CITY OF STANWOOD

Stanwood City Council met in regular session on 9/11/2023, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Council present: Deppe, Knapp, Tharp, Rottman, and Sawyer. Also present: Clerk VonBehren, Sue Hall, Rodney VonMuenster, Warren Wethington, PWD Tim Schultz, Chief Dakota Adams, Jon Bell, Megan Mallie, and Mindy from Cedar County emergency Management.

Mayor Pro-Tem Deppe called the meeting to order at 7:00

Consent Agenda: Motion by Sawyer, seconded by Tharp to approve agenda as posted, prior minutes, claims, finance report. All ayes.

Visitors- Mindy from Cedar County Emergency Management along with 2 representatives via phone from MCM Consulting presented a slide show about the Cedar County Emergency Medical Services and making medical services an essential service. There will be a vote in November for an additional tax levy to support the new county wide Emergency Services. Jon Bell and Warren Wethington answered question from the council. More information can be found at Cedarcountyems.org.

Reports

Mayor: None

Clerk/Zoning: Clerk VonBehren reported election paperwork is due September 21st by 5pm. She read a request from QCS Carwash for seal coating Boling Ave between Preston Street and Front Street. She will get an estimate to chip seal the street in the spring. She reported on meeting with the DOT for the planning of the construction project along Hwy 30 in 2024 thru 2027 including adding passing lanes, turning lanes and resurfacing.

PWD: Schultz reported the street lines are painted, he's working on fixing things at the park and the third round of E-coli testing is completed. The lights at the basketball court are all new and working, and he will be starting to look at getting a new truck for the spring. A preventive maintenance agreement for servicing the 4 lift pumps was received, he is waiting for another quote. Sheriff: Warren Wethington reported the radio testing is completed and they are starting to schedule the installs in vehicles.

Park: None

Fire: Chief Adams reported no calls, there will be participating in the FunFest, and getting a short in the truck radio fixed. Library: Megan Mallie reported they have completed the annual survey and are working on the strategic plan. They have an overdrive account to get new audio books sooner and are looking into creating a dry food pantry bag for families in need. EMS: Submitted report showed 17 calls for August. Rodney VonMuenster reported on the update on the new radios, participating in the Funfest and parade, and proving standby for the football games.

Council: None **New Business**

Dittos decided to open for seating therefor no street closure is needed. Megan Mallie requested to move forward with contacting an engineer to draw plans for and expansion to the library. The library board would like to add onto the back of the building creating an additional restroom, storage room and an activity room for hosting larger events. Motion by Sawyer, seconded by Tharp to approve, all ayes. Motion by Tharp, seconded by Rottman to approve contract with Iowa Codification with the amendment of only 4 new ordinance books needed and a pdf version needed. All ayes. Clerk reviewed the changes to implement in the code book along with they will be implementing the zoning code into the code book. Discussion was held on the Emergency Shelter Protocol; some changes will be made. Motion by Knapp, seconded by Rottman to apply for the Cedar County Community Foundation grant for the new welcome signs including the larger poles and landscaping, all ayes.

Old Business

Clerk has sent pictures and previous letters to the attorney for enforcement on nuisance properties. A scheduled cleanup at 203 E. Preston is set for September 20th. Stephanie Rottman reported on the Fun Fest event, setup will start at 8am and anyone willing to help, it would be appreciated.

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday October 9th, 2023 at 7:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Rottman, to adjourn at 8:59 pm., second by Knapp, all ayes.

Dustin McAtee, Mayor

Stephanie VonBehren, City Clerk