

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2011

Mayor Samuelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Robert Gilman, Fran Abel, Rene Neff, Bob Waterman and Hal Seligson. Also present were Public Works Director, Challis Stringer and Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler. The flag salute was led by Council Member Neff.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – January 3, 2011
- b. Claims Warrants Nos. 27422-27459 in the amount of \$113,006.08
- c. Payroll Warrants # 27284-27309 (12/15/10) in the amount of \$51,318.26 and # 27346-27371 (12/31/10) in the amount of \$52,342.20
- d. Approval of Agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. *Langley Library.* Vicky Welfare, Librarian reported that there are some changes coming in the new year. A new computer system will be installed this spring along with new carpeting and painting. Winners of Whidbey Island Writers Assoc. will give readings on Thursday, January 27th at 7 PM and performer Brian Stratton will take patrons on a journey about the singers/songwriters of the '60s and will have his guitar and encourages people to sing along on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 7 PM.

b. *Langley Chamber.* Sherry Mays thanked everyone on their efforts on home for the holidays, Mystery Weekend PR is out; she is working on the next experience Langley; and the Chamber Board had their visioning meeting last week. PSE gave sponsorship money to the Chamber. Sherry attended the content marketing retreat last week, which was very well attended from around the country. A Ferry Advisory meeting is to be held soon -- tariffs are the hot topic right now. There is a story coming out in April about Langley in Northwest Magazine.

c. *Port of South Whidbey.* Commissioner Chris Jerome reported that the permitting process for the harbor is moving along. They have two grants pending, should know soon if they will be approved. The Port submitted a new grant application for boarding floats and one to fund a commercial kitchen at the Fairgrounds. The pump out barge has been all cleaned up and looks great.

d. *Kim Tiller – Main Street Program.* Kim reported that an initial meeting was held last Wednesday. 60 people attended and there was lots of enthusiasm. Wednesday, January 26th at 5:30 a meeting will be held at Music for the Eyes and board members will be chosen.

CITIZEN COMMENTS *

Robin Adams asked what the City's policy is on communications regarding quasi-judicial matters. Marianne Edain also said a communication on Langley Passage was printed in the South Whidbey Record. Both parties felt it was not appropriate. Mayor Samuelson said he would check with legal counsel regarding the matter, but it was his understanding that the communications were public records.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 954 amending Ordinance 928 and the 2010 operating budget. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Waterman. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City and Langley CMA Church regarding parking facilities. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Neff. Director of Public Works, Challis Stringer met with the Church and renegotiated the agreement with the changes requested by Council. The Church was happy to make changes. Challis went through the agreement with the Council. Kittrell McCord did not feel that the community's questions had been taken into consideration regarding the agreement. Council member Gilman moved to amend the motion to approve the agreement contingent upon a vetting of the agreement by the city attorney and the Federal Highways Administration. The amendment was seconded by Council member Neff and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Smolko of VEBA, gave a presentation on the voluntary employee's beneficiary association. He explained how the program works and the benefits and cost savings to both employees and the city.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, a Resolution authorizing establishment of a health reimbursement arrangement/voluntary employees' beneficiary association. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Abel. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an ordinance relating to law enforcement and adding a new Chapter 2.18 to LMC providing a general description of the duties and functions of the police department and the appointment and

duties of the position of police chief. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Seligson. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:22 PM the Council took a five minute recess. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:28 PM.

Council Standing Committees Discussion. Robert Gilman and Fran Abel formed a committee to study the issue of council committees and their use. Currently municipal code has 5 standing committees established that have not been in use for many years. Discussion ensued as to whether these standing committees are needed, if the ones in the code should be changed in scope, what that scope should be, how membership is established and if ad hoc committees should be used instead. Robert and Fran will follow up with more research and further recommendations at the next meeting.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.
Motion - Waterman, 2nd – Seligson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk