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ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Stanhope City Council was called to order at 6:29 P.M. on March 13, 2018 by **Mayor Harold L. Hove** in the Stanhope Community Center-Community Room, 600 Main Street. Council Members answering roll call were: **Roger Hayes, Jr., Susan Moore, Crystal Renze,** and **Terry Painton.** Council members absent were: **Nila Zanker.** Members of the public present were: **Michael Hanson, Peggy Phipps, Phil Phipps, Officer Steve Butler, Officer Robert Vokoun, Eric Young, Sheriff Doug Timmons, Tony Van De Pol, Todd Christenson, Polly Hayes, Rick Young, Dee Weir, Vicki Anderson, Kathy Daniels, Gina Myers, Mick Walker, Chris Routhier, Leo Reiter, and other concerned citizens.** Clerk Murray acted in the position of Secretary. Meeting recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Roger Hayes, Jr, seconded by Terry Painton, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: B-1. Approval of the agenda for 03/13/2018, notice of which was published as prescribed by 1-4.0105 (2) of the Stanhope Code of Ordinances, 2008 on 03/09/2018, B-2. City Council Minutes of 02/13/2018, B-3. Approval of the payment of claims in the amount of \$58,716.36, and B-4. Approval of the financial reports for the period of 02/01/2018 through 02/28/2018. Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Motion carried.

OPERATING BUDGET-2018-2019

Mayor Hove opened the public hearing on the proposed **2018-2019** city-operating budget at 6:30 P.M. Required publication of the hearing notice appeared in the **South-Hamilton Record-News,** Jewell, Iowa on 02/28/2018.

REVENUES:

Beginning Balance: 07/01/2018 \$729,611
Total Revenues: \$960,512

EXPENDITURES:

Public Safety \$105,260
Public Works \$80,485
Health and Social Services \$4,222
Culture and Recreation \$56,741
Community and Economic Development \$5,573
General Government \$35,581
Debt Service \$14,236
Capital Project \$0.00
Business Enterprise \$646,620
Transfers out \$31,000
Total Expenditures: \$979,718
Ending Balance: 06/30/2019 \$710,405

The 2018-2019 budget also calls for the levying of **0.27000** cents per thousand of assessed valuation under section **384.8, 2.90532** cents per thousand under section **384.12 (17), 0.13500** under **384.12 (12)** and **1.21745** under **(Face and Ipers)** as allowed by the Code of Iowa. The FY19 budget calls for a total tax asking of 12.90374 compared to 12.27985 last year.

Motion by Roger Hayes, Jr., seconded by Crystal Renze, to close the public hearing on the 2018-2019 city-operating budget at 6:31 P.M. Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Motion carried.



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RESOLUTION 2017-2018-10

Officer Butler told council how the board and police department formed. 1990 Ellsworth and Jewell got together and decided it was cheaper to have their own police department. Officer Steve Butler came on board in 1996. In 1997, Mayor Kelly Wirtz approached to combined and formed EJS. The department is located in Jewel because at the time it was the only space available. Butler has 34.25 years' experience along with Emergency Medical Technician, Firefighter 1 certified, also CPR instructor for the American Heart Association, and has done the D.A.R.E. program for 26 years. Sheriff Doug Timmons and Officer Butler started a High-Five program every other Friday at the school in which they go and give the kids high-fives as they are coming into the school. Officer Caleb is attending the academy and will be done April 2018. He came on board in 2017. Then there is Officer Vokoun, who is part-time and was certified in 1988. Between the two of them they have 64 years of experience and knowledge. All three communities get 16 hrs. a day for police cover on average if both Officers are on duty. No set hours for each town. EJS is one of the very few departments in Iowa that carry Narcan in each vehicle. Average response time is 8 min. Roger Hayes asked how long is the response time when he is in Ellsworth? Officer Butler stated he can beat Stratford Recuse. Susan Moore wanted to know what NTAN stands for which is Notice to Abate Nuisance. Statistics for 2017 is deceiving because half the year there was only one officer. 2016 is more realistic - 1537 calls for all three towns. Officer Butler believes were getting a good bang for our buck. He's been here a long time. Saves money where he can. All overtime money is paid to the state. All radar equipment is free through state grants. Board meetings are held in Jewell at 7pm on the first Wednesday each month. All reports are giving to the board each month. Susan Moore asked Officer Butler to send quarter to Clerk Murray to put in council packets. In early 2000 it went to some items per capita for budgeting, but now it is all. Doug Timmons did the math and says we are paying \$107.09 per capita which he thinks is a good deal. Susan Moore is against signing the agreement as it is worded because, number one - item 5 states payment will be divided equally, and number two - that it has never been quoted on since she's been here in her 10 years. Officer Butler says it was voted upon back in the early days but it got to the point where it was more of a rubberstamp and nobody really did the resolutions. It just worked better this way. He suggested if we want to do resolutions we could, but it's not a big deal which is why they haven't done them in the last 15 years. If that's the only issue he suggesting changing it. Susan Moore says our city budget cannot sustain without cuts being necessary. Officer Butler said he has looked over the Stanhope City budget and he has seen where cuts could be made. Roger Hayes says this came up because in the city budget because it is the most glaring portion of it. Officer Butler said cutting the police department would be the easiest thing to do but not the smartest. Roger Hayes stated that he is most concerned with not only what Susan Moore's pointed out, but that Stanhope seems to be paying a higher portion then the other communities per capita. He pointed out that we don't have a school or an interstate. Roger Hayes stated that he wants to make sure Stanhope is getting the biggest bang for our buck. Officer Butler says per capita is the only fair way to do it. He stated that Jewel paid \$62,000 and any increase would be done that way. They're three times our size. Mick Walker from Jewell stated he was around with this all started and every town anted 30,000 and that worked for a while and then Kelly Wirtz wanted Stanhope to join and added 30,000, then we had to hire another cop and then in no time the 90 grand did not cover the expenses. Anything past that 90 grand went per capita so that per capita is skewed by that 90 grand initially. Susan Moore stated that is not explained in the 28E agreement. The per capita is not on \$154,000 budget only on the amount above 90 grand. This has been part of the problem. When we figure per capita the figures are not coming out. Officer Butler says the 28E agreement does have a lot of changes needed but it was initially made for Jewell and Ellsworth in the beginning. He's never tried to hide the 28E, it is public record and the city clerk has a copy of it.



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He has not tried to hide numbers from Stanhope. Mayor Hove suggested we table this discussion, clean up the agreement and come back to it. Roger Hayes asked the public who were present what they thought. Vicki Anderson asked what will be covered by the Sheriff if we get rid of the local police? Sheriff Timmons stated he would hate to see Stanhope get rid of the local police. He stated that all city budgets are getting cut and "we're the dumping ground." If Stanhope cuts their police it will be another 250 calls for the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department would probably have to hire another deputy and that could boost our rates. It cost about 120-140 thousand to hire somebody on. He stated that right now the department gets \$38,000 from all the communities. The Sheriff stated that's nothing. Just to buy a car he's going to have to double, triple, or quadruple the rates. Roger Hayes asked how much the rates would go up to and Sheriff Timmons stated that he does not have that figure because his budget does not have the money to hire somebody else. Mayor Hove stated that the Sheriff's Department will not take care of nuisances. Sheriff Timmons said they take care of criminal matters only. Sheriff Timmons stated that Officer Butler is an EMT and the sheriff's department only has two in their department. He felt Officer Butler's response time would be better than the sheriff department. The nuisances would now be on the city take care of. Mayor Hove stated that Stanhope would not have the legal right to take care of a nuisance and clerk Murray pointed out Stanhope would, it would become her and Mike Hanson's responsibility. It was pointed out that directing traffic on watermelon day takes three people and the Sheriff normally has only two people on duty. Officer Butler is always at the carnival. Sheriff Timmons cannot devote somebody 100% to be there. Officer Timmons says if we lose law enforcement in Hamilton County he wonders what Ellsworth and Jewell are going to do. Mick Walker says it will complicate even more because they will look at Jewell and Ellsworth getting rid of paying for Sheriffs protection. He's not saying it will happen but it will be a discussion. Sheriff Timmons said part of the Iowa law states that you must provide law enforcement protection. Susan Moore asked what the Sheriff does for Stratford and Randall? If a community does not pay for Sheriff protection they will only respond to an emergency call. Officer Butler said that he's only heard from Susan Moore about what upsets her about the contract. Susan Moore jumped in to state she does have a question about the fine we pay to the board. Officer Butler clarified that the fines go back to the board to keep the cost down in all three towns. All the money is lumped together and actually benefit when they are over budget because that money is used towards that over budget. Roger Hayes said that his problem is on how much we pay really struggling after the \$30,000, why don't we just put the whole budget per capita rather than starting out after the 90,000. Butler stated that was an argument that Jack Read brought up and it always came back to the original agreement. And they thought it was fair at that time. And it has been done that way for almost 30 years. Roger asked if it's open for discussion and Butler replied anything is open for discussion and Mick Walker stated it as well. Roger stated that we don't have the school or the interstate and Officer Butler said that he doesn't cover the interstate but the traffic coming on and he also stated that Stanhope was the only community that had a bank robbed. Our population is 422 and if you take it \$107.09 \$45,191. Pay \$45,189 which is about the same. Officer Butler said he can guarantee he won't do it for \$45,000 and Susan Moore said she never said that. Susan Moore was confused on the numbers. Officer Butler said that Stanhope was actually paying less than that if you take the 90,000 off the total budget and divide the rest per capita. Officer Butler says if he were Sheriff Timmons, which is not, he's got nine deputies on the budget, he would not do it for less than that. Contract law enforcement is different than night patrol. Night patrol was designed to be only at night, that's it, that's all. It was not designed to be your law enforcement. Roland pays \$75,000 a year to Story County Sheriff's Department. It's nothing, they only answer calls. Sheriff Timmons said he gave these figures when he was here last that Hardin County pays 23.75 per capita. Some towns are being charged 100-150 thousand a year.



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Some of them are guaranteed hours. Sheriff Timmons said our coverage is pretty cheap and what Officer Butler has given us is cheap compared all these other counties that he did the studies with. Officer Butler says you've got to look at the bigger picture of what you're getting. He knows it's dollars and numbers but were getting everything. Dee Weir wants to know what all these other towns do that use the sheriff? Sheriff Timmons and Officer Butler said they contract law-enforcement or pay for sheriff's department. Officer Butler says they are skirting the issue of law if they do not have a contract law-enforcement. Officer Butler says is not bashing any towns but look at Kamrar. Dee Weir says she's been through Stratford and they don't have law-enforcement besides the Sheriff. Butler says where was the biggest meth bust was in Stratford and it was one of the biggest in Iowa. Officer Butler asked when's the last time Stanhope has had a meth bust and Dee Weir said probably not that long ago and Officer Butler says about five years ago. Officer Butler just says you have to sacrifice some things. Officer Butler says that out of all three communities, Stanhope is the best, but when he started in 98 it was not. He says if you add up all the junk nuisances that they've done over the years it's oodles. Dee Weir said don't get a her wrong she really appreciates their service but for our town size we can't afford it. Officer Butler says were in a heck of a deal. He says it's a good deal for the kids and he felt that he's a big part of that. He says when there's a call he's the first one there. Mayor Hove said he remembers when there were no police officers. He was called at least twice a night to stop a fight, stop the kids doing donuts, put fires out. He's been hit by bricks. His family was threatened by a written letter that stated the they were going to kill his wife and his kids. He's been threatened with a knife. He's a mayor. He had to do this when there is no cop to do it and he will not do it again. Susan Moore stated he would not be able do any of that, it is illegal nowadays. They will call the Sheriff. Officer Butler said if we all put our heads together on the budget we can come up with something. You can't necessarily cut our (the police) budget is a bare-bones budget now. And it's been that way for years. They have had to buy used stuff. They got their computers in their cars for \$50 and he wants know where you can go buy a Toughbook for cheaper than that. Officer Butler asked Sheriff Timmons what's the cost to put a new computer in a car and Sheriff Timmons responded \$7500. Butler says they did it \$50 with the cost of installation of 2-300 bucks. Mick Walker says if we think we pay too much and he wants to know what we should be paying. Roger Hayes stated he doesn't know, but it should be a percentage for all the towns. Mick Walker asked if they came up with something that was feasible what he be okay with that. Roger Hayes responded absolutely. Roger Hayes doesn't want to be the person to say get rid of law enforcement because we need it and this is a great town and he pointed out that Vicki Anderson had a great question, what would the Sheriff do and we got enlightened that we might pay more for the Sheriff and he says what's going to make him happy, is to make sure we are paying for the right of amounts of coverage for the right amount of dollars. We're getting the value from our money, the taxpayers money, to cover their law enforcement. He doesn't want to be paying more of our share then we have to. And he truly believes that we are. That was Roger Hayes's only contingent. Officer Vokoun pointed out what will happen in the community if we get rid of the law-enforcement because it happened in LA Grand where he was a cop. He says one of the problems is once you get rid of a department you can't afford to get it back. \$123.81 per day is what we are paying. He says just because you have something doesn't mean you necessarily want to use it either but you have it. Officer Vokoun says he likes Stanhope. He spends most of his time here. Stanhope is pro-law-enforcement. He says there is more going on than people realize. Stanhope will decline without law-enforcement and he can promise that. Sheriff Timmons says the benefit to your own Police Department is that they get to know your community, know the people in it. You get more one-on-one. He says our new restaurant that he loves and his family will make a special trip appear to eat with them and if we jump out of the contract he won't be able to do that.



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Butler says on the subject that that personal feeling come into play he says whether you like him or not or heard something about him, he's had more rumors started about him then he can count. Rumors are awful, rumors are never true, and they tell their D.A.R.E kids that. He knows there are rumors about him, it's part of the job. If they were valid rumors would he not be here 34 years later. Probably not. You've got to cut through the garbage. And when you lose a Police Department you lose local control. He says there is a way to make this cheaper, yeah sure, but let's sign the agreement. We do the 28E agreement clean it up the wording and move on. We've gone over an hour here and we beat some of these items to death. The money is one thing. The 28E is one thing. He says this stuff is negotiable but it's terrible to throw our hands up and go with the sheriff's office. He thinks that the bad choice for us. He will still have a job. Officer Caleb would be laid off. He doesn't think that's fair to him to lay him off because we don't like the way it's written and the rates negotiate getting them down. That's his opinion he stated adding that he's a straight shooter and he's going to tell us like it is. Just because we agreed to the contract does not mean that we can't negotiate. Has to be fair to everybody. Doesn't mean the board can't negotiate that amount. Susan Moore wants to know the formula for figuring out these numbers. Officer Butler says it's just a mathematical problem that he could do that. If you take \$30,000 for each of the numbers listed in front of her and divided them out per capita, which Officer Butler says will not necessarily be that exact number because when it first started it was per capita on expenditures after the fact on some things. Susan understands what he's talking about but does not come up with the same amount. If you take \$30,000 off of what everybody's paying and do the rest per capita, \$36 per person for Stanhope, Ellsworth came out to \$33 per person, and Jewell came out \$27 per person. Officer Butler does not doubt that's the figure but he won't know without going back. Officer Butler says it does not add up on the per capita per say because of when the per capita came into effect. Roger Hayes doesn't care how it was done in the past, he wants to know how we're going to move forward. Officer Butler say everything is per capita across the board, but Roger Hayes stated that it is not because of the math. Roger Hayes stated we are not prepared not to do the 28E agreement. He says we need to seriously sit down and discuss finances. Officer Butler doesn't think anybody's out to rip anybody off it's just how the numbers have fallen over the years. Roger Hayes says it's doesn't need to be how it's always been, and it needs to be changed. Officer Butler says the agreement is really bad and was written from 1998. Susan Moore says she's not ready to vote for it because the way it was written because she knows that it would not hold up in court or that Officer Butler would be coming back and saying "it says." Officer Butler says that you need to know that the 28E agreement makes us work together. Roger Hayes wants to make a motion to go with the 28E agreement with the contingent on that we are going to rewrite it and make it fair. Mick Walker says we need to sit down and come up with a proposal to bring back to the board. If it doesn't fly we moved to the next step. Clerk Murray said if you do per capita like everybody else does, you take the budget divided by population of all three communities and that gives you your dollar figure per person which is \$71.49 per capita, population in all three communities is 2168 people and Stanhope would be paying \$30,169.69. And that's way different than the budget. We are only sitting here today because of the budget. I have cut everything that I can cut. Clerk Murray asked Officer Butler you said that there's a ways to cut, but she doesn't know how without making drastic changes and that's why we are sitting here. Clerk Murry stated if there's input she would love to hear it. There are things in the budget that you cannot touch and certain things in the budget that have no effect on this. Water, sewer, and electric has nothing to do with general fund. You cannot use that for this money. A Jewell city council member interjected to add he is here because what we do affects them over there. If Stanhope pulls out, the other cities are going to have to come up with the money to pay two cops which they don't have in their budget and will have to cut a police position.



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He's been there for five years so he understands the budget process. He says now you keep bringing up this per capita for everyone that lives in the town but you got to realize how many people come from one town to the another. Do you realize what this would do to the kids? We are linked by the school as well and the Police Department He believes that we have a pretty good thing going. He would hate to see that disrupted. Roger Hayes agrees and doesn't want to endanger that. We still have our budget. Clerk Murray says if we continue on the path that we are, paying what will pay, we will not be a city anymore in the upcoming years. Stanhope cannot continue to run in the negative. She has done what she can to bring up the budget. It was never brought up to get rid of the police. It was Officer Butler that mentioned to her and she told the council last month to bring up with the police board to lower the amount. It comes down to, we can pay that now, but when were not a city, who's going to pay that then. Gina Myers wants to know why the city is so far in debt. Clerk Murray Stated we are not in debt. Mayor Hove said it's negative because the government has cut 25% of the budgets. Clerk Murray stated the general fund runs mainly on property taxes and we try to keep those down and we do transfer some out of the electric fund into the general to pay for the electric expenses that are paid out of individual funds and not the electric itself. Water, sewer, and electrical are revenue funds and are self-sustainable and that's why there are rate increases to those but the general fund runs on property taxes which we have a little say-so but when you raise property taxes, it is a high jump. Officer Vokoun says you have to raise property and Clerk Murray says we have every year a little bit at a time. Susan Moore and Roger Hayes both said that we've raised rates as much as we can. We can't raise two high because it is a burden for the low income households in town. The Council member from Jewell says if we have to raise our property tax to pay for law-enforcement then you've got to do it. Dee Weir says she lives here and she will not pay outrageous prices just to have a police department. Gina Myers says she'd rather pay a little more property taxes than not have the police department. Clerk Murray points out that on the budget form there's only one place to collect for police, which we do not now, and she thinks it's only a maximum coverage of \$.50 per person which is \$12,000 but that's all we can and when we are paying \$45,000, where's the other \$30,000 going to come from. That is the problem. Clerk Murray can't raise taxes anymore. It has to be voted on measure has to go on the ballot and has to be passed by everybody. And the other thing is what if it doesn't pass, then it's out anyway. Officer Butler stated this is all things that we can discuss. We're not making any of those decisions tonight. We need to pass the resolution and start talking about the money. Mick Walker asks so were not here because you guys don't want it? Is there anybody here that doesn't want it he asks? He says Stanhope need to sit down with their two board members he thinks. He says you need to get together and talk about your budget before the night before it needs to be at the court house. It would've been nice to know about this at more than a week ago if you guys have had these feelings. Susan Moore said it would've been nice to know about the revolution before this month. Mick Walker stated you don't know how the police is run? Susan Moore stated she has been here 10 years and she's never seen a resolution, it's never been brought before the council, it should've been brought in in December. Mick Walker asked this is the first time you are seeing what you spend on the police? Susan Moore said no, we knew what we are spending on police. But that's the problem, when we were sitting down crunching the numbers, we can't come up with those numbers and we can't find anything that has that formula on it. This is the first time I'm hearing about the \$30,000 Susan Moore Stated. Mick Walker says it's just the way it was. He says we can go back in our minutes but it'll be painstaking to do. Susan Moore wants him to put the formula together. Officer Butler says it to be a difficult task. Susan Moore said this is the first time seeing it a month ago. Officer Butler states the 28E hasn't changed in 30 years. Susan Moore says you all knew about it. Officer Butler says Mayor Hove and Nila Zanker knew.



