

City of Stanton  
Regular Meeting  
April 12, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the City of Stanton City Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Tissue-Daws.

Commissioners present: Yoder, Johnson, Basom, Burris, Petersen and Burris. Absent: Corwin.

A motion was made by Johnson and supported by Petersen to approve the agenda as submitted. 5 Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Ron Finegood informed the Commission that he was running for Circuit Court Judge.

A motion was made by Burris and supported by Basom to approve the minutes to the March 22, 2016 meeting as submitted. 5 Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

DPW Report is attached.  
Police Report is attached.  
City Manager's report is attached.

A motion was made by Petersen and supported by Burris to add discussion and supported of the volunteer trash removal in the city. 5 Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

City Commission discussed bid received for new Web Site. A motion was made by Petersen and supported by Burris to accept the bid from Revise for \$1850 plus an annual fee on \$800 to redesign the web page.

A motion was made by Burris and supported by Petersen to accept the bid for OHM to file the 5-year Ground Water Discharge Permit application with the DEQ. 5 Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Petersen and supported by Burris to solicit bids for consultation from Consumers Energy to improve water and electric utilities at the D. Hale Brake Park.

A motion was made by Burris and supported by Basom to endorse the volunteer program for clean up in the City contingent on the signing of a waiver. 5 Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Ray Holloway stated he thinks they should buy a steak for the volunteer for cleaning up the city. Frank Sawdy asked about tree removal and replacement.

A motion was made by Burris and supported by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Next meeting will be held on April 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Community room at City Hall. Public Welcome.

Monica Tissue-Daws, Mayor  
Janet Davis, City Clerk

Dpw Report

3/31/16

- New water meter installations have gone very well for the month of March (175 installed)... Unfortunately, the scheduling has slowed to a crawl going into April. Within the next week or so, we will begin hanging notices on resident's doors, prompting them to schedule.

-Septic tank pumping is going well with about 55 done to date.

-Due to the recent ice storm, the department started chipping brush ahead of schedule as much as we can. We will also begin vacuuming leaves soon, and do so for the next 2-3 weeks.



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## POLICE REPORT FOR MARCH 2016

### 42 COMPLAINTS

ASSISTS 6	RETAIL FRAUD 1
HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT 2	DISTURBANCE 5
ALARMS 4	SUSPICIOUS SITUATION 3
SUSPICIOUS PERSON 1	CHECK WELL BEING 1
BE ON THE LOOKOUT 3	ORDINANCE VIOLATION 2
FRAUD 2	LARCENY 2
FOUND PROPERTY 1	ABANDONED VEHICLE 1
CIVIL COMPLAINT 1	RUNAWAY 1
PRIVATE PROPERTY IMPOUND 1	JUVENILE PROBLEMS 1
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE 1	KEEP THE PEACE 1

### ROAD PATROL ACTIVITES

PATROL MILES 1,443	PROPERTY INSPECTIONS 210
LIQUOR INSPECTIONS 33	TRAFFIC STOPS 8
VERBAL WARNINGS 6	CITATIONS 3
CARS INVESTIGATED 9	SUBJECTS INVESTIGATED 8
ARREST WARRANT ANN ARBOR	ARREST RETAIL FRAUD
ARREST PAROLE ABSCONDER SUSPENDED	ARREST DROVE WHILE LICENSE
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED	
CHIEF JOE PATINO	

**City Manager's Report**  
**Stanton City Commission Meeting**  
**4/12/16**

To the Commission and Citizens of Stanton,

We are making considerable progress on numerous projects and I am pleased to offer some updates:

1. The Downtown Development Authority is hard at work getting ready for the Taste of Montcalm Food and Music Festival, which will take place on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We are in the process of soliciting corporate sponsors, setting up marketing and outreach, and securing food and music vendors. I am very pleased with the proactive roles the DDA is taking to make sure this event is a success. We will discuss ways that the City can contribute tonight.
2. Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> my wife and I had the pleasure of working with the DPW and roughly 20 volunteers to start work on the Garden Club's first projects: our downtown flower beds. The Krantz family has been excellent in giving us free advice as to what should stay and go, and the Garden Club has recently submitted a diagram for each bed with new flower design layouts. They have reused our best pieces, and been cognizant to include salt resistant perennials to create a lasting theme that will go a long way towards beautifying the downtown. We will be getting pricing on these amenities soon for your approval.
3. Tonight we will review and select a firm to help us with our web page redevelopment, and I am very pleased with the number of responses. You will see that the prices vary wildly, which was somewhat expected based on my correspondence with other municipalities who have undertaken the same project. I have made a recommendation in the agenda item sheet.
4. We have extended the response period for the re-assessment project RFP, as many of the firms had follow up questions while preparing their proposals. This issue is not time sensitive, so we will ensure that the firms have their questions answered and provide quality bids for service for the Commission to consider.
5. This month I have managed to set appointments to meet with private foundations and to get on the agenda at various civic clubs in the area to begin spreading the word and soliciting funds for the Stanton Veteran's Memorial Park Project. It is my hope that people will see the value of this project for the whole region, not simply the City.
6. We are beginning work on the 2016-2017 budget, and I would like to involve the Commission more closely this year regarding endeavors that we identify as important to the City. I am proposing that we have a work session at our next meeting which will

serve as a "Vision Meeting" where we can identify initiatives that you think we should include in our upcoming Capital Improvement Plan process.

7. The Planning Commission is doing a wonderful job with finishing up the various aspects of the Master Plan with ROWE Professional Services. They have finished drafts of a new zoning map, new zoning designations, a downtown plan, and other important tenets which will help this Commission guide its decision making over the next 20 years. I am very excited for you to see the finished draft!
8. We are moving forward with door hangars for residents who have not yet scheduled a time for the DPW to come and switch out their water meters. Calls to set up the appointments have tapered off considerably, and we have a target goal of having all meters installed and operational by July. Thus far we are sitting at roughly 180 meters installed. It is looking like it will be even more efficient than we assumed in the cost benefit analysis, and I am very excited to see the new system up and running.
9. We have consulted with our liability insurance company as well as the City Attorney and developed a waiver form for the volunteer who will be picking up trash and junk in the City prior to Spring Clean Up Day. It indemnifies the City from any liability in the event he or anyone helping him is injured, or any property is damaged. Once people's items are in the public right of way (the curb) he is protected from liability in taking them.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Eckholm". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Jake Eckholm, City Manager