Mayor McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Thomas Gill, Robin Black and Rene Neff. Absent was Jim Sundberg. Bruce Allen arrived at 5:45. Also present were Planning Director Jeff Arango, Public Works Director Stan Berryman, Police chief Dave Marks and City Clerk/Director of Finance Debbie Mahler. Mayor McCarthy led the flag salute.

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda. Motion – Neff, 2nd – Gill. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda. Motion - Gill, 2nd - Black. The consent agenda was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 10/06/14.
b. Approval of claims warrants in the amount of $10,400.85.
c. Approval of payroll warrants Nos. 32323-32347 (9-15-14) in the amount of $51,100.55 and Nos. 32348-32372 (9-31-14) in the amount of $49,615.63
d. Resignation of Community Planner, Jeff Arango.

**RECOGNITION/APPRECIATION**

Mayor McCarthy gave a Mayor’s Award of excellence to the four Award winning Island wineries from 2014 Seattle Wine Award Winners:

- Ott and Murphy wines
- Whidbey Island Winery
- Spoiled Dog Winery
- Blooms Winery

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS**

Civil Service Commission – Tucker Stevens reported this year the commission recommended Dave Marks be made chief and helped in the hiring process for our fourth officer and replacement officer.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Karla Jacks, candidate for Island County Commissioner from Camano Island, introduced herself to the Council and audience.

**STAFF REPORTS**

*Community Planning* – Jeff Arango thanked the Council and community for their support during his service here. He and the Mayor had a meeting with the owner of the Doghouse and their architect and they presented a plan for remodel of the Council Meeting Minutes 10-20-14
building and a renewed interest in a street vacation, land swap. Unveiling of the arts sculptures in the plaza on Second Street will be on Halloween at 5:30. Jeff made a recommendation to the city to invest in a Port Master Plan and use that process to flush out a preferred option for the Langley lift and marina expansion.

Public Works – Stan Berryman reported there was a major water main break on Sunrise Lane last week and public works had it fixed within two days. Sixth Street has been striped. The PW crew power washed the back (First Street) side of City Hall. The lavender on Third Street has been trimmed.

Police – Chief Marks reported that the Langley PD assisted in the arrest of the felon from Florida that was reported in the newspaper. Luke Adkins is in the 3rd week of the law enforcement academy. The department has had almost 1,100 calls for service so far this year. They department is staying very busy with one officer in the academy.

Finance – Debbie Mahler reported that financial reports and revenue graphs for the month of September will be distributed in the morning. A Public Hearing on the budget and revenue for the coming year will be scheduled for the second meeting in November. The preliminary budget will be distributed at the first meeting in November.

MAYORS REPORT

The City is in the 10th month of the economic development plan. This month’s focus is on education. The networking luncheon is next Tuesday. A workshop at the Commons on “How we identify Langley as an inviting place to shop”, is Tuesday November 4. A second meeting organized by Helen Price Johnson on substance abuse has been scheduled. A job description posting was distributed for the Planning Director position.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To Pass a Resolution setting a date for a public hearing to consider a street vacation with regard to the Doghouse project. Motion – Neff, 2nd – Allen. Motion carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 1005 regarding the maintenance and demolition of historic structures in the CB District. Thomas Gill would like to amend the ordinance to take out sections not directly related to demolition of
historic structures and consider those at another date. The ordinance was left as is. Motion - Allen, 2nd – Neff. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** To adopt Resolution No. 765, amending the Land Use Fee Schedule. Motion – Black, 2nd – Allen. Motion was approved with all in favor.

**MOTION:** To adopt Resolution No. 766, amending the Municipal Code Fee Schedule – Allen, 2nd – Neff. Motion was approved without opposition.

**MOTION:** To waive the two reading requirement and pass Resolution No. 767 Setting a date for public hearing to consider a street vacation. Motion – Allen, 2nd – Gill. Motion was unanimously approved.

*Progress report on study of complaints received regarding Mo's Pub.* After a meeting with complaints from neighbors of Mo’s pub, a council workshop was scheduled for last week to discuss the problem. It was decided that a better approach would be to get comments from Council Members and department heads on the subject to the Mayor by last Thursday. These comments and suggestions will be analyzed, possible solutions then sent to the City Attorney for review. Bob Trenchard announced that he will be managing the pub as Maureen has another business she will be attending to. Bob is in treatment for cancer, so is not available at all times.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**
Council went into Executive Session at 6:40 PM to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency, matters relating to agency litigation to which the governing body is a party when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. The session was estimated to take approximately 30 minutes. The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:12 PM.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**
Bruce Allen reported that he is a part of Ryther Child Center, had an auction at the Rod and Gun Club last weekend and made $29,000 for the center. Tom French a Chef, gave a presentation on what the Center has done for him and his family. Rene Neff reported that Island Shakespeare festival got their 501c3 designation.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**
Councilman Gill asked that we consider opening up the Planner position as a contract position. He has been approached with this idea from several residents.
Rene Neff did not agree, wants a consistent face and so does Bruce Allen. Mayor would like to put together a committee of people to interview and consider candidates. Consensus was to go ahead with the posting.

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 7:26 PM. Motion – Allen, 2nd – Neff. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Clerk/Finance Director