



January 2024

Stacy-Lent Annexation: Effective December 29, 2023

The City of Stacy and Lent Township have been in the process of an orderly annexation. The order approving the annexation was issued by the Minnesota Boundary Adjustment Unit on August 30th, 2023. The effective date of the order is December 29th, 2023. With this annexation, the newly combined City of Stacy will be holding a special election on April 9, 2024. This is particularly important given that the citizens of the Township will no longer be represented by the Township officials they elected, and a special election will offer Township residents a voice in selecting their representatives. The Amended Joint Resolution provides that current city council members will remain in office until the time that the election is held, ensuring that the City of Stacy remains a functioning governmental entity until a new city council is seated. Please see the next page for more information about the special election and the filing periods for candidacy.

As of December 29, 2023, the Township will cease to exist as a separate entity and shall be fully incorporated within the City of Stacy. There will be a transitional period between the effective date of the annexation and the special election, where the Township and City staff will merge to the newly combined City of Stacy and temporary offices/hours will be set until the special election is held and the new council is seated in May of 2024. Current Township and City staff will continue to be employed under the newly combined City, so you will still see the same friendly faces!

The annexation agreement provides that all parcels of land annexed shall retain the rights and privileges currently enjoyed by those parcels, regardless of new ordinances, for the longer of 180 months or until the primary use of the parcel shall change. This includes, but isn't limited to, outdoor burning; hunting, shooting, trapping; use of ATV's, snowmobiles, and other offroad vehicles; keeping of pets and livestock; and all other reasonable uses currently permitted under local and county ordinances, as well as state and federal laws. Please visit our website at www.stacymn.org and click the Stacy-Lent Annexation tab to view documents related to the annexation as well as get information on current happenings. If you have questions about the orderly annexation, please feel free to contact us.

MEETINGS:

City Council
2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7p.m.

Planning
Commission
3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7p.m.

HOURS:

City Hall
M, W, Th 9-5
T 11-7
Friday – Closed

Lent Town Hall
T 11-7 & Th 9-5

Maintenance
M-Th 7-3:30
Friday – Closed

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

City Office
651-462-4486

Maintenance
651-253-7399

§ 72.04 SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to stand upon any public street, highway, or alley during the following times:

(A) At any time after a snowfall, wind, or other weather condition has resulted in the accumulation of snow of 3 inches more in depth on the public street, highway, or alley until the street, highway, or alley is completely plowed; or

(B) Between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from October 1 through May 15 of each calendar year.

Snow Removal:

Do not push snow onto public roads, nor plow across roads this creates a public hazard. Snow dumped on roadways creates a real hazard to passing motorists, which can cause serious accidents. Even heavy snowplows have been damaged when hitting compacted and frozen snow deposited on the roadways. This practice is a misdemeanor per Minnesota State Statute 160.2715 the person depositing the snow, as the prime cause of any accident, may also find him/herself faced with civil liability lawsuits. We urge you, as good neighbors and motorists yourselves, not to add to the hazards of wintertime driving in this way.

When do we plow? In general, operations commence as follows: Snow accumulation of 3", with continual snowfall, drifting of snow may warrant partial or full plowing, icing of pavement may warrant partial or full operations. It is ultimately at the Maintenance Departments discretion when to commence plowing operations.



Please keep fire hydrants clear of snow! This helps our fire department respond to emergencies. Snow and ice should be cleared within a 3-foot perimeter around the hydrant, and shovel a pathway from the hydrant to the street so firefighters can access it. Ice and snow should be cleared from the hydrant itself if possible.

In an emergency, every second counts! Thank you, Stacy-Lent Fire Department, for all you do in our community!

Special Election Information

The agreement calls for an election of all five city council positions. Two council members shall be elected from the ward made up of the prior Township territory and two of them shall be elected from the boundaries of the City of Stacy before the annexation. Additionally, the council shall have an at-large Mayor, elected by all residents of the newly combined City. Any resident from either ward is able to run for a seat in this election. Due to the timing of the special election, two of the council seats (with the 2nd most votes from each ward) and the Mayor's term will go up for re-election during the next general election on November 5, 2024, resulting in an initial eight-month term for those seats. The two council seats that received the most votes (one from each ward) will stay seated until the 2026 general election.

Residents wishing to run for a seat on the City Council for the combined City of Stacy are able to file for candidacy from **Tuesday, January 30, 2024** through **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**. The fee to file is \$2.00. Please file for candidacy in person at the Stacy City Hall located at 30955 Forest Blvd., Stacy, MN 55079.

The Special Election will be held on April 9, 2024.

NEW POLLING PLACE IN 2024!

In 2024, the new polling place for the combined city will be the
Lent Town Hall
33155 Hemingway Ave.
Stacy, MN 55079

2024 ELECTION SCHEDULE

**March 5 - Presidential Nominating
Primary**
April 9 - City of Stacy Special Election
August 13 - Primary Election
November 5 - General Election

Public Meeting Location Change

All meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, Stacy Economic Development Authority, and other committees will be at the Lent Town Hall, located at 33155 Hemingway Avenue, Stacy, MN to allow for full resident participation in the larger space.

Agendas, meeting packets, minutes, fee schedule, budget information, maps, city code, and other information is available on the city's website: www.stacymn.org. Residents are encouraged to attend public meetings, listen in on meetings via Webex, and join commissions and committees for the newly combined city.

2024 Property Tax Statements: Important Information!

If you reside in the current Township, your 2024 property tax statement will still list Lent as your local unit of government as it is too late to change the name of your city this year. The property taxes you pay in 2024 will be based on the tax rate determined by the Lent Town Board in 2023. In 2025, the City of Stacy will be listed as everyone's local government unit, and the tax rate will be determined by the newly elected council for the combined City of Stacy.

Building Permits & Land Use

Building permits are required for all new construction, remodeling, alteration, and repair work. Some permits such as reroof or reside only require filling out the application and paying the fee. Most other building projects (deck, addition, accessory structure) require two sets of plans to be submitted for a plan review, and a survey showing all proposed setbacks.

All permits are to be applied for at the Environmental Services Department in the Government Center in Center City. Staff will determine the construction value and permit fee at the time of application, and the permit will be paid for at that time. All checks should be made payable to the Chisago County Treasurer.

The building permit applications are in paper triplicate, please contact the County office at 651-213-8370 for mailing of permits.

For inspections, please call the Environmental Services Department at 651-213-8371 to schedule an inspection. Information needed includes the site address, permit number, and type of inspection. Typically, 24 hours is considered adequate notice.

Right-of-way (ROW) permits can be obtained by contacting our city engineer at 612-712-2021 or by email dan.boyum@stantec.com.

The County does not issue electrical permits or inspect or regulate electrical work. The Minnesota State Board of Electricity should be contacted at 651-284-5064 if you are doing your own wiring. The State Electrical Inspector is Mark Thoma and he may be contacted for electrical inspections at 320-309-9483.

Permits issued by the City of Stacy include residential fences six feet or under, signs, driveways, and utility water connections. If you have questions about permits issued by the City, please call 651-462-4486.

**2024 Minnesota City Summary
Budget Statement for Publication**

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2024 budget information concerning the city of Stacy to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 471.6965. This budget is not complete; the complete budget may be examined at Stacy City Hall, 30955 Forest Blvd, Stacy; or by visiting the city website at www.stacymn.org. The city council approved this budget on December 12, 2023

		2023	2024
Budgeted Governmental Funds		Budget	Adopted
Revenues:			
Property Taxes		\$176,962	\$213,784
Licenses and Permits		\$24,000	\$5,500
State General Purpose Aid		\$353,965	\$427,739
State Categorical Aid		\$0	\$0
Charges for Services		\$17,950	\$10,150
Fines and Forfeits		\$500	\$1,500
Interest on Investments		\$5,000	\$5,000
Miscellaneous		\$5,000	\$79,741
Total Revenues		\$583,377	\$743,414
Transfers from Other Funds		\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources		\$683,377	\$843,414
Expenses:			
Current Expenditures (Exclude Capital Outlay)			
General Government		\$308,502	\$326,233
Public Safety		\$220,907	\$319,957
Streets and Highways		\$78,193	\$103,853
Sanitation		\$8,000	\$11,000
Culture and Recreation		\$43,872	\$60,619
Miscellaneous Current Expenditures		\$23,902	\$21,752
Total Current Expenditures		\$683,377	\$843,414
Capital Outlay		\$0	\$0
Transfers to Other Funds (include Enterprise Funds)		\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		\$683,377	\$843,414
Property Tax Levy to fund this Budget		\$172,862	\$204,684
Total Property Tax Levy		\$369,862	\$403,264

** Please see next page for more information about this budget notice**

City of Stacy 2024 Budget Publication Information

The 2024 Minnesota City Summary Budget Statement for publication included in this newsletter pertains to the City of Stacy as it was prior to the Lent Township annexation on December 29, 2023. The Lent Township 2024 budget that was approved at the March 2023 Annual Meeting is in effect for Township residents. The budget process for 2025 will start mid-summer and apply to the newly combined city. If you have questions, please contact City Hall.

WWW.STACYMN.ORG

City Code
Meeting Schedules
Project Updates
Financial Reports
Meeting Attachments
Minutes
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Tim Sawatzky	Council	timsawatzky@stacymn.org

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Dick Stiers	Member	
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Susie Brooks	Alternate Member	

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Craig Griffin	Maintenance Worker	
Sam Ziwicki	Maintenance Worker	
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Aerica Benson	On-Sale Manager	stacysportsgrill@stacymn.org

City Office Locations & Hours

	Stacy City Hall	Lent Town Hall
	30955 Forest Boulevard	33155 Hemingway Avenue
Monday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Closed*
Tuesday	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Closed*
Thursday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday	Closed	Closed
When Lent Town Hall is closed, please visit or call Stacy City Hall		

City of Stacy Public Works/Maintenance Hours: Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call 651-253-7399 if you need to speak to one of our maintenance workers.

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