Mayor Fred McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Rene Neff, Jim Sundberg, Hal Seligson, and Thomas Gill. Also present were Jeff Arango, Director of Planning and Debbie Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk; and Dave Marks, Acting Police Chief. Bruce Allen was absent. The flag salute was led by Mayor McCarthy.

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda as amended. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion carried.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of 12-2-13
b. Approval of claims warrants in the amount of $35,888.43
c. Approval of payroll warrants Nos. 31204-31223 & direct deposit (11/15/13) in the amount of $46,011.65 and Nos. 31224-31244 & direct deposit (11/30/13) in the amount of $46,797.17

**RECOGNITION/APPRECIATION**

Mayor McCarthy recognized the service of Hal Seligson as a Council Member. Hal has had numerous accomplishments during his term; he has served as Mayor Pro-temp; championed for marriage equality; got the ethics commission established and many other things. Council Members expressed their appreciation also.

Terry Anania and Randall Broatmichael from the Housing Authority were also honored. They hired a local firm to paint the Brookhaven facilities who helped design the color scheme and alternated building colors when they repainted Brookhaven (federal subsidized housing facility in downtown Langley) this summer to remove the institutional look and brighten up the facility. Facility enhancement award to the Housing Authority.

Langley Main Street Association was honored for building improvements. They have moved to a new facility and transformed the old Samuelson building. The overgrown vines were removed and the curb appeal greatly improved. Mayor McCarthy called a short Recessed for approximately 10 minutes to have cake and juice at 5:50 PM. The regular meeting was reconvened at 6:05 PM.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS**

Mr. Jim Nelson of D.A. Davidson Company gave a presentation on the proposed bond/loan financing for the Second Street project.

**MOTION:** To accept the financing plan from DA Davidson and authorize the Mayor to sign the Private Placement Agent
Engagement Letter.  M- Neff, 2nd – Sundberg.  Motion carried unanimously.

Cemetery Board Semi-annual Report.  Marilyn Strong, President of the board reported that the green burial section has been enlarged at the Cemetery. The board is working on creating checklists on the green burial section and for families doing home funerals. Lucinda Herring, a Langley resident and funeral director intern and green burial consultant, has been working with the Cemetery Board. In the past, Visser Funeral home has basically acted as a Cemetery sexton for the city. In the last two years, the funeral home was bought out by a large chain mortuary and they are no longer acting in that capacity. In the last few burials, some details have fallen through the cracks. The board has been looking into a way to fund a sexton position or possibly form a cemetery district. These issues are being researched and a recommendation to the Council from the Board will be made when the research is complete. Lucinda Herring will be applying for a board position after the first of the new year.

**MOTION:** To confirm the appointment of Holly Morgan to the Library Board. Motion – Sundberg, 2nd – Neff. Motion passed with all in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

**STAFF REPORTS**

*Community Planning.*  Jeff Arango reported that pre-construction meeting for Second Street project will take place this Wednesday. The City websites have updates on the projects, and an email list has been established for property owners and interested people for weekly updates on the project. Neighborhood meeting will probably be right after the first of the year that will have the schedule of construction, answer questions, etc. A construction manager will be on site each day of the work. Conservation futures – the county has decided to keep the program. Jeff is still working on an Arts Commission proposal. The City’s Shoreline Master Program has been approved by the Dept of Ecology with no changes. The new website design has begun. A meeting is to be held with people from the school district and port about using school district facilities for port parking. The Middle school is in flux with new uses there, so they don’t feel comfortable in signing a long term agreement at this point. A pilot program for this upcoming season may be tried. Jeff will talk to all agencies and find out when heavy use is expected, and see how an arrangement could work. He will present this to the school board in a January meeting.

*Police Department.*  Chief Marks reported that he has had a very busy couple weeks. The department has had active shooter training every month, have used the schools for the training several times. They participated in a training at Oak Harbor High School last week. Island County has a swat team. Chief Marks is a member of the swat team. Secret Service has researched active shooters and have created profiles, and methods of building rapport with people who are potential problems to prevent violent acts from occurring. He has had officers in school most every day; it will be easier to do that when we have a fourth officer. There has been a person missing from the Langley harbor for several weeks now. Snohomish County Sheriffs office dive team came out and did a water search. There is no reason to
suspect foul play. Jacket was found in the water, but looks more as if it was dropped in the water, not removed by someone drowning. Interviewed witnesses in Bellingham and other areas of the state.

Finance. Debbie Mahler presented the November revenue and expenditure reports.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor McCarthy reported that all remaining council members and the newly elected members and himself, attended a training for elected officials last Saturday. He has sent a list of proposed legislative priorities to Council, any input from council would be appreciated. On January 11th at 9:30 am the League of Women voters in Oak Harbor is having a meeting on legislative priorities. Public works has repaired some steps at Boy & Dog Park. Sharon Wieser and Walt Blackford want to meet with the Mayor regarding funding of Senior Services of Island County. January 6th, the day of the next Council meeting, will be the first day of work for the new Public Works Director. He has rented a home in Langley and is looking forward to starting work here. All council members received a projected calendar for semi-annual reporting of boards and commissions. The Ethics Commission will start their training with City Directors, than move on to other employees. Mayor McCarthy suggested a Council retreat in January to discuss 2014 priorities. January 8th, Wednesday 10 – 2 was set. Discussion of council board assignments will take place then. Mayor McCarthy had an inventory on public works vehicles and their mileage done. Island events center idea has come a long way. A meeting will take place on the 7th of January that involves the committee ideas and will discuss the feasibility of those concepts.

CONTINUED 2014 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:40 PM. Debbie answered questions from the Council. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed at 7:45

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 995 adopting a budget for the year 2014 and setting forth in summary form the totals of estimated expenditure appropriations for each separate fund in the total amount of $11,792,678. Motion - Sundberg, 2nd - Gill. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Rene Neff would like to amend the current ordinance on Mayor’s salary which changes with the next term and would like to set an ordinance with a more permanent salary. This issue will be reviewed issue further in the near future.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Rene Neff reported that she is pulling together a group of people to talk about marketing Langley. Has a marketing company coming to speak to this group on Thursday. Thomas Gill reported that he very much enjoyed the elected officials training and learned a lot. He was very impressed by the facility in Arlington.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk