Langley City Council Minutes
August 18, 2014

Mayor McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Present were Council Members Thomas Gill, Bruce Allen, Robin Black, Jim Sundberg and Rene Neff. Also present were City Planning Director Jeff Arango, Public Works Director Stan Berryman, Police Chief Dave Marks, and Director of Finance/Clerk Debbie Mahler.

MOTION: To approve the Agenda as amended. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda. Motion - Sundberg, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of council meeting minutes of 8-04-14.
Approval of claims warrants Nos. 32187-322216 in the amount of $14,843.42.
Approval of payroll warrants Nos. 32081-32107 (7/15/14) in the amount of $52,920.03 and Nos. 32133-32158 (7/31/14) in the amount of $52,705.08.
Confirmation of the hiring of Officer Mike Beech.

RECOGNITION/APPRECIATION

Swearing in of Officer Beech. Officer Beech was introduced by Chief Marks. He was a deputy for Island County for 20 years, US Embassy in Bagdad, has two children and his wife is the Clerk-Treasurer of Coupeville. Officer Beech was sworn in by Debbie Mahler.

Wastewater Treatment Plant award. Our wastewater treatment plant has received special recognition from the Department of Ecology. The City has consistently won this award. Randi Perry, treatment plant operator and her son, Sam accepted the award.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission semi-annual report. Bob Waterman reported that there has been a lot of turnover on the commission and the City has an application from a new potential member today. There are now seven places listed on the historic register in Langley. The Commission is working on a nomination for the original sanctuary of the Methodist Church. It was built in 1909. The Middle School is also in the works. Each May is historic preservation month. This May, the commission had displays of historic pictures in the Post Office and at WICA. They have finalized the design for plaques to be put on the buildings on the register. Council members Allen and Neff expressed their appreciation to Bob Waterman for his hard work.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

Community Planning. Jeff Arango reported that tomorrow night is the planning advisory board meeting where they will be considering the second draft of the standards for demolition of historic buildings. The new City website went live two weeks ago. The new website and the city’s municipal code site (hosted by code publishing) include “responsive design”, which formats the sites for use on mobile devices. An icon for the new site may be added to the home screen of smartphones and tablets to function as a mobile web-app. An organization dedicated to bike and pedestrian advocacy called “Feet First Seattle” has done a case study of Langley’s Second Street project. The project will be considered for an innovation award later in the year. Staff is exploring using an online community engagement tool called Mind mixer.
Mindmixer creates a unique community website that allows anyone to sign up through a social media account or email. The site allows for community dialogue including polls, generating ideas and tracking demographics of those that have provided input. The 2016 comprehensive plan update has begun and staff has met with planners at Island County and Coupeville to review the County Wide Planning Policies and growth targets. The preliminary growth target over the next 20 years will be approximately 2-300 people. Staff is also exploring new ways to format the comp plan using an interactive web-based graphic interface. The elevator and bridge proposal view analysis is almost complete and will be posted online for public comment and followed up with a presentation to the council.

**Public Works.** Stan Berryman reported that a PSE engineer has done an energy audit of the city hall building. We have implemented some energy saving strategies. Our heat pump is old and should be replaced eventually. The library has a very old oil heating system and could be replaced with a much more energy efficient heat pump system. He is applying for a grant to upgrade. A RFP (request for proposals) for repair of fire hydrants has been sent out. Street overlays will happen right before or after Labor Day. Our engineers are working on the update to the Sewer Comprehensive plan and rate study.

**Police.** Dave Marks reported that he has been working on getting a few bikes for the department. Last night there were several car prowls and an attempted robbery to several businesses. None were successful. The Pride Parade on the 16th was very successful with high attendance. Paul Schell’s memorial was well done, and attended by many. There was a triathlon on the 16th of August with no injuries or bike spills. The Police Department has lots of information on their Facebook page.

**Finance.** Debbie Mahler distributed monthly financial reports. Debbie reported that Kelly Beech, Clerk-Treasurer of Coupeville is hosting a free training on the Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act on Tuesday, September 9th. Debbie asked that all who want to attend, let her know and she will get them registered.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**
Mayor McCarthy reported that this month’s economic development sector emphasis is on retail, health and wellness. The monthly networking luncheon will be on August 28th from noon to 1 PM. The Marine Resources Committee met with Blaine Reeves from the Department of Natural Resources in Coupeville on August 5th and he explained why DNR made the limitation on sand shrimping in Puget Sound. They have been collecting data on how the shrimping was affecting the biomass. Native Americans were not affected by these regulations, but have not been shrimping either. The Washington State Association of Counties met in Langley on August 6th. The Mayor met with the Kleiners, owners of the Doghouse on Tuesday, August 12th. They talked about getting more feedback from the public concerning the Doghouse. He is asking for a specific plan from the Kleiners to present before having a public meeting. Mayor also met with Commissioner Helen Johnson regarding the Fairgrounds. There has been an amendment to the agreement with the County and they are interested in helping with economic development at the Fairgrounds. The County has asked the City to be involved.

**MOTION:** To express the City’s interest and desire for involvement in future activities that concern economic development at the Fairgrounds. Motion – Allen, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried with all in favor. Sharon Emerson asked for a public meeting before any plans are made for development at the Fairgrounds.

Mayor McCarthy sent a letter to the City Attorney today expressing concerns on the turn around time in their responsiveness on projects. He has offered to meet with them here or at their offices. A budget workshop is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, August 20th from 9 am to 11 am. The first regular
council meeting in September has been cancelled. There will be a regular meeting on the 15th. September 2nd will be a business development forum on local bank financing here at City Hall from 8 am to 10 am.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**MOTION:** To confirm the Mayor’s re-appointment of Sue Walsh to an additional term on the Planning Advisory Board. Motion - Sundberg, 2nd - Gill. Motion carried with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

*Development Code Amendments.* Jeff Arango presented the amendments recommended by the Planning Advisory Board and City Staff. These have been worked on for over a year. These changes are to Chapters 2, 15, 16, and 18 of the Langley Municipal Code.

**MOTION:** To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance amending Title 2 Administration and Personnel of the Langley Municipal Code, Buildings and Construction in Title 15, The Environmental Policy Code in Title 16 and the Zoning Code in Title 18. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Black. Motion passed unanimously.

The Arts Commission has created a request for proposal for sculptures to be displayed on Second Street.

**MOTION:** To approve the RFP for art work as proposed by the Arts Commission for Second Street. Motion – Gill, 2nd – Allen. The motion was approved without opposition.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Thomas Gill reminded everyone that the Library Board will be meeting on the 2nd day of September. Next Wednesday is the Law and Justice Council meeting and Substance Abuse Committee meeting which Thomas will attend. Bruce Allen reported that the HUB will open on September 2nd. It will be open five days a week during the school year. They received a $1,000 grant for the HUB. Jim Sundberg attended Island Transit’s public meeting about schedule reductions. The state audit started last week at Island Transit. The para-transit hopefully will be maintained on Route 8 and 5 even though those regular runs are being eliminated. Rene Neff reported there are still opportunities to attend the Shakespeare Festival. The schedule is posted on Island Shakespeare’s website. Collin Campbell and she are working on Arts Alive in Langley – a day where different artists will be displaying what they do all over the city. This will take place from 11-3 on September 13th. a Saturday. Mayor McCarthy reminded everyone that the Second Street Community Potluck is this Thursday at 5:30 to 8 on the plaza.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk