

**Langley City Council Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2014**

Mayor Fred McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Jim Sundberg, Thomas Gill, Rene Neff, Margot Jerome and Bruce Allen. Also present were Finance Director/Clerk, Debbie Mahler; Director of Planning, Jeff Arango; and Chief of Police Marks. The flag salute was led by Mayor McCarthy. The Consent agenda was approved after several questions from Council members.

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda. Motion – Gill, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Neff. Motion was passed without opposition.

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent agenda. Motion- Gill, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 1/21/14.
- b. Approval of claims warrants in the amount of \$50,503.30.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Frank Rose stated that he is happy the city is considering an Arts Commission. He thinks it is a very good thing. Fred Luhndahl spoke on behalf of Main Street. They have compiled information on economics in the city and their activities. Mr. Luhndahl passed out copies of the report made to the state.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor McCarthy reported that a committee meeting of the shrimping committee was held last week. The commissioner of public lands responded to their first letter and asked for their research data which they are sending to him. The committee is asking for a moratorium on shrimping in Saratoga Passage. The Ethics Commission has completed their work. Their Guide to Ethical Conduct has been dedicated to Robin Adams. They have a small poster for framing, and have produced a training curriculum. The Commission has decided that Langley is too small for a permanent ethics board. Mayor has made some amendments to the code that was adopted to remove the board and its duties. Will bring back an amending ordinance that removes the ethics board. Monthly employment sector lunches started last week with the IT sector. This month, the Mayor is visiting with artists and entertainment sector. The lunch will be held the last Tuesday of the month. All council members are invited to join the Mayor in his business visits or to

the monthly lunches. The first business training is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>. The EDC, Whidbey Island Bank, and a representative of the Small Business Administration. They will be held from 8-10 AM on the First Tuesday of the month.

Island Events Center is giving a presentation of their plans on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February at Black Box Theater at the Fairgrounds. Chief Marks has completed the police department study. Mayor is having a retired high ranking police official review the study now. Should be to Council before the next council meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** To bring to a first reading an Ordinance Establishing a City Arts Commission in Title 2 of the Langley Municipal Code. Motion - Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Allen. Motion was approved with all in favor. Margot and Thomas asked for some language changes in the makeup of the Commission.

**MOTION:** To confirm Mayor's re-appointment of Dave Marks as Acting Chief of Police for up to six months. Motion - Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jerome. Motion was unanimously approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Date change reminder for February 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to February 18<sup>th</sup> due to Presidents Day Holiday.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Rene Neff reported that the Cemetery Board had an interesting meeting. They need new members on the board. Jim Sundberg reported that he attended an Economic Development sub-committee of Main Street this morning. Their building is getting fixed up by volunteers and the Whale Museum will be in the same building. They are planning for the Friday Market and are looking for a market manager and volunteer manager. Mondays in February and March, Ott and Murphy is hosting happy hours for the merchants in Langley. Margot Jerome asked about starting a scholarship fund that council members can donate to. She asked any council members interested to contact her. Bruce Allen reported that the Rotary Club painted the kitchen of the HUB over the Christmas holidays. He attended their meeting this evening to thank them and tell them about the HUB and its activities. HUB had its highest number of attendees last week. Their spaghetti dinner fund raiser was very successful.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/Clerk