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Susan Moore says Mayor Hove and Nila Zanker should've brought to the council every two years. Mayor Hove says we never have brought it. Susan Moore states that never has does not justify what's on the paper. Officer Butler asked how did you think the police operate prior to reading this? Susan Moore knew that the money came out and went to the board, that was all, and it was some agreement that we haven't voted on because it was still an ongoing agreement and didn't know how long the term was. Mick Walker says it comes down to not having enough money to do this. Susan Moore pointed out its confusing. Mick Walker agrees. He says it comes down to how do we afford and as a council you have to sit down and figure that out. He says it's a bad deal for them and he's not criticizing Stanhope Council, but it is a last minute thing and you get ready to justify your budget to the people and all of the sudden you don't have the money? Roger Hayes said it has not been all of the sudden, it is not a last minute thing. It was talked about last city council. Mick Walker says he just heard about it at the police board last Wednesday. Mick Walker stated he is not being critical but we need to sit down and come up with a plan for us, run it by the police board, then it will be up to Ellsworth and Jewell to see if there are going to do that or not he guesses. We can figure out the financial figures in the interim. Roger Hayes does not care what has been done but he wants he cares what will be done with the financing now. He does not care what the formula says in the past because that money is sunk. Officer Butler cannot get the figures tonight. He does not have them. Officer Butler states let's move forward, try to get a number within reason that's fair to everyone. Roger Hayes made a motion with the contingent that we are going to work the financing portion going forward. Terry Painton seconds the motion to rework the 28E agreement and everybody look at it to reconfigure what is going on and bring it up when it's all settled. Susan Moore seconds that. Roll Call vote.

Motion by Roger Hayes, Jr, seconded by Terry Painton, to approve Resolution 2017-2018-10, a Resolution approving with the contingent that we are going to work the financing portion and everybody look at it to reconfigure what is going on and bring it up when it's all settled on 28E agreement for Law enforcement coverage for 01/03/2018-01/03/2020. Roll Call: Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Mayor Hove then declared Resolution 2017-2018-10, duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 2017-2018-11

Motion by Crystal Renze, seconded by Terry Painton, to approve Resolution 2017-2018-11, a Resolution approving the **2018-2019** city-operating budget for the period of 07/01/2018-06/30/2019 for the City of Stanhope, Hamilton County, Iowa. Roll Call: Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Mayor Hove then declared Resolution 2017-2018-11, duly adopted.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Motion by Crystal Renze, seconded by Terry Painton, to approve the donation of \$500.00 to Little League. Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Motion carried. Eric Young report on the little league and gave City the schedule of the year. Everyone loves Stanhope field and concession stand. Post season games and practices will happen here and are not on the schedule which is yet to be determined.



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T- BALL COACH

Motion by Crystal Renze, seconded by Terry Painton, to approve to put an ad in the newspaper looking for a T-ball Coach/Summer Recreational Director for 2018 season. Application do April 6, 2018 to City Office. **Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.-aye. Motion carried.**

ATV ORDINANCE

Peggy Phipps would like council to reconsider our ordinance to let ATV's on our road ways so they can be used for spraying/working. Doug Timmons and Steve Butler both asked to table so they can provide other city ordinances and recommends to the council next month. Butler says the EJS won't pull them over but she has already been pulled over by the sheriff.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN /POLLINATOR HABITAT

Motion by Roger Hayes, Jr., seconded by Crystal Renze, to approve to use property behind bus barn owned by City of Stanhope of a Butterfly Garden /Pollinator Habitat which the Stanhope Development Group will create and maintain. No cost to the city. **Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Motion carried.** Lion Clubs has donated \$800, Ehlert Seed has donated the seed and drilling it in estimated cost of \$400.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mike Hanson reported that the new alarm is in the Lift Station. We can log in and check how many hours it is running. We can also change the call list order when someone is on vacation.

CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

Motion by Crystal Renze, seconded by Terry Painton, to approve the schedule of Clean Up Day for Saturday, April 21st, from 8:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. and will involve the placement of a dumpster or dumpsters by *The Trash Man, Inc* in the parking lot at the Stanhope Maintenance Facility, 160 Main Street, for the disposition of appliances and other articles.

Parameters listed below:

1. Clean up will begin at 8:00 A.M. and will end promptly at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 21st.
2. Each appliance will cost \$15.00 each and can be billed on the customer's utility bill and includes refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, trash compactors, microwave and convection ovens, water heaters, furnaces and televisions.
3. Any item of furniture will cost \$14.00 and can be billed on the customer's utility bill.
4. Tires: Car: \$3.00 per tire, Light Truck: \$4.00 per tire, Truck: \$10.00 per tire, Large Implement: \$8.00 per tire, Tractor Tires: \$21.00 per tire, Off Road: \$53.00 per tire, Mower: \$3.00 per tire, Bicycle: \$2.00 per tire and can be billed on the customer's utility bill. Tires with rims will not be accepted.
5. Clean up is limited to residents of Stanhope only.
6. Chemicals, paint, oil, oil filters, flammable toxins, liquids or semi-sludges of any kind, barbed wire, liquid propane tanks, asbestos materials, sawdust, varnishes, medical waste, yard waste, leaves, grass clippings, trees, stumps, dead animals, toxins and poisons are prohibited and will not be accepted.
7. The City of Stanhope reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any item or items. All items must be brought to the dumpster site in front of **the City Maintenance Shed on highway 17**, where they will be put in the container by City Personnel, no exceptions. Cash payment will be required of anyone not a valid customer of Stanhope Municipal Utilities or who does not wish items to be billed on the customer's utility billing.

Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Motion carried.



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RESOLUTION 2017-2018-12

Motion by Roger Hayes Jr., seconded by Susan Moore, to approve Resolution 2017-2018-12, a Resolution approving the names, positions, salaries and wages of all employees of the City of Stanhope, Hamilton County, Iowa, for the period of 07/01/2018 through 06/30/2019 with changes to the pay for Todd Christenson to increase pay to \$14.00 an hour and Clerk Murray an extra day off instead of a pay raise requested by her. **Roll Call: Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Mayor Hove then declared Resolution 2017-2018-12 duly adopted.** Clerk Murray asked for no pay raise. If she makes too much she will lose Hawk-I Insurance for her girls and the pay raise will not cover insurance cost.

HAMILTON HOMETOWNS HOOPLA

Motion by Crystal Renze, seconded by Roger Hayes, Jr., to approve Hamilton Hometowns Hoopla August 25, 2018 to be held in the City Park. Brad Morgan will be playing from 8pm-11pm. Will have no cost to city. **Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Motion carried.**

BUILDING PERMITS

Motion by Roger Hayes, Jr., seconded by Susan Moore, to approve building permit at 790 Parker St., duration of permit 12 months **Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore-aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Motion carried.** Due to the popularity of tiny homes the Council will be looking at building ordinance.

IMFOA CONFERENCE

Motion by Roger Hayes, Jr., seconded by Crystal Renze, to approve Jessica Murray to go to the IMFOA Conference in Des Moines April 18-20th. **Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Motion carried.**

SCRATCH CUPCAKE

Motion by Roger Hayes, Jr., seconded by Crystal Renze, to approve Scratch cupcake to use City parking lot September 5th. **Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Motion carried.** Asked for 3pm-6pm from Scratch and waiting their approval.

NON-AGENDA ITEM #1

with the help from Lisa from IRDA, Clerk Murray has acquired 30 barrels for making rain barrels. The Development Group/City will be putting on a rain barrel workshop sometime in April. Date TBD. Only cost to residents is the supplies to make it a rain barrel. The barrel is free as long as they come to the workshop and make a rain barrel. You will have to register and pay up front for your barrel. Cost estimated to be below \$15 each. When everything has been scheduled it will be announced along with the final price.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Crystal Renze, seconded by Terry Painton, to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:32 P.M. **Crystal Renze-aye, Terry Painton-aye, Susan Moore- aye, Roger Hayes, Jr.- aye. Motion carried.**



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ATTESTATION

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CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Stanhope, Hamilton County, Iowa, organized and operating under the laws of the State of Iowa. The foregoing is the full text of the City Council Proceedings of March 13, 2018 and shall become a permanent part of the official minute book of the City of Stanhope, Iowa.

Jessica Murray, City Clerk

March 13, 2018

Date

CITY SEAL