

CITY OF STANWOOD

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Thursday, April 9, 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

Deputy City Clerk Julie Johnson called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Leonard Kelley, Conrad Ryer, Andy Chappel, Arne Wennerberg, Bill Carlton, Timothy Loney and Shelley Klasse.

Also present: City Administrator Joyce Papke, Finance Director Crystil Collins, Public Works Director Andy Bullington, Human Resources Director Mathew Pruitt, Police Chief Ty Trenary, Fire Chief Mike Ganz and City Attorney Grant Weed.

3. Staff Announcements

Public Works Director Andy Bullington reported on the directives regarding the demolition of the house located on the property adjacent to City Hall. He explained it was requested that the Historical Society be contacted to evaluate the historical value of the house, as well as postpone the demolition until a feasibility study could be done. Mr. Bullington announced he will be bringing this information back to the next Council meeting.

4. Citizen Comments

Jeff Renstra, Manager of the Stanwood Little League

Mr. Renstra voiced concerns regarding the condition of the baseball fields and parks.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Kelley to approve the agenda as with the deletion of Item 10, executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Payroll Checks and Vouchers
- b. Minutes of the December 11, 2009 Regular Meeting
- c. Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local No. 231 Representing the Public Works Employees
- d. Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local No. 231 Representing the Administrative Employees.

Motion by Councilmember Kelley, second by Councilmember Klasse to approve the consent agenda to include items a through d; voucher checks #14104 through #14247 in the amount of \$284,759.66; and voided checks #14122, 14126, through 14127, 14166, 14171, 14187, 14190, 14196 and 14207; and Payroll checks warrant #16063 through #16158 in the amount of \$256,013.38. Motion carried unanimously.

7. New Business

- a. Twin City Idlers Car Show Request

Finance Director Crystil Collins presented the staff report and stated the Twin City Idlers have held an annual car show in Stanwood for the past several years. The show has been successful and continues to grow. Ms. Collins said the club will hold a show again in June and the appropriate applications have been submitted and a special events permit will be issued on an administrative basis, which does not require Council action. However, Ms. Collins added, the Twin City Idlers have requested some financial support for the 2009 event which does require action by the City Council. The Twin City Idlers have requested that various services and rented equipment be provided by and/or paid for by the City. The request includes a 4-yard dumpster rental, rental of 5 ADA portable restrooms, 5 standard portable restrooms and 5 wash stations, the City to provide barricades the Friday prior to the event, as well as the placement and removal of a banner.

Ms. Collins advised Council that city staff has reviewed the event application and decided that it would be in the City's best interest to have a pre-event inspection by the Fire Department plus extra on duty emergency services.

She added the Police Department has requested two additional Deputies for the event.

Ms. Collins stated that Fire Chief Reid anticipates the costs associated with providing extra personnel for the event will be approximately \$800.00 plus a \$100.00 pre-inspection fee. Law Enforcement costs for the day, while not immediately charged to the City, will come along in time and should be about the same. She said the delivery of the barricades can be accomplished without incurring overtime costs by delivering them the day prior to the event and with respect to the hanging and removal of the banner, the City currently provides this service for free to all, in one location, on a first come, first service basis. Ms. Collins added the other requested rental items, if provided by the City, would run approximately \$1,575, including tax.

Ms. Collins expressed to Council that monies provided by the City for the support of outside agencies and other organizations may be allowed, so long as it is done as a result of policy made by the City Council, and so long as a legitimate public purpose and adequate level of public benefit have been established and a contract entered into with the entity, which describes how the public purpose was fulfilled. Failing to meet these criteria could be construed as a gift of public funds and would not be allowable.

Ms. Collins went on to say the Finance Committee is currently working on a policy that would facilitate contributions such as public safety services and loan of cones, barricades and the like. Should the Council wish to grant this current request, or parts of it, this may be done through specific action by the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Kelley to provide public safety services to protect the public, without charge and as deemed appropriate by the Police Chief and Fire Chief as well as Public Works support as described, and decline to provide rented equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Appointment of Icle Crow as Library Board Member Term of office: January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013

Stanwood Library Manager Leslie Moore introduced Icle Crow. Mayor White read the recommendation and appointed Ms. Crow as Library Board Member for the term of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013.

Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Chappel to confirm the appointment of Icle Crow as Library Board Member for the term of office to be January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Authorize Mayor White to sign the Warranty Deed Agreement between the City of Stanwood, Stanwood-Camano School District and the Wrights for Property Acquisition to Facilitate the Construction of the 68th Avenue Road Extension.

Public Works Director Andy Bullington presented the staff report and stated that one key component that is needed to be completed prior to finishing the project was obtaining additional private property and construction easements so that the school buses have adequate turning radius. Two parcels need to be acquired by the City and both owners agreed to dedicate the property to the City without cost. There will need to be some frontage improvements. The estimated costs for these improvements would be \$15,000.

Motion by Councilmember Klasse, second by Councilmember Kelley to authorize Mayor White to sign the Warranty Deed Agreement between the City of Stanwood, Stanwood/Camano School District and the Wrights for property acquisition to facilitate the construction of the 68th Avenue road extension. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Report of Officers and Committees

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor White thanked Councilmember Wennerberg for filling in while she was visiting her grandchildren. She also commented that these are tough economic times, but the City is in better shape than a lot of cities and many events are going on this year in town.

b. Committee Reports

Councilmember Klasse reported the Public Works Committee met this week and discussed moving \$750,000 from one project to another to speed up a current project. Their recommendation was to take no action at this time.

Councilmember Kelley commented on the current voucher review procedures and has requested that Council receive a list of vouchers and to include the list in the Council meeting packets. Councilmember Loney asked if it was possible to receive the list electronically. Finance Director Collins stated that there are problems with converting the list but she will look into it. The Committee also discussed special event partnerships.

c. Councilmember Reports/Questions

There were no reports or questions from Council.

d. City Administrator Business

City Administrator Papke reported on the following:

The City management team has been meeting with the Washington Department of Transportation regularly regarding the concerns about the 532 project and impacts on citizens and the City. She has invited WSDOT to attend the April 23, 2009 Council Meeting.

The train station permits have been applied for but not yet issued. The City is waiting for information to be submitted. This should not impact the planned construction start date.

Public Works Director Bullington reported that they are working on an agreement regarding the closing of Logan Road. Burlington Northern will allow construction without the agreement in place.

9. Citizens Closing Comments

Sandy Kitchens, Chairman, Twin City Idlers

Ms. Kitchens voiced concerns about the City not funding the rented equipment for the Car Show.

Police Chief Ty Trenary responded to her concerns.

10. Adjourn to Executive Session

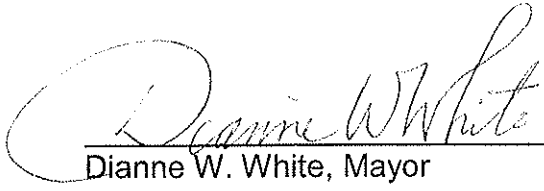
There was no executive session.

11. Reconvene and Adjourn


There being no further business before the Council, Mayor White declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Dianne W. White, Mayor



Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk