

CITY OF STANWOOD

*Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, January 22, 2009 – 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: Leonard Kelley, Conrad Ryer, Andy Chappel, Arne Wennerberg, Shelley Klasse, Bill Carlton, and Timothy Loney.

Also present: City Administrator Joyce Papke, Police Chief Ty Trenary, Public Work Director Andy Bullington, Fire Chief Mike Ganz, Assistant Fire Chief Darin Reid and City Attorney Grant Weed.

3. Staff Announcements

Fire Chief Mike Ganz announced the promotion of Assistant Fire Chief Darin Reid to Deputy Fire Chief effective January 1, 2009.

Police Chief Ty Trenary reported on staffing changes at the Police Department. He said Sergeant Palmer is now Lieutenant Palmer and has been replaced by Barry Ruchty. Detective Betts was awarded, named, and honored as Detective of the year by Snohomish County.

Chief Trenary also updated Council on the progress being made on smoker's corner and Lincoln Hill Estates.

Public Works Director Andy Bullington updated Council on the recent snow and flood events.

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor White announced that there would not be an executive session.

Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Klasse to approve the agenda with the deletion of item 10, adjourn to executive session. Kelly: No; Ryer: Yes; Chappel: Yes; Wennerberg: Yes; Klasse: Yes; Carlton; Yes; Wennerberg: Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Payroll Checks and Vouchers
- b. Minutes of the July 24, 2008 Regular Meeting
- c. Minutes of the August 14, 2008 Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Loney to approve the consent agenda to include items a through c; voucher checks #13633 through #13709 in the amount of \$609,532.90; includes voided check #13639 and Payroll checks warrant #15770 through #15868 in the amount of \$128,181.23. These vouchers were reviewed by the Finance Committee and found to be in order. Motion carried unanimously.

7. New Business

- a. Election of Mayor pro tem for the Year 2009

City Clerk Melissa Collins presented the staff report and stated that at the first meeting of the year the City Council must elect a Mayor pro tem. She said the Mayor pro tem serves as the presiding officer in the Mayor's absence.

Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Chappel that Shelley Klasse has done a very classy job in this position and that we continue her in that position. Councilmember Klasse abstains from the vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Klasse, second by Councilmember Kelley to nominate Councilmember Wennerberg for Mayor pro tem.

There was a discussion among staff and Council regarding the nomination process. City Attorney Grant Weed provided clarification.

There being no other nominations the City Clerk called the roll:
Kelley: Wennerberg; Ryer: Wennerberg; Chappel: Wennerberg; Klasse: Wennerberg; Carlton: Wennerberg; Loney: Wennerberg; Wennerberg: Klasse. Motion carried 6 – 1.

Council voted and elected Councilmember Wennerberg as Mayor pro tem for the year 2009.

- b. Authorize Mayor White to enter into proposed 2009 City Attorney Retainer Agreement with Weed, Graafstra and Benson, Inc., P.S.

City Administrator Joyce Papke presented the staff report and stated Grant Weed has served as the City Attorney for the City of Stanwood since January 1, 2004. Legal services are provided through a City Attorney Retainer Agreement with the firm of Weed, Graafstra and Benson, Inc. P.S. She stated the agreement has been renewed each calendar year since 2004 and the most recent City Attorney Retainer Agreement expired on December 31, 2008.

Ms. Papke said the agreement for services has been proposed by the City Attorney with no increase in fees for 2009. The City administration believes that continuity in legal representation provides distinct and measurable benefits to the City. Ms. Papke added that in 2008 legal fees were substantially reduced over previous years.

Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Kelley to authorize Mayor White to enter into the proposed 2009 City Attorney Retainer Agreement with Weed, Graafstra and Benson, Inc., P.S. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Weed commented that it has been a pleasure working with the staff and Council and enjoys working with Stanwood.

8. Report of Officers and Committees

- a. Mayor's Report

Mayor White reported on the following:

- She took a holiday trip to Pennsylvania to visit her grandchildren
- The flood gates were money well spent by the City
- There will be Veteran's Recognition and Appreciation Dinner on February 28, 2009 in Marysville. She appointed Councilmember Loney to work with the organization.
- This is the third year of the bird festival. It has been an extreme success but they are short of funds this year and are asking for donations.

- b. Committee Reports

Councilmember Carlton reported that the State audit has been completed. The City received an excellent audit report with no findings and only three minor exit items. He complemented staff on a job well done.

Councilmember Loney reported that the Community and Economic Development Committee met and nominated him as the committee chair. He also reported the Planning Commission will be meeting on February 9, 2009 and the joint meeting with Council has been canceled and will be rescheduled.

c. Council Reports and Questions

Councilmember Carlton gave an update on the Snohomish County rural cluster subdivision. A discussion took place among Council regarding the rural clusters. Councilmember Carlton requested that the City have someone from the County come out to discuss the issues. Mayor White agreed and will see if Representative Koster would be available.

Mayor White mentioned Snohomish County Health District is testing well water for free due to the recent flooding.

Councilmember Loney updated Council on the AWC legislative committee.

d. City Administrator Business

City Administrator Joyce Papke reported that City Staff met with Kirk Fredrickson of Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) regarding the Train Station. She said there are several items that WSDOT anticipates the City to pay for that were not expected or budgeted for. She will provide more details at a later date.

e. Student Advisor Report

There was no Student Advisor Report.

9. Citizens Closing Comments

There were no Citizen 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 7:55 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Dianne W. White, Mayor



Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk