute IDOT application to perform work within state highway right-of-way, ayes: all. Ken Koch was present and asked the Council what could be done to reduce the amount of water that ponds in his yard during a heavy rain. The water runs into his yard from the east, north and south and has no way to drain from his yard. JJJ Enterprises has shot the elevation three times and there is little to no fall. The only fall is toward the east. PWD Ihns will contact JJJ again to discuss the possibility of putting in a bigger drain tile to the east and will also talk to the DOT about adding more water into the tile draining onto the highway. CJ & Dina Wachendorf were present to reinforce their concerns with North Cedar Recycling's (NCR) request to utilize the unused portion of Preston Street. NCR asked as for permission utilize the street for employee parking as well as a place to pile snow. Wachendorf's concern is they may lose the ability to access their rear lots. Dina, Dennis Rogers, Al Robinson and Greg Wagner previously met at the site and Wachendorf's indicated that employee parking wouldn't be much of an issue but are concerned about the request to push snow there because of possible overflow into their property and clean-up of the area once the snow melts. A follow up meeting between Rogers & Wachendorf was to occur but hasn't happened yet. Council agreed that Wachendorf's and NCR need to meet again and come to an agreement and then meet with Council. This item will be placed on the December agenda.

Old Business

Clerk presented Council with a spreadsheet breaking down revenues and expenditures for water & sewer. The spreadsheets also contained projected income with rate adjustments and adjustments to the 2000 gallon minimum. Council has not made a decision but at this point favors lowering the minimum usage from 2000 to 1500. Rates have yet to be determined. Additional computations were requested and will be presented at the Dec. meeting. Clerk spoke with a supervisor with the railroad in regards to the quiet zone topic. There are two major hurdles, one is the state highway running and the other with the size of the medians required to be installed will restrict the lane to 12 feet, which isn't large enough for most farm machinery to fit though. With the projected cost of this type of project, Council decided the quiet zone issue would not be pursued any further.

Reports

Mayor: Encouraged all department to start thinking about budget.

Clerk: Rcv'd correspondence from Community State Bank. The interest rate on checking and savings accounts has dropped to .75%. Rcv'd correspondence from IIW regarding the waste load allocation (WLA) request for the wastewater treatment plant. EPA approved DNR's anti-degradation regulations in late September, 2010, after IIW submitted the WLA forms to the DNR. Because of EPA's approval of the regulations, the WLA had to be re-submitted on new forms. This has been completed and DNR has received our request. Clerk informed Council of an upcoming budget workshop on 11/17 in Hiawatha that Clerk will be attending.

Fire: The tanker had been leaking and was welded today. No calls to report.

Library: No report.

PWD: PWD Ihns will attend water/wastewater operator's training Nov. 16-18, 2010 in Des Moines. Snow fence has been put up.

Police: No report

Park: No report.

Schedule next regular meeting: Monday December 13, 2010.

Adjournment: Wagner motioned to adjourn at 8:05 pm, Sawyer second, ayes: all.

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2010, at 7:00 pm in Council chambers. Council present on roll call: Procopio, Robinson, Koberle, Wagner and Sawyer. Also present: Elmeda Bean, Vic Curley, CJ and Dina Wachendorf, Jeff Meyer, NCR, Jeff Kaufmann, Kathy Byers, Darrin Byers, Meriah Presley, Mike Presley, Eryka Driscoll, Dan Driscoll, Melissa Falkers and Jeff Falkers.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Sawyer, second by Wagner approving the consent agenda, ayes: all. It was noted that the November minutes contained an error regarding the adjournment time. The correct time is 9:05pm.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: None.

New Business

Darrin Byers was present and requested a waiver to allow his 2 Rottweiler dogs within city limits. Byers recently moved into town. This breed of dogs is prohibited under Chapter 55, Animal Protection and Control. Byers informed Council his dogs are not aggressive and offered to install a fence to keep the dogs in. Procopio told Byers the intent of the ordinance is to protect citizens and did not feel a waiver was appropriate. Procopio also informed Byers that Council has received similar requests for waivers in the past and has denied them as well and felt the ordinance should be upheld. Procopio then motioned to deny Byers request to allow Rottweiler dogs within city limits, Wagner seconded, ayes: all. Jeff Kaufmann spoke to the council regarding the new session and answered councils questions. Kaufmann stated budgetary issues have not improved and he continues to fight for the issues citizens in his district feel are important. Kaufmann will have a listening post in Stanwood at a later date. (Upon Kaufmann's departure, Procopio exited the meeting to continue discussions with Kauffman outside the meeting.) The DNR implemented a new anti-degradation report be prepared prior to approving facility plans for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Due to the new requirements, the level of detail for the anti-degradation report has increased. This in turn, increases the amount of time and resources needed to complete the report. IIW has submitted an additional proposal for professional services in the amount of \$5560. Wagner motioned, Koberle seconded to approve the proposal, ayes: all, Procopio absent. (Procopio rejoins meeting.) Al Robinson has retained Brain Engineering, Inc. for the engineering work on the Rock Creek Ridge subdivision. The final plat documents have been prepared and a copy is on file with the Clerk. Prior to Planning & Zoning meeting, City Attorney Wolfe suggested the city have the extension of North Street and the water/sewer extensions engineered so P&Z can review all work at one time. Robinson mentioned Brain may possibly have some of the work for the street & water/sewer done. Robinson received a proposal (addressed to Robinson) for professional services from Brain for the design of the extension of water main and street for North Street in the amount of \$5500.00. This proposal does not include sewer extension work. Clerk asked IIW for a similar proposal, with sewer extension. IIW submitted a proposal in the amount of \$15,100.00. Council felt IIW may have included more work than necessary and Clerk suggested a phone call to IIW for further clarification. This topic will be placed on the January, 2011 agenda.

Old Business

Ihns contacted IDOT regarding the City's ability to hook a proposed storm sewer drain into the DOT's 18' drain at Hwy. 30. DOT will check into it and get back to Ihns. CJ & Dina Wachendorf, and Jeff Meyer of North Cedar Recycling (NCR), were present to continue discussions regarding the use of an unused portion of East Preston Street. City received correspondence from James Thomas, Attorney representing Wachendorf's and also correspondence from Wachendorf's. Correspondence requested Wachendorf's be notified anytime use of the area is being discussed. Jeff Meyer asked the Council what NCR needs to do to utilize that portion of E. Preston St. Council asked Meyer exactly what NCR wanted to do. Meyer stated NCR no longer wishes to use the area for employee parking but would like to push snow onto the area. A portion may also be used as a "turnaround" area by the semi trucks. Wachendorf's would like the area to be left unused to allow Wachendorf's access to the southerly portion of their property. Procopio and Sawyer both stated that unless NCR & Wachendorf's can agree, neither should be able to use it. It was suggested NCR utilize the east half of the street while Wachendorf's utilize the west half. Wachendorf's acknowledged it would be acceptable for NCR to pile snow as long as Wachendorf's trees do not get damaged. NCR agreed to replace any trees damaged due snow removal. Wachendorf's further acknowledged they will move the trees and horseshoe pits, (currently in city right-of-way) off city property in the spring of 2011. NCR still intends to remove the apple trees, Wachendorf's requested they be notified before this happens. Notification to Wachendorf's will be NCR's responsibility. Meyer also agreed to utilized as much of NCR's property for snow removal as possible. The conversion to monthly billing was discussed again with council agreeing on a target switch-over date of June 1, 2011. A special meeting will be held on December 23, 2010 at 6:30 pm to continue this discussion.

Reports

Mayor: Attended the CCEDCO meeting.

Clerk: Garbage contract is up in June. Contacted Johnson Co. Refuse & was told rates would increase at a to-be-determined amount. Unemployment insurance will increase from .100 to .300% effective 1/1/11; received correspondence from cemetery requesting an increase in funding. Ambulance has a new medical director: Dr. Beard. The prior director resigned.

Fire: 2 calls, Santa Claus was at the fire station on 12/11/10, Noah Coppess resigned after 9 years of service.

Library: 14 kids attended Christmas story hour; working on budget.

PWD: Phosphate is going up 14% in 2011, working on budget, was contact by cemetery board to do all the snow plowing this year, council approved.

Police: 174 hours for October & November.

Park: No report.

Schedule next regular meeting: Monday January 10, 2011.

Adjournment: Procopio motioned to adjourn at 9:40 pm, Wagner second, ayes: all.

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk

CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in special session on Thursday, December 23, 2010, at 6:30 pm in Council chambers. Council present on roll call: Procopio, Robinson, Koberle, Wagner and Sawyer (Sawyer joined meeting at 6:35pm). Also present: Elmeda Bean.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Koberle, second by Robinson approving the consent agenda, ayes: all.

Citizens with Concerns not on Agenda: None.

Old Business

The purpose of the special meeting was to continue discussions on the possible conversion to monthly billing and increase of utility rates. Council unanimously agreed to convert to monthly billing. Robinson then asked what the minimum gallon usage should be. Procopio suggested it be lowered to 1000 minimum per month. The reasoning being, if bi-monthly billing utilizes a 2000 gallon minimum, it only makes sense to lower it to 1000 gallon minimum when switching to monthly. Council unanimously agreed with this. The next item to discuss was rates. Council decided to leave the water, sewer and storm sewer rates as they currently are and bill them on a monthly basis. Council felt any decrease would be detrimental and defeat the purpose of monthly billing. By utilizing the current rates, each account holder will see a monthly increase of \$8.49 for water, \$7.11 for sewer and \$1.00 increase for storm sewer or \$16.60 per month. The overage amount (\$3.71/1000 gal) will remain unchanged. With the proposed rate structure, the water fund should see an estimated increase in revenue of \$32,379 and sewer revenue should increase \$26,260. Realistically, this isn't a very large gain and Council has determined the following uses for the added revenue. Water will utilize the revenue for maintenance, much needed repair to water lines, paying down debt from the new well and pump house loans and saving up for the Highway 38 project. Sewer will use its added revenue to repair bad lines, infiltration problems, the Highway 38 project and the upcoming sewer plant upgrade mandated by the IDNR. (The highway 38 project is a DOT project to completely redo the highway though Stanwood. If the project goes through, Stanwood's water and sewer lines run down the center of the street. Council will take advantage of the street being torn up by moving these lines onto city right-of-way.) With all the decisions being made, Koberle made the following motion: City of Stanwood will transition over to monthly utility billing effective June 1, 2011. The minimum gallon usage will drop to 1000/minimum, the water rate will remain the same at \$16.97 for the first 1000 gallons, which when the transition is complete, will be a monthly increase of \$8.49 per account holder; sewer rates will remain the same at \$14.21, for the first 1000 gallons, which when the transition is complete, will be a monthly increase of \$7.11 per account holder; the current overage rate of \$3.71/1000 gallons will remain the same; storm sewer rates will remain the same at \$2.00 for residential customers and \$3.00 for commercial customers, which when the transition is complete, will be a monthly increase of \$1.00 for residential and \$1.50 for commercial customers, ayes: Wagner, Procopio, Robinson, Koberle and Sawyer, motion carried. Robinson motioned to waive the annual 3% water, sewer & storm sewer increase for FY 11-12, Koberle seconded, ayes: all. Koberle made a motion to set a public hearing for the proposed conversion to monthly billing and increase of utility rates for January 10, 2011 at 7pm, Wagner seconded, ayes: all.

Adjournment: Procopio motioned to adjourn at 7:25 pm, Wagner second, ayes: all.

Dean Boesenberg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Vicki Bendixen, City Clerk