

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 25, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Bergman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

City Clerk Lisa Sokolik called the roll with the following Councilmembers Present: Dani Gaumond, Marcus Metz, Darren Robb, Robert Hicks, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman, and Tim Schmitt. The meeting was quorate.

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Police Chief Jason Toner, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, City Engineer/Capital Projects Manager Alan Lytton, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

*Motion by Councilmember Gaumond, second by Councilmember Metz to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Presentation:

Lincoln Hill High School Update - Student Representative Bee Hartell

- On December 3rd the leadership team cooked a pancake breakfast for the whole student body; ingredients were donated by the booster club.
- In December, during advisory and lunch period in the common area, students could participate in the Open Mic event. Students could sing a song or do standup comedy.
- In January, the leadership team is gearing up for the Sweet Notes fundraising event. For \$1.00, students can purchase a Valentine Graham to be delivered on Valentine's Day.

5. Public Comments

<u>Name:</u>	<u>City:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>
Michael Wooten	Stanwood	Fireworks Ban
Cathy Wooten	Stanwood	Council speak into mics so audience can hear

6. Staff / Department Report: None

7. Council Committee Reports

Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2024

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2024

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Robb to approve the consent agenda items A and B. **Motion carried unanimously.***

9. Unfinished Business

Authorize Final Acceptance of the 88th Ave Arch Project Completed by Interwest Construction, Inc.

Councilmember Shepro asked if the base of the arch will be landscaped. Lytton said yes, with grass seed as soon as the weather warms up.

Mayor Roberts asked about adding lights to the arch. Love said staff is looking into rope LED lights and color options.

*Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Hicks to authorize the final acceptance of the 88th Avenue Archway project with Interwest Construction, Inc. **Motion carried unanimously.***

10. Public Hearing: None

11. New Business

Approve the 2024 Council Committee Selections

*Motion by Councilmember Gaumond, second by Councilmember Metz to approve the 2024 council standing committee memberships as submitted by the nominating committee. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments: None

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- City Hall and the Police Station remodel has begun. City Hall will be closed for three months, and the police station will be closed for three weeks. Staff will work remotely.
- Writing an article for the winter edition newsletter highlighting Hamilton Park and Depot Park, the new downtown park.
- Our new Communication and Marketing Specialist Niki Strachila has already helped out immensely and we are very grateful to have her.
- Everyone is invited to the ribbon cutting for Bleached Society on Friday, January 26th at 1:00 pm.
- On February 8th at 5:00 pm there will be a Council Special Workshop. Council will be discussing the next steps for the Fireworks Ban issue.

b. City Administrator Report

- Smith, Hushagen, and the mayor had an informative and productive meeting with the fire department, the flood control district, the school district and several citizens that have worked for many years fighting flood water; Jack Freeberg, Chuck Hazelton, Rick Williams, Les Anderson, Nick Hanson, John Russell, Ryan Ovenell, and Chris Kastner.

A lot was learned from all the participants, mainly how the floods have changed over the years: flood levels, where it gets over the bank, how it makes its way through the valley from Sylvanna, and how it gets into the city.

Since the meeting, staff has been working to update the Standard Operating Procedures for future floods to include staging areas, staging equipment, supplies needed, and contact information for all agencies involved. It's been nine years since the last flood wall was built and a lot has changed.

- Hushagen attended the Stillaguamish Watershed Committee meeting at the Stillaguamish Tribal Office where the flood was discussed. Hushagen said the Committee also thought it was strange that the water flooded at a lower level.
- Met with other agencies regarding the flood: Burlington Northern Railroad, and Snohomish County Emergency Management.
- At the request of the Mayor, our new Communications and Marketing Specialist Niki Strachila has been ramping up content on our social media and city website. The goal is for citizens to come to our platforms to get current and correct information, instead of relying on other accounts where incorrect information is sometimes posted.

c. Councilmember's Report/Questions

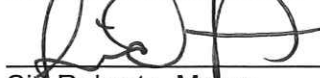
- Councilmember Gaumond requested that sidewalks on the west end of town be added to the Six Year TIP and the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Councilmember Robb thanked Smith for the flood preparation report. Robb commented that Council approved the purchase of a flood wall (using ARPA funds) which will help the response time during a flood event.
- Councilmember Hicks asked if there is still money available and if the city is still accepting applications for the City Beautification Grant program. Love answered yes to both.
- Councilmember Shepro thanked Smith for the flood response report. Requesting to have a special workshop to discuss bank capacity and if it can be used to fund sidewalk projects. When is the Hamilton Landing grand opening ribbon cutting? Lytton said the boat ramp and necessary components are finished. The restrooms and playground will be completed mid-April. The plan is to open the boat ramp now but have a ribbon cutting in May when the rest of the park is completed, this will also allow the landscaping to take root.
- Councilmember Bergman asked if there is any news on Viking Village. Love answered that the City has not received an application for this project.
- Councilmember Schmitt asked what the cause for missing check numbers in the check register would be. Hammond said he will look into it.

14. Recess to Executive Session – None

15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk