

**CITY OF STANWOOD**  
Regular Meeting of the City Council  
May 9, 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 Schmitt 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, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Finance Director David Hammond, Fire Chief John Cermak, Police Chief Jason Toner, Police Sgt. Kore Oyetuga, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, City Engineer/Capital Projects Manager Alan Lytton, Finance Analyst Tim Niebruegge, Building Official Scott Black and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik. Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, and Utilities Supervisor Leigh Danielson attended via Zoom.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion by Councilmember Gaumond, second by Councilmember Hicks to approve the agenda as Published. **Motion carried unanimously.***

**4. Presentation**

Washington Building Official Award to Scott Black

City Administrator Smith said at the Washington Association of Building Officials Conference, the City of Stanwood was one of three cities to receive a recognition award for all the hard work that was put into the new statewide Wildland Urban Interface Code, a code designed to help prevent wildfires. Smith thanked and recognized Scott Black with a plaque for doing all the work on this code in order for the City to receive the WABO award.

Mayor Roberts also thanked Scott Black for all the hard work he does for the City.

**5. Public Comments**

Written:

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>City</u> | <u>Topic</u>                                                                                          |
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| Christina Everson | Stanwood    | Traffic concern regarding teens speeding in the Cedarhome Ridge neighborhood on 73 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. |
| Christina Everson | Stanwood    | Homeless living in vehicles in the library parking lot.                                               |

Chief Toner said he met with the Librarian to discuss this issue. Public Works will be installing 'No Overnight Camping' signs. Violations will include a warning, be trespassed, maybe arrest. A social worker also spoke with the individuals about available services.

## 6. Staff / Department Report

- a. Police Compstat Report – April
- b. Finance First Quarter Report

## 7. Council Committee Reports

- a. Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2024
- b. Public Safety Committee Minutes – April 11, 2024
- c. Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2024

## 8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2024
- c. Approve Second Leak Adjustment for Account 2560

*Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Metz to approve consent agenda item A. approval of vouchers and payroll checks, item B. approve city council regular meeting minutes for April 25, 2024, and item C. approve second utility account adjustment. **Motion carried unanimously.***

## 9. Unfinished Business

- a. Approve Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1528 Title 7 – Health, Sanitation and Nuisances

Council had several questions and directives during the first reading. Love went over the responses to those questions regarding:

- Simplifying the solid waste chapter.
- Nuisances.
- Adopt stronger graffiti regulations.
- Definition of junk vehicles.
- Construction noise hours.

Council discussed and asked questions.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Hicks to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 1528 as set forth in attachment “A” with the suggested changes.*

*Roll call of votes was taken. **Motion carried unanimously.***

- b. Approve Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1529 Title 8 – Animal Control

Council had several questions and directives during the first reading. Love went over the responses to those questions regarding:

- Animal waste.
- Lot size minimums for beekeeping.
- Differences between “pigs” and “swine”.
- Allowing ducks similar to chicken regulations.
- How wild animals are managed.

Council discussed and asked questions.

*Motion by Councilmember Hicks, second by Councilmember Metz to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 1529 as set forth in attachment "A".*

*Roll call of votes was taken. **Motion carried unanimously.***

## **10. Public Hearing**

No public hearing.

## **11. New Business**

- a. Approve Resolution 2024-07 Mayor's Emergency Declaration for Sewer Flooding within the Police Station

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Robb to adopt Resolution 2024-07 confirming Mayor Roberts' emergency proclamation of April 18, 2024, authorizing the use of emergency procurement procedures consistent with state law. **Motion carried unanimously.***

- b. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Liv Clausen to Waive Sewer Impact Fees to Accommodate the 276<sup>th</sup> Sidewalk Infill Project

Lytton explained that after acquiring right-of-way for the 276<sup>th</sup> sidewalk infill project, Clausen's septic tank drain field was discovered under the sidewalk alignment. In order to proceed with the sidewalk project, the septic tank drain field will need to be decommissioned. Ms. Clausen has agreed to connect to City sewer if the sewer plant investment fees are waived, she will be responsible for the monthly sewer bills.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Hicks to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with property owner Liv Clausen to waive sewer plant investment fees to accommodate the 276<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Infill project. **Motion carried unanimously.***

- c. Approve the 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue Arch Banner Designs

Love said Council approved the first round of arch banners in October 2023, but asked for more design themes that would represent fall, rosemaling or other Norwegian specific art designs, winter/holiday and Stanwood landmarks. The Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission advertised for a second call for art and received 100 submissions from 32 artists.

A survey was sent out to gather feedback from other artists and community members, the survey results and submissions were evaluated by the SCAAC review team, and they narrowed it down to ten designs to be presented to Council.

Council asked questions and made comments.

*Motion by Councilmember Hicks, second by Councilmember Shepro to accept the ten 88<sup>th</sup> Ave arch banner designs and direct staff to initiate the production and manufacturing of the banners. **Motion carried unanimously.***

## **12. Public Closing Comments**

No closing comments.

### 13. Executive/Legislative Reports

#### a. Mayor's Report

- Reminder to Council to let your committee alternate know if you cannot make a meeting.
- The Clean Sweep Event is Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, behind the Country Store. Old TV's can be dropped off at the Kiwanis Club on Main Street. Hazardous materials can be dropped off at a Snohomish County location for free.

#### b. City Administrator Report

- The hanging baskets went up this week and look great, they were grown by the high school students.
- City crews finished the paving work on 284<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The paving work on 76<sup>th</sup> Street is scheduled to begin tomorrow, May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- City received seven bids for the Viking Way Phase II project. Low bid was \$1.8 million, engineer's estimate was 2.1 million.

#### c. Councilmember's Report/Questions

- Schmitt – events that are coming up: Movies in the Park and Clean Sweep.
- Bergman – Picker's Market is May 11<sup>th</sup>, on Facebook there is 7,000 interested people going vs. 700 last year, quite a difference! Congratulations to Scott Black! Bergman is in charge of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade this year.
- Shepro – thanked Bergman for bringing donuts to the last meeting. Council had a serious Special Workshop tonight discussing hard decisions about changes to our tax systems. Got to vote on some nice things tonight, sidewalks, banners, junk vehicles which all goes to making Stanwood a better place, so think about the discussion about taxes and contact Finance Director Hammond if you have any questions.
- Hicks – Congratulations to Scott Black and welcome to Tim Niebruegge the City's new Finance Analyst. Had lunch with Mary Brederick from the Resource Center and learned about everything they do; encouraged her to give a presentation to council.
- Robb – Congratulations and thank you for bringing back an award for the city Scott Black. Welcome to the city Tim Niebruegge. It's municipal clerk's week, thank you to City Clerk Sokolik.
- Metz – Should be looking at a historic overlay in the downtown area now, before it's too late.
- Gaumond – Thanked Scott Black, welcomed Tim Niebruegge and thanked Lisa Sokolik. Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

### 14. Recess to Executive Session

No executive session.

### 15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk