

# CITY OF STANWOOD

*Regular Meeting of the City Council*

*Thursday, July 24, 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, Conrad Ryer, Bill Carlton and Leonard Kelley.

Councilmember Andy Chappel was excused.

Also present:, City Administrator Joyce Papke, Public Works Director Andy Bullington, Community Development Director Rebecca Lind, Wastewater Treatment Plant Staff Kevin Hushagen, Leigh Danielson, Randy Richard and Jake Hamlin.

### 3. Special Presentation

- a. Washington State Department of Ecology presenting the 2007 "Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant" Award

Karen Burgess from the Department of Ecology presented the award and congratulated the City for their outstanding work. Public Works Director Andy Bullington recognized the employees who are responsible for this award.

Kevin Hushagen, Wastewater Plant Supervisor, thanked the Department of Ecology and introduced the staff of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### 4. Staff Announcements

City Administrator Joyce Papke announced Rebecca Lind has joined the City as the new Planning and Community Development Director. Ms. Lind said she was pleased to be here and said it looked like an exciting time to be in Stanwood.

## 5. Citizen Comments

Mary Lee Sams  
Pam Pinkham

Both citizens spoke on behalf of the Stanwood Light Brigade, a committee that was formed to bring more lights to the City during the winter months. They displayed a five foot snowflake with LED lighting and are asking the City to sign a contract for the lighting of the snowflakes. The committee would be responsible for the fundraising, purchase, and maintenance of the snowflakes. Paul LaCroix, Lions Club President, said the Lion's Club supports the additional lighting.

## 6. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor White announced there would not be an executive session. Councilmember Carlton requested to add item 6a to discuss fully contained communities.

*Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Loney to approve the agenda as published including item 6a, the fully contained communities and deleting item 9 the Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 6a. New Business

Discussion on Fully Contained Communities and Letter from Dave Somers, Snohomish County Council

Mayor White discussed a letter that was sent to her and the Councilmembers from Snohomish County Councilmember Dave Somers regarding fully contained communities. The Snohomish County Council is asking for the City's position on the communities. A discussion took place among the Mayor and Council regarding the impacts to cities.

*Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Carlton to support a moratorium until December, 2009 unless we gain further information from the County Council or powers that be that would lead us to make a decision otherwise. Motion carried unanimously.*

## 7. Reports of Officers and Committees

### a. Mayor's Report:

Mayor White read a letter she received from Zachary Placzek, one of the winners of the Soap Box Derby, thanking the City for their support of the Derby.

b. Committee Reports:

Councilmember Klasse received a letter from the City regarding an application for the installation of a pole at the High School Athletic Field for cell phone communication and questioned staff how this came about. Community Development Director Lind responded that an application was received for a mono pole. The application is not complete. Therefore, a review has not begun. She explained the notice Councilmember Klasse received was a notification to residents that the application was submitted. Councilmember Klasse commented that the language in the letter seemed confusing to citizens. She requested that user-friendly terminology be used for these notices.

City Administrator Joyce Papke stated part of the variance will be to find out the High School's position. Councilmember Klasse also voiced her concern regarding emergency helicopters ability to land on the athletic field.

Councilmember Wennerberg reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting where they discussed parking issues near the High School.

Councilmember Kelley urged Mayor White to assign a committee to look into the snowflakes. Ms. Papke stated that several staff had been contacted on the subject. Mayor and Council discussed the issues and concerns regarding the installation of the snowflakes.

c. City Administrator Report:

City Administrator Papke discussed with Council the format of her report. Council asked if she would consider putting her report in writing, then addressing questions from the Council at the next meeting. Council agreed that this would be a good format. Ms. Papke replied she will send her report prior to the meeting and would address questions and make any necessary announcements at the following Council meeting.

Ms. Papke stated that she will be available for the August Council Meeting. She discussed with Council some options other Cities use for canceling meetings. Council discussed options and the impact cancelled meetings have on the citizens. One option was to have two meetings scheduled per month with the option of canceling the second meeting if there is very little new business scheduled. Council decided to stay with the two meetings per month for now.

**8. Citizen Closing Comments**

There were no citizens closing comments.

**9. Adjourn to Executive Session**

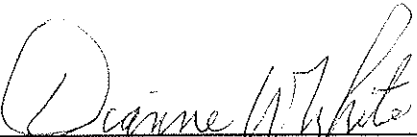
There was no executive session.


**10. Adjourn**

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor White declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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ATTEST:

  
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Dianne W. White, Mayor

  
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Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk