

CITY OF STANWOOD

*Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, February 7, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Stanwood-Camano School District Administration Building Board Room*

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dianne W. White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

City Clerk Melissa Collins called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Timothy Loney, Arne Wennerberg, Shelley Klasse and Bill Carlton.

Councilmember Conrad Ryer arrived at 7:05 p.m.
Councilmembers Andy Chappel and Leonard Kelley's absences were excused.

Student Advisor Drew Kidd was also absent.

3. Staff Announcements

Stephanie Hansen, Community Development Director, announced that the Planning Commission is ready to make recommendations on the annual docket and requested a workshop be set up for review. After a brief discussion it was decided that the workshop would be held on February 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Fire Chief Mike Ganz briefed Council on a Grant the Fire Department has qualified for. He said it is a Federal SAFER Grant, which stands for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response. This grant provides matching funds for salaries and benefits for additional firefighters and emergency response staff to help cities augment their staffing to reduce response times.

Chief Ganz stated one condition of the grant is a five year commitment on behalf of the City. Over the five years, the federal portion of the matching funds is reduced, the City's portion is increased and by the fifth year the City pays 100% of the salaries and benefits.

Questions from the Council and staff were answered by Chief Ganz.

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor White announced there would not be an executive session.

Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Wennerberg to approve the agenda as amended; deleting item 10, Adjourning to Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Payroll Checks and Vouchers
- b. Minutes of the November 15, 2008 Regular Meeting
- c. Minutes of the December 6, 2007 Special Meeting Workshop

Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Loney to approve the consent agenda to include items a, absent payroll checks but to include claim vouchers and items b and c; voucher checks #12225 through #12318 in the amount of \$270,676.56 and includes voided check #12244.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. New Business

- a. Appointment of Elizabeth Newland as Library Board Member

Mayor White moved this item to the end of the meeting since Ms. Newland was not present.

- b. Ordinance 1227, TBD Annexation, 2nd Reading & Adoption

Community Development Director Stephanie Hansen presented the staff report and answered questions from Council. She said this is the last step in the annexation process and if approved, in approximately 10 days this area would become part of the City limits.

Ms. Hansen recommended to Council to move forward with the annexation and explained the alternative is to deny the annexation. Councilmember Klasse commented that this is a very interesting piece of property. It has steep slopes, wetlands and any development will have to work around or within the City's critical area codes. Ms. Hansen responded to questions from Council.

Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Klasse, to adopt Ordinance No. 1227, an ordinance of the City of Stanwood, Washington, annexing an unincorporated area known as the "TBD Annexation Area", which is contiguous to the existing Stanwood city limits and which is located within the Stanwood Urban Growth Boundary; providing for the assumption of indebtedness; and providing an effective date.

Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Ordinance 1228, Relating to City Council Meeting Dates, 2nd Reading & Adoption

City Clerk Melissa Collins presented the staff report and confirmed that the School District facilities are available for the change in City Council meeting dates.

Councilmember Carlton asked City Attorney Cheryl Beyer if an ordinance is required for each time a schedule change is made. He would like to see the process simplified. City Attorney Beyer explained the process and options available to Council.

A discussion took place regarding amending the Ordinance by adding a section three, which would read: "Effective March 2008", as well as changing the approval date to February 2008.

Motion by Councilmember Klasse, second by Councilmember Loney, to approve Ordinance No. 1228, an ordinance of the City of Stanwood, Washington, amending the Stanwood Municipal Code 1.44.010 relating to City Council meeting dates, effective beginning in March, holding the next meeting as scheduled on February 21st and amend to include section 3 effective March 1, 2008 and change the date to February 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Authorize Mayor to sign Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Stanwood and IAFF Local 4086

Human Resources Director Mathew Pruitt presented the staff report. He stated that the overall estimated cost is an 8.9% increase in salaries and benefits over 2007 expenditures. Mr. Pruitt added that this does not include the information presented by Chief Ganz regarding the SAFER Grant.

Director Pruitt thanked staff for their work on the contract.

Motion by Councilmember Loney second by Councilmember Wennerberg to authorize Mayor White to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Stanwood and IAFF Local 4086.

Motion carried unanimously.

e. Adoption of the City of Stanwood's Water Use Efficiency Goals

Public Works Director Andrew Bullington presented the staff report. He said that in September of 2003 the Washington State Legislature passed the Municipal Water Supply Efficiency Requirements Act. The intent of the act is to help reduce the demand that growing communities, agriculture and industry have placed on water resources. Municipal water suppliers are obligated to enhance the efficient use of water by the system or consumers. He stated goals must be set by a public process and be evaluated and re-established a minimum of every six years. Mr. Bullington went on to say that beginning in 2008 all municipal water suppliers will be required to provide an annual water use efficiency performance report to customers and the Department of Health by July 1st of each year. The City will distribute this report with the annual water quality report and all additional costs have been included in the Comprehensive Water Plan update.

Director Bullington responded to questions from Council regarding the impact on future growth and water. He said that establishing goals now will be a direct benefit in how we determine water efficiency and how much water supply we will have in the future.

Councilmember Klasse commended Mr. Bullington and RH2 on the great job they did in presenting the report. Mr. Bullington stated that he wants to help people to conserve water since it isn't an unlimited resource. This will be the main way to have an impact on water efficiency.

*Motion by Councilmember Wennerberg, second by Councilmember Loney to adopt the City of Stanwood's Water use Efficiency Goals.
Motion carried unanimously.*

8. Report of Officers and Committees

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor White reported on the following:

- Mayor's appointment to the Snohomish County Health District.
- Design Stanwood had their first meeting of the New Year. They will be teaming with the City for Operation Clean Sweep on April 26th.
- Attended the Community Transit Board meeting. She didn't get appointed to the board this year, but intends to continue to attend the meetings so Stanwood will be represented.
- Currently working on a letter to legislators chastising the State on their choice of location of a branch campus and encouraging the Marysville location, which will be presented in Olympia next week.

b. Committee Reports:

- Finance/Economic Development Committee

Councilmember Carlton reported the Finance Committee had a short meeting to discuss recommendations for the retreat on the budget and allocation processes. He also reported on his recent attendance at the Unified Development Codes Commission meeting.

- Public Works/Parks Committee

Councilmember Ryer reported the Public Works Committee met on January 24th to discuss the Lindstrom Sewer Lift Station ownership, water efficiency, street CIP funding issues and the 68th Road Project. The committee will meet again in March.

- Public Safety Committee

No report was given.

- Community Development/Human Services/Municipal Campus Committee

Councilmember Klasse reported that the Community Development Committee did not meet; however, they did attend the Planning Commission meeting last Monday.

- Personnel Committee

No report was given.

- Student Advisor Report

No report was given.

City Administrator Papke requested a motion from Council authorizing the Mayor to accept the SAFER Grant if it is offered to the City.

Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Carlton to authorize the Mayor to accept the SAFER Grant if offered to the City. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White appointed Elizabeth Newland as Library Board Member for a term of office, January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012. Ms. Newland was not present.

A handout was presented prior to the meeting regarding House Bill 3292, which would require all local governing bodies to make a verbatim audio recording of all executive sessions and retain the recordings for two years. Councilmember Carlton asked if the City Council should take a position on this issue and Ms. Papke responded that the Bill was opposed by almost every City Attorney and the Association of Washington Cities.

City Attorney Beyer advised Council that a resolution could be brought forward at the next Council meeting. Council discussed the Bill and whether it should be supported by the City or by individuals. Councilmember Carlton suggested that a Legislative Action Committee be formed.

A discussion took place regarding the Mayor's letter to the legislature supporting the branch campus location and whether it was supported by the City. Councilmember Loney responded that the City already stated support of the college location in a Resolution.

9. Citizen Closing Comments

There were no citizens closing comments.

10. Adjourn to Executive Session

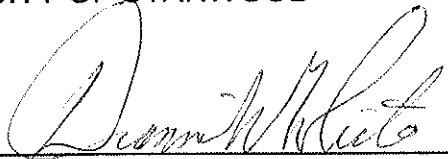
There was no executive session.

11. Reconvene And Adjourn


There being no further business before the Council, Mayor White declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Dianne W. White, Mayor



Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk