

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, July 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
In-Person & Zoom Online Meeting
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Metz 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, Tim Pearce, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman, Tim Schmitt. The meeting was quorate.

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Finance Manager Wendy Dowhower, Police Chief Jason Toner, Fire Chief John Cermak, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, City Planner Tansy Schroeder, Associate Planner Audrey Rotrock, Associate Engineer Alan Lytton, Building Official Scott Black, Human Resource Manager Pat Adams, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Roberts asked Council to amend the agenda by adding item 14. executive session to discuss pending city litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i),

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

4. Presentations

Employee Recognition Awards

Mayor Roberts presented the second annual Employee Excellence Awards to two employees who were nominated by citizens and their peers. This year's awards went to Tansy Schroeder for her outstanding external customer service and to Wendy Dowhower for her endless support internally. Congratulations to you both on your achievement and thank you for your outstanding service to our organization and community.

5. Public Comments

Written:

Sara Stiers, Stanwood

Topic:

Noise disturbance coming from the Redemption Hills Church and its zoning violation.

Megan Dascher Watkins

Response to Kylie Robert's email to council.

6. Staff / Department Reports

- a. Police Compstat Report – June
- b. Comprehensive Plan / Municipal Code Quarterly Project Report

7. Council Committee Reports

- a. Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2023
- b. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2023
- c. Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2023
- d. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2023

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2023

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

9. Unfinished Business

Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Ramaley Property and a Commerce Grant Amendment

Love said the Ramaley property is located on Pioneer Highway adjacent to the fire station. The property's purpose will be for building a new police station and/or civic buildings.

In 2016, the City of Stanwood received a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce to purchase the 72nd Avenue property for a Police Station / City Hall civic campus. Subsection 14(B) of the grant agreement allows the city to sell and purchase another property for the same use with approval of the Department of Commerce. Commerce has approved the Ramaley Purchase and Sale agreement.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Robb to authorize the Mayor to sign the Washington State Department of Commerce Grant Amendment, attached as Exhibit A or with minor edits as approved by the City Attorney, reallocating the local and community project 2016 program funds to the property located at 26855 Pioneer Highway. **Motion carried unanimously.***

*Motion by Councilmember Pearce, second by Councilmember Robb to authorize the Mayor to sign the Ramaley Purchase and Sale Agreement attached as Exhibit B for the property located at 26855 Pioneer Highway. **Motion carried unanimously.***

10. Public Hearing – None

11. New Business

- a. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Konnerup Construction for the Hamilton Landing Park Project

Lytton said the city received 4 bids with Konnerup Construction being the low bidder. This project is made in collaboration with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The WDFW portion of the work is funded by the Boating Facility RCO Program. Initially, the city would receive \$310,000 from WDFW for their portion of the project but just two days ago WDFW received word that more funds became available, and they will be receiving an

additional \$370,000. Konnerup Construction will be doing both the City and WDFW portions of the project. This project included 3 alternates: a bathroom with related utility work, removing 9 Piling Poles, and a concrete paver Labyrinth. Staff is recommending to include all 3 alternates.

Council discussed this project and asked staff questions regarding the 3 alternatives.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Schmitt to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Konnerup Construction, Inc. for the Hamilton Landing Park project for a total of \$1,553,568.43. **Motion carried unanimously.***

b. Adopt Ordinance 1523 - Emergency Noise Control

Love said in the process of reviewing Title 9 it was discussed that the noise regulations in Chapter 9.50 should be moved to Title 7 – Health and Sanitation, to be combined with the nuisance code. Recent revisions to Title 9 inadvertently deleted the city’s noise regulations without readopting them in Title 7 leaving a gap in the City’s code. As an emergency action the City Council adopted Emergency Noise Control Ordinance 1522 on June 22, 2023.

The purpose of this new emergency ordinance is to adopt the remaining nuisance provisions that were contained in Title 9, giving the City the authority to enforce both the noise and nuisance regulations while the remaining portions of Title 7 is being rewritten. There is only one minor change, the distance was changed from 75’ to 50’.

Council questions:

- What prompted the decision to reduce the noise distance to 50 ft? City Attorney Thompson answered there is case law that specifically approves that distance so it would be defensible
- Is there any consideration about drone noise? Love answered that drone noise is not in the current code, but is one of the items that the consultant will be looking at during the code update.

The Mayor asked what is meant by the source? Is it 50’ from property line? Thompson answered that it is 50’ from the source of the noise.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Shepro to approve Ordinance 1523 as set forth in attachment “A” adopting Stanwood Municipal Code Chapter 7.30, Noise Control. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor’s Report

- Lots of projects happening in Stanwood, there are 10 actively being worked on.
- Pickleball Courts and Skate Park dedications will be on Monday at 2pm. The Mayor and Councilmember Pearce will be playing the first game.
- The dike repair funding from Congressman Larson’s office was cut from \$2.6 million to \$850,000, but we are still encouraged that the dike repair will happen.

b. City Administrator Report

- The Arch is going up on Wednesday so 88th will be closed.
- The 88th Ave sidewalk project is starting on Monday, July 24th.
- There is \$1 million budgeted for the city's portion of the Hamilton Park project and with the RCO grant funds, the city will probably not need all the \$1 million, so the remainder can be used on other projects.

c. Councilmember's Report/Questions

- Metz got a look at the Arch as it was being powder coated and welded together, the Arch is massive. There will be a crane in Stanwood next week to put it in place.
- Shepro asked if there was tree work being done on 73rd? Smith answered yes, the project will take much longer than anticipated as the tree roots are very large and are everywhere.
- Bergman said lots of people attended the 4th of July parade and enjoyed the ice cream social afterwards.
- Bergman asked if trees were going to be planted all the way down 271st. Love answered that trees are going in just the section that has been designed. The other sections will be evaluated during design.
- Schmitt said the newly painted gypsy wagon looked great.
- Robb said he met a skate boarder who was so excited about the new skate park that he was taking a video to show his friends.


14. Recess to Executive Session

At 8:05 p.m., the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Smith, City Attorney Thompson, Community Development Director Love, and Building Official Black recessed to Executive Session for a 10-minute discussion on pending city litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i), no action was taken. At 8:15 p.m. Smith announced that the executive session will be another 5 minutes. The regular city council meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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Sid Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk