Langley City Council Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2013

Mayor Fred McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Council Members Neff, Allen, Seligson, Sundberg and Allerdice. Also present was Interim Public Works Director, Ryan Goodman; and Director of Finance/City Clerk Debbie Mahler. The flag salute was led by Mayor McCarthy.

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda. Motion – Seligson, 2nd – Allen. Motion carried after several questions concerning vouchers were asked and answered.

a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 6-3-13
b. Approval of claims warrants in the amount of $130,428.18
c. Approval of payroll warrants Nos. 30510-30532 & direct deposit (05/15/13) in the amount of $51,344.83 and Nos. 30601-30623 & direct deposit (05/31/13) in the amount of $49,811.85

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the audience at this time regarding matters not on the agenda.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Ryan reported that Cascade has had no parking signs stenciled on the pavement until we have a final solution for the street. Councilman Sundberg asked if the temporary guardrail on Cascade is to be painted. Rene Neff asked if there is a plan to trim the maples on Cascade this year. Ryan has asked the arborist for a quote to trim the heavy maples that he identified as a problem. We have two summer interns working now to help get us caught up on mowing, weeding, etc.

Debbie passed out revenue and expenditure reports for May and answered questions from the Council.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

A new sign at Generation Park was installed by members of the Parks and Open Space Commission. Mayor McCarthy met with the Island County Fair Board. They are doing a comprehensive plan. They are putting roofs on buildings and then finding that they need to improve foundations, etc. Because of this, they want to complete a strategic plan before they do the RV Park plan. The City will have an
opportunity to review their plan and get input from the City and the School District. Fred attended a “Feed the Children Program” meeting last week. They are working with Good Cheer to feed children up to 18 years old during the summer. Upper Langley affordable housing development meeting last week had about 75 people attending. It was a very positive meeting. At the Island County Law & Justice Committee meeting, the Sherriff and Prosecutor proposed their levy lid lift proposal to the County Commissioners. Mayor McCarthy spoke in favor of the issue. The City held a staff BBQ last Wednesday. Some Veterans came and did the barbecuing for us and provided desserts. Meeting room upstairs is almost complete so that Council Members can use it for confidential meetings. Mayor McCarthy explained that the City sent out an RFP earlier this year for a new website for the City. We received only two bids which were extremely expensive from out of state firms. Someone from the AWC has offered to redo our RFP to attract local vendors for less cost.

Whidbey General Hospital and the Fire Districts are giving a class next Sunday on car seat safety for children and safety checks. Rusty Palmer, District 3 Fire Chief, attended our bluff seminar and will be working with the Mayor regarding an emergency plan and fire truck egress and ingress down at the harbor area.

Bruce Allen and Doug Allderdice will serve on the interview/selection committee for legal services. The revised personnel evaluation forms were reviewed. Mayor McCarthy developed these after consulting with department directors. All of them felt the forms are less burdensome, but as effective in evaluating people.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** To adopt Resolution No. 756 adopting the 2014-2019 Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Motion – Allen, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance relating to an annual amendment to the City’s Comprehensive Plan, amending the Executive Summary, Economic Development, Capital Facilities element and the Shoreline element. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried with all in favor.

**MOTION:** To approve the Amplified Music Permit for Mo’s Pub for two nights July 5th and 6th. Motion – Allen, 2nd – Allderdice. Motion carried without opposition.
**Doghouse Land Acquisition request.** Janice and Charlie Kleiner purchased the Doghouse property at auction a couple years ago. The Kleiners were present and reported that they received a call from Nicholas Van from the Washington State historical preservation program informing them that they have conditional approval on a tax credit for the building. A portion of the building on the west side is on city right-of-way and has been since it was constructed almost 100 years ago. The business plan they have in place includes property on the north side which the city would like to acquire. The Kleiners would like to expand the building towards the water (north) in order to prevent a “jog” in the building.

Fred Lundal reported that the Kleiners have on two occasions allowed the use of the building for public events and have allowed their windows for the use of other things. Main Street and the Chamber feel they are contributing to the community, Herb and Marilyn Helsel also voiced their support for the Kleiner’s request. Mona feels the older buildings are vital to the revitalization of business in the City. Emily Day was also in support. A specific request may be brought before the Council in the near future.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Rene Neff reported that the official kick-starter for tent funding for the Island Shakespeare Festival is already $6,500 towards the $15,000 needed to complete the purchase in the first six days of their efforts. She also reported that the Second Street Market is going very well, adding additional booths and music. Jim Sundberg attended a Langley Library Board meeting last Thursday evening and three of the board members are leaving. The board feels that they need to clarify the role of the library board. Bob Waterman did research on the historic colors the library building has been in the past, as it is scheduled to be painted this year. The Board is willing to work with DRB on the final color palate. Hal Seligson asked about digitization of the municipal code. Debbie replied that it should be complete at any time. Bruce Allen reported that the Hub closes for the summer this week. The HUB will be doing parking for Choochokum to raise some money. Doug Allderdice and Jeff Arango reported that they met with Mary Boyd of the Ethics Commission to discuss whistleblower procedures and that they work well.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. Motion – Allen, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried.