

# CITY OF STANWOOD

*Special Meeting of the City Council*

*Monday, April 19, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.*

*Stanwood-Camano School District Administration Building Board Room*

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Dianne W. White opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and stated how she would like the meeting to be conducted.

### 2. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves with the following attending:  
Councilmembers Bill Carlton, Timothy Loney, Arne Wennerberg, Leonard Kelley, Tim Pearce, and Conrad Ryer, City Clerk Melissa Collins, Finance Director Crystil Robinson, Deputy Fire Chief Darin Reid, Fire Chief Mike Ganz, Firefighter Will King, Captain Scott Johnston, Firefighter AJ Johnson, Captain Rob Buchanan, Captain Andy Helms, Firefighter Aaron Bredeson, Camano Firefighters Tyler Platt and Brandi Mauk.

### 3. Staffing Considerations for Current Firefighter Openings

Chief Ganz provided information on the current staffing issues in the Fire Department. He stated they are down two FTE's and have an Interlocal Agreement with Camano Island Fire for one fire fighter.

Firefighter AJ Johnson presented three staffing options that would provide significant savings for the City. All of the options are below the current budget projections.

Chief Ganz and Deputy Fire Chief Darin Reid discussed some possible revisions to the options and presented Council with a fourth option.

A discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding costs, benefits and ramifications of the presented options. Council will review the options presented and bring forward at a future workshop.

**4. Discussion – Contract for Services**

Firefighter AJ Johnson spoke on behalf of six members who would like to move forward with the merger with Camano Island Fire and believe it is good for the citizens and the fire department.

Captain Scott Johnston stated that this has been done before. He said it was a good thing then, and would be a good thing again. One of the benefits would include a larger employee base to provide service to the citizens.

Captain Andy Helms believes the department would be able retain young firefighters if they had the training opportunities that Camano Fire could provide.

Chief Ganz stated that the first phase is to determine what are the current services and costs and the second phase is what level of service the city wants and what the cost will be.

Chief Ganz also discussed what it involved in merging the two departments including vacation and sick leave banks, seniority and benefits, two union contracts and apparatus and facility assets. He said it has to be a win-win situation for both communities.

Council and staff discussed what Jack Lyon's scope of work will be and the next phase will be to meet with Mr. Lyons so he can hear Council's input.

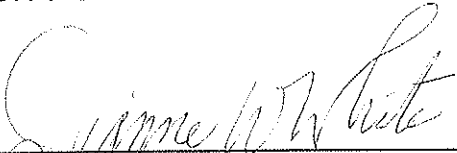
Mayor White commented on how well the Stanwood Police Department contract with Snohomish County works.

**5. Adjourn**

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor White declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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ATTEST:

  
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Dianne W. White, Mayor

  
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Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk