

**CITY OF STANWOOD**  
Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Thursday, February 13, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
Stanwood Camano School District Administration Board Room  
**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Pro Tempore Rob Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

Deputy Clerk Sara Robinson called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Rob Johnson, Dianne White (via telephone), Elizabeth Callaghan, Timothy Pearce, Steve Shepro, Sid Roberts, and Judy Williams. The meeting was quorate.

Also present: Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Finance Director David Hammond, Police Chief Rob Martin, Fire Chief John Cermak, Attorney Brett Vinson, City Administrator Jennifer Ferguson, and Deputy Clerk Sara Robinson.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion by Councilmember Roberts, second by Councilmember Callaghan, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*

**4. Citizen Comments**

Brandon Bailey – 1410 Bonnie Lane, Camano Island WA

He is a Pastor at Tidelands Church and has been watching folks that are going to the Stanwood Food Bank waiting at the bus stop across the road in the City parking lot. When it rains people cross the street and stand under the eaves of the church to stay dry. They are welcome to do so, however, it might be a safety issue at times. Mr. Bailey spoke with Community Transit about getting a shelter for that location. They require the City to put in a concrete pad which might also utilize the sidewalk.

Councilmember Callaghan asked that Public Works look at this, do some research and get back to the Public Works Committee for recommendation.

Tim Schmitt – 27308 101st Avenue

Mr. Schmitt would like to recommend rotation of the Mayor Pro Tempore position in the future. Maybe limit to once every three years. This would make sure that the councilmembers have a well-rounded experience.

**5. Staff Reports**

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- a. Finance Report 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – 2019
- b. Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - December 16, 2019
- c. Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2019

### 6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve January 23, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- c. Authorize the Mayor to Sign on-Call Professional Services Agreement Extensions with PACE Engineers and David Evans and Associates
- d. Authorize the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Stillaguamish Outdoor Media for I-5 Billboard Advertising
- e. Approve Mayor's Appointment to Economic Development Board

Regarding Consent item d. - Councilmember Callaghan asked what the process is for what is put on the billboard.

Jennifer Ferguson explained that the program was enhanced last year and that Stanwood/Camano is first in the rotation. Stanwood also partnered with Special Events such as Summer Arts Jam, Farmers Market and Idler's Car Show offering a \$1,000 grant. Those funds are being used for this purpose.

Councilmember Pearce suggested the billboard advertisements should emphasize that the location of the events is Stanwood.

Councilmember Williams pointed out that that they are in the process of working on the art work now and we will be able to review it prior to the advertisements being posted.

*Motion by Councilmember Roberts, Second by Councilmember Pearce, to approve the Consent Agenda items a through e. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 7. New Business

- a. Approve First Reading of Ordinance 1483 – Amending Gambling Tax Rates

Finance Director, David Hammond presented the first reading of Ordinance 1483 to amend the gambling tax rates for the City of Stanwood. Currently the City has two commercial and one non-profit establishment conducting taxable activity. The commercial businesses approached City requesting the gambling tax applicable to pull tabs to be decreased. The City currently assesses gambling tax on pull-tabs sold by non-profit establishments at a lower rate than commercial establishments (5% net of prizes).

Hammond presented three options to the Finance Committee. Option A- 5% of gross (current rate) - approximately \$11,171 per year, Option B 4% of Gross - approximately \$8,936 per year, Option C 10% of Net - approximately \$4,783 per year, Option D 5% of Net - approximately \$2,392 per year.

The amendment was discussed at the February 11, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting and the Committee recommends Option C.

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Councilmember Johnson pointed out that the Finance Committee discussed this issue and that some of the current establishments are considering not doing pull tabs due to this tax. If we compromise we will keep some revenue coming in rather than none.

Councilmember Callaghan would like to leave the tax rate as it is. Feels that it is best to keep the rate consistent to the neighboring cities.

*Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Johnson, to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 1483 Revising Local Gambling Tax Rates.*

*Johnson – Yes, White – Abstain, Callaghan – No, Pearce – No, Shepro – Yes, Roberts – No, Williams – No. Motion failed, two votes yes and four votes no.*

### 8. Citizen Closing Comments

None

### 9. Reports of Officers and Committees

a. Mayor's Report – NA

b. City Administrator's Report

Jennifer Ferguson is excited to announce that the City Survey results are in and are available on the City Website and Social Media.

Glass Quest starts tomorrow. This is a big event that brings a lot of people to the community. The City is also hosting clue balls this year. Make sure to use the App, Discover Stanwood Camano and Social Media. Tell your friends to join! Happy Valentine's Day!

c. Councilmember Reports and Questions

Chief Cermak wanted to warn folks that there is a company going around town door to door selling smoke detectors. The items they are selling cost around \$200 each. The average smoke detector should cost around \$38. Please feel free to call the Fire Station if you ever have any questions.

Councilmember Shepro asked what the policy is regarding back yard burning. Chief Cermak noted that burning garbage is not allowed in the city. More information including definitions are located on the North County Fire Authority website.

Councilmember Roberts – Thank you to Mr. Bailey for coming tonight and speaking during public comment. We hear you and we are on it. Also, Councilmember Roberts would like to see less Consent and more items on New Business.

Councilmember Callaghan spoke regarding the Consent Agenda items. She would prefer it to be the opposite and if a Councilmember wants to discuss an item further they can recommend it be moved to New Business.

Councilmember Johnson agrees but would like the Board Appointments pulled out to New Business to acknowledge that person for volunteering.

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Councilmember Shepro thanked all members of the public for attending the meeting tonight.

Councilmember Williams asked where we are at with the Chamber of Commerce contract for the Concerts, etc. Jennifer Ferguson noted that they are still getting the details ironed out for them and that contract amendments will be coming to council for approval soon.

### 12. Adjourn to Executive Session –

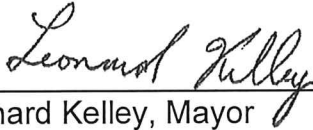
Mayor Pro Tempore Rob Johnson adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 7:33 pm for 20 minutes with no action anticipated.

At 7:55 pm an additional 5 minutes was requested.

### 13. Reconvene and Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tempore Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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Leonard Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Sara Robinson, Deputy Clerk