Mayor Fred McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Rene Neff, Bruce Allen, Thomas Gill, Robin Black and Jim Sundberg. Also present were Jeff Arango, Director of Planning; Stan Berryman, Public Works Director; Debbie Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk; and Dave Marks, Police Chief. The flag salute was led by Mayor McCarthy. A moment of silence was held in honor of the passing of Paul Schell.

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda as amended. Liquor licenses were added. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda after questions concerning vouchers were asked and answered. Motion - Gill, 2nd - Black. The consent agenda was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 7/21/14.

b. Approval of claims warrants Nos. 31946-31948, EFT 7/2/14 & 7/28/14, 32159-32186 in the amount of $43,592.70.

c. Liquor License applications – The Tipsy Gourment and Kalakala.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS**

a. **Chamber of Commerce.** Marc Easterly, Chamber Director reported that a dark grey tabby cat that was on a boat at the marina is missing. If anyone sees it, call the Chamber. Visitor’s Center gives out lots of information about Langley to visitors. 3595 visitors so far this year through the center. They are creating a new program – Welcome to Langley, suggested by Paul Schell. New residents will receive a welcome letter with coupons from local merchants. Banner program at kiosk at Ken’s Korner, can rent space for a banner for advertising for a week. Lots of exposure. Upgrading the Chamber website. 54 Lodgings are members on the website.

b. **Langley Library Board.** Marty Beert, Chairperson and members Pat MacWha, Karen Loorem, Joanne Hamick Quintana were present. This is a new board, they have met three times now. They appreciate having Thomas Gill represent the Council on the board as this facilitates open communications. One board member is resigning due to personal issues and a new member will be needed. The board has met to clarify their role and have had library advocacy training from Sno-Isle. They have been coordinating ideas for the trellis and landscape at the library, made suggestions for the exterior colors of the building, and have met with the Friends of the Library to better understand and communicate mutual goals and methods for recommending priority expenditures. The Board expressed their appreciation to Vicky Welfare, Librarian and the library staff for their work and support.
CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sharon Emerson stated that a zoning change was requested at the last meeting and the Council instructed Jeff Arango to make those changes to zoning code. The PAB voted not to change the zoning. Sharon feels that the Council should talk to the PAB and see why they thought it was a bad idea and what their concerns are about the issue before making any change.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor McCarthy reported that he gave a talk to the chamber this morning on the City’s economic development plan and its progress. We are in the eighth month of the plan. Tomorrow morning a social media workshop on Pinterest and Instagram was scheduled but it has been moved to October. The monthly job sector networking luncheon is on the 26th. Tomorrow at 3:45 in Coupeville, the Shrimping Committee is meeting with the Marine Resources Commission on the closing of sand shrimping in Puget Sound and the next steps. Wednesday, August 6 at 11 AM, members of the Washington Association of Counties will be in Langley. They are starting at the Whale Center, then touring Second Street, and will hear about our Economic development plans and the Main Street organization. Friday, August 8th from 4-7 PM will be a public meeting on route and staff reductions of Island Transit. The Mayor cannot attend. Three Council Members will attend. On August 12th the Mayor will meet with the Kleiners regarding the Doghouse. He is meeting with Helen Price Johnson about the fairgrounds and economic development plans on August 13th. Thursday, August 14th a memorial for Paul Schell will be held at WICA with a reception at 3 and a memorial at 4. Monday’s supervisor meeting will be focused on budget for 2015. A Council budget workshop is scheduled for August 20th, 9 am to 11 am. Substance abuse coalition meetings are held on Wednesdays after the Council of Governments meeting. Thomas Gill and Chief Marks also attend these meetings. Mayor McCarthy has learned that our jail system has support for people with substance abuse issues. The September first Council meeting has been cancelled. On September 2nd from 8 -10 am will be a local bank financing for business seminar. The first annual Pride Parade is scheduled on August 10th from 2-3 PM. Grete Cammameyer will be the grand marshal.

PUBLIC HEARING – Six year Street Improvement Plan

Mayor McCarthy opened the public hearing at 6:21 PM. Public Works Director, Stan Berryman explained the projects in the plan, their anticipated costs, and when they are projected to take place. Some modifications as suggested by Council were added since the last meeting. There were no comments from the audience. The hearing was closed at 6:31 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: To adopt the 2015-2020 Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allen. The resolution was confirmed with all in favor.

Coal Trains. The Association of Washington Cities has no formal position on coal trains. Some cities are in favor of them for economic reasons, some very against for environmental reasons. The Council has done some study on this issue. They are waiting to see the Salish Sea Video, but that has been postponed until the following meeting. Jim Sundberg thinks it best at this time for individual council members to write personal letters to the Commissioner of Public Lands if they feel strongly about the issue. He feels it is premature for Langley to take a position on this issue, as it will not affect us directly.
NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To waive the two reading requirement and pass Ordinance No. 1003 (as amended) amending Langley Municipal Code Chapter 13.01 by adding a new section 13.01.345 “Water service disconnection due to catastrophic damage.” Motion – Gill, 2nd – Allen. Motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION: To change the word “business” to “structure” in Ordinance 1003. Motion – Gill, 2nd – Sundberg, Motion was approved without opposition.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Rene Neff reported that the Shakespeare Festival started with a bang, and has had good attendance. It will continue through September 7th. Jim Sundberg reported that Island Transit operations will explain the reductions and changes in services that they are proposing at a meeting on August 8th. Robin Black reported the Snohomish County Leadership Council will hold a retreat on October 1 and 2nd, and she will be attending. Bruce Allen reported that Fair attendance was lower this year, but successful. Thomas Gill reported that the Law and Justice and Substance Abuse meetings are at the end of the month. The Library Board is meeting here on September 2nd. Robin Black will be racing in Soup Box derby on August 17th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council went into executive session at 6:55 PM for approximately 35 minutes to discuss the litigation that the City reasonably believes may be commenced against the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity. The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:30 PM.

Mayor McCarthy recommends to Council that the City provide legal counsel to an employee acting in an official capacity and who has been named personally in a lawsuit and does not have representation by the AWC or the City’s attorney.

MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Mayor and provide counsel for the City employee. Motion – Allen, 2nd Gill. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk