

Council Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2008

Mayor Samuelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Jim Recupero, Robert Gilman, Rene Neff and Russell Sparkman. Council Member Bob Waterman is out of town. Also present were Director of Planning Larry Cort and Director of Finance/City Clerk Debbie Mahler. The flag salute was led by Rene Neff.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda. M – Gilman, 2nd – Sparkman. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2008
- b. Claims Warrants in the amount of \$151,335.11
- c. Approval of Agenda
- d. Approval of Nichols Bros. Agreement
- e. Approval of City/Chamber grant application to State CTED for \$5,000 grant to fund event shuttle service

Mayor's Report

- a. Mayor Samuelson reported that Fairgrounds Road will be opened this week. The road is finished and has been striped.
- b. Langley harbor/Port – The City's new way of administering the harbor is working well and revenues are up. August boating is down a little from last year, but the July/August period is still higher than the same period a year ago. The weather has not been good, July was much better. Mayor asked the Council if they want to present a Resolution in support of the Port's ballot issue. Consensus was to draft a resolution for that purpose.
- c. The walking tour and open house was a great success. 50-75 people showed up and the tours were a great success. City Hall, the gardens, and the historical pictures were toured.

Council Reports

- a. Rene Neff reported that the next Cemetery Board Meeting will be on Monday. Lynn Hayes is having a metal arbor type structure made and donating it to the Cemetery. They plan to have a dedication for the ash garden on Oct. 26th. There is an Eagle Scout working on some benches for the Cemetery. She also reported that the Parks and Open Space Commission had a first meeting. It went very well; they had an overview of their responsibilities and duties then had a tour of all the parks facilities. The Commission will be evaluating the City's needs for parks and open space.

Citizen Comments

Dane Anderson mentioned that the Port would like to spruce up Phil Simon Park along with the harbor expansion.

Discussion Items

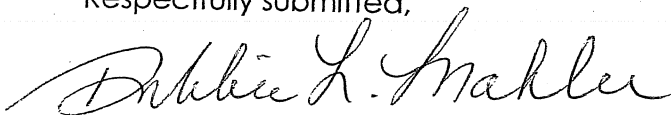
- a. *Budget Report* – Debbie Mahler gave an overview of the 2008 budget status presented the proposed amendments to it.
- b. *Presentation on population demography.* Larry Cort gave a slide show presentation on the City's housing and demographic projections based on historical information on housing, family size and occupancy rates, in combination with direction provided with the Comp Plan on desired demographics and housing styles.
- c. *Council of Governance proposed resolution 01-08* Promoting a reduction in waste and greenhouse gas emissions through government operations and community education as well as encouraging "Smart Growth" rural and urban community planning that support these goals. Mayor Samuelson presented the COG resolution for the Council's information and approval. Council consensus was that the Mayor should sign the proposed resolution for Langley.

Department reports

- a. *Planning.* Larry Cort reported that the PAB has done a fairgrounds overlay report and submitted it to the state. A group of PAB members and several citizens with expertise are studying and will produce a draft Heritage Tree preservation ordinance soon. Larry also reported that the staff has been working on a better system for tracking and enforcing land and building development.
- b. *Finance/Clerk.* Debbie Mahler reported that the 2008 budget amendment will be discussed further at the next Council workshop and a public hearing will be held on the amendments at the September 15th meeting. She also reported that the Mayor's first 2009 draft budget will be ready for the Council at the first meeting in October.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion - Recupero, 2nd – Sparkman. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk

Passed by the City Council of the City of Langley and Approved by the Mayor
this ___ day of _____, 2008.