

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 24, 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 Robb 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, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Engineer Alan Lytton, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Police Chief Jason Toner, Sgt. Karl Gilje, Sgt. Kore Oyetuga and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Metz to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Presentation

Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Award for 2023

Mayor Roberts presented the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Award for the year 2023 to WWTP Operators Michael Evans-Lead, Leland Bartlett, and Matt Kallicott. The City has received this recognition from Washington State Dept. of Ecology nine years in a row. Out of 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, only 118 received the award.

5. Public Comment

No public comments.

6. Staff / Department Report

Finance Third Quarter Report

Councilmember Shepro asked if the park fees collected (pg 6.10) covered the cost to maintain those rental areas. Hammond answered no, the cost to maintain those areas is more than fees collected, but indirectly having the athletic fields tournament ready will help the City by drawing people to town where they can also shop and dine.

7. Council Committee Reports

- a. Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes – Oct. 3, 2024
- b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – Sept. 9, 2024
- c. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes – Sept. 9 and Oct. 7, 2024

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2024
- c. Approve City Council Workshop Minutes – October 10, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Shepro to approve consent agenda items A. approval of vouchers and payroll checks, B. approve City Council Regular meeting minutes for October 10, 2024, and C. approve City Council Workshop minutes for October 10, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

10. Public Hearing

First Reading of Ordinance 1539: 2025 Property Tax Levy

Mayor Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Hammond discussed the property tax levy with Council. Property tax is a big supporter of the general operations of the City and is a serious decision of the Council. Council has reviewed and discussed the proposed 2025-2026 budget and capital plan at four Council Workshops earlier this year.

With no public comments, Mayor Roberts closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Councilmembers asked questions and made comments.

Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Hicks to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1539 Levying Taxes upon all property subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Stanwood, Washington for 2025, with one percent levy increase from 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. New Business

- a. Adopt Resolution 2024-12 Salary and Benefit Schedule

Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Shepro to pass Resolution 2024-12 adopting the Salary and Benefits Schedule for the City Employees effective January 1, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Merrell Bros, Inc. for Biosolids Removal

*Motion by Councilmember Gaumond, second by Councilmember Bergman to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Merrell Bros, LLC in the amount of \$1,293,000.00 with a project contingency of \$140,000.00 for total project authorization of \$1,433,000.00. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments

No closing comments.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

- a. Mayor's Report
- b. City Administrator Report
- c. Councilmember's Report/Questions

14. Recess to Executive Session

No executive session scheduled for this meeting.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

CITY OF STANWOOD



Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk