

CITY OF STANWOOD

*Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, February 16, 2006 – 7:00 p.m. – Stanwood Fire Station*

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Roll Call

City Clerk Lynda Jeffries called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Andy Chappel, Arne Wennerberg, Shelley Klasse, and Conrad Ryer. Gil Powell was excused.

3. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor White announced there would be no executive session.

Motion by Councilmember Klasse, second by Councilmember Wennerberg to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Wennerberg, second by Councilmember Ryer to approve the consent agenda to include items a through b; voucher checks #9315 through #9372 in the amount of \$349,409.25 and payroll checks #2449 through #2471 in the amount of \$20,571.28. Motion carried unanimously.

6. New Business

- a. Ordinance #187 Authorizing Transfer of Excess Funds from the LID Guaranty Fund to the General Fund, First Reading

Finance Director Jeannie Brown presented the staff report. There were no questions from the Council.

7. Report of Officers and Committees

a. Mayor

Mayor White reported that the previous evening's Town Hall meeting was well attended and that participants helped prioritize the issues that were addressed at the first meeting. Mayor White also announced upcoming meetings with Alanna Stone of the library board, and County Councilmember John Koster. The Mayor also reported that she received a message from Senator Haugen indicating that if a train station was to be built in town, the train would indeed stop here.

b. City Administrator / Public Works

City Administrator Bill Beckman reported on budgeted improvements to the water system and announced that due to cost of the SCADA system a budget amendment would be needed.

Mr. Beckman also reported that staff is looking into the feasibility of providing contract vactor truck services, and stated that DOE has approved an extension to the grant application deadline for the \$250,000 that would reimburse the city for the cost of the truck.

A discussion ensued regarding crosswalk safety in school zones.

c. Community Development

Community Development Director Stephanie Hansen reported on the new Christmas light program which includes a new banner design and decorative brackets. Director Hansen also reported the annual art banner program, and informed the City Council that the Planning Commission has scheduled a hearing to review the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments and requested a workshop to review the testimony and applications. A workshop was scheduled for March 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

d. Parks

Mayor White reported that she met with Senator Haugen regarding grant funding. Director Hansen reported that the scope of work for the Parks Plan has been issued to consultants on the shared roster.

e. Personnel / Clerk

City Clerk Lynda Jeffries reported on personnel changes in City Hall.

f. Public Safety

Chief Davis reported that his department held their annual goal-setting meeting and identified goals and performance measures for 2006, including a monthly traffic emphasis. Chief Davis also reported on the City's upcoming transition to the 800 MHz radio system.

Chief Hofstad also reported on 800 MHz readiness, and announced that the department has completed specifications for its new fire engine and anticipates ordering the engine by July. Chief Hofstad also reported on the department's quick response to the recent apartment fire, thanking the crew and noting the City's service level increase.

Mr. Beckman reported that the city is working towards an interlocal agreement with Snohomish County for IT Services.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor White declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Lynda L. Jeffries, City Clerk