Mayor Fred McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Council Members Neff, Allen, Seligson, and Sundberg. Councilman Allderdice was out of town and excused from the meeting. Also present was Director of Planning, Jeff Arango; Public Works Director, Challis Stringer; and Director of Finance/City Clerk Debbie Mahler. The flag salute was led by Mayor McCarthy. The consent agenda was approved after questions on the vouchers were asked and answered.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda without the minutes of 3/4/13. Motion – Seligson, 2nd – Allen. Motion carried.

   a. Approval of claims warrants Nos. 30263-30296 in the amount of $66,446.99
   b. Approval of payroll warrants Nos. 31044-30164 and direct deposit (2/15/13) $46,827.94 and Nos. 30211--30232 & direct deposit (2/28/13) $43,268.77.
   c. Authorization to release retainage for the Municipal Park and Ride Improvements with Krieg Construction.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no comments from citizens at this time.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Jeff Arango reported that undergrounding of power has proven to be too costly on the Second Street project. If get design work back on schedule, the design can be completed by June, and we will have a good chance of getting additional funding through RTPO and can then possibly afford to bond or get PWTF financing for undergrounding of lines at that time. The Shoreline Master Program public hearing was recently held by the Planning Advisory Board and they passed resolution to come to Council supporting the plan. The PAB will hold another hearing on April 3rd to consider comp plan amendments. Jeff has informed all private property holders who may be affected by possible zoning changes. The PAB’s recommendations will come to council for review and adoption when complete.

Challis Stringer reported that the First Street waterline is going along smoothly. Water will be shut off tomorrow morning till about noon between the Inn at Langley and City Hall. The line between Wharf and Anthes will be connected. There will be a few more shut downs for new connections in the future. The Public Works crew is going door to door to inform residents and businesses of the shut-offs. Paving and sidewalk repair will be done all at once when the project is complete in a couple weeks. PW has received
three new vehicles; the last one came today. Challis may ask Council to surplus some of the older vehicles in the near future.

Debbie Mahler distributed revenue and expenditure reports for the month of February.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Fred McCarthy stated that he has met for one hour with each staff member and Council member in the city. This has been very valuable to him in getting to know each person. He is settling into a regular meeting schedule. Fred distributed a Mayor’s general weekly time plan. One Wednesday per month he attends the Council of Governments, the Regional Transportation Planning Organization and the Law and Justice Committee meetings in Coupeville. He has met with the Main Street organization and with County Commissioner Helen Price regarding several issues. We are working on a renewal of the lease of the Firehouse. Fred will keep council informed on the progress. Fred and Hal Seligson interviewed applicants for the Ethics Commission. This Thursday evening, Fred will be meeting with Edgecliff residents to hear their concerns and issues. Tomorrow, he is making a presentation to the Rotary Club. Fred has created a table for keeping track of issues Councilmembers bring to his attention. That table was distributed to Council. Fred has joined the group “Mayors against Illegal Guns”. There will be an open House at the South Whidbey Record’s new facility later this week. A schedule has been made and distributed for all Boards and Commissions to report to Council twice per year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

South Whidbey Parks Department Vehicle Proposal. Staff has looked at this issue and do not recommend that the city accept ownership of the vehicles which the parks department plans to surplus. Bruce Allen said that he is working with several non-profit agencies to perhaps own the vehicles jointly and provide insurance, maintenance, etc.

Ethics Commission. Ron Roesler and Robin Adams, two of the resident’s to be appointed to the Commission were present. The Mayor’s appointees include:

Mary Boyd; Robin Adams; Christine Dahlstroem; Dan Prewitt; Ron Roesler; Ursula Scurlock; and Ann Medlock. Debbie Mahler will serve as staff to the Commission.

MOTION: To confirm the appointments to the Ethics Commission. Motion – Neff, 2nd – Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

A date in the near future will be set to schedule training and set up days and times for the meetings.

Remote Access to Council Meetings. Jeff Arango explained that with some of the City’s new laptops we do have the capacity to skype. With Apple TV we can use the projector screen for the audience to see. Jeff will do a test run this week to make sure it works
right. This method can be used when Councilmembers are traveling; to have the Attorney at meetings without travel time involved; and to have other’s attend the meeting from a distance. Rene will be the first test case as she will be gone for the first April meeting. Jim Sundberg may miss a meeting in April also and can skype in for that meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Rene Neff reported that the Shakespeare Festival will be on the school grounds in a circus tent that they are hoping to purchase. July through September they will be giving shows. The tent will seat 300 people at a time. The Cemetery has new compost bins and garbage houses. Jim Sundberg reported that Island Transit is hoping to move into the new Administration building in May. The no-fare system makes Island Transit eligible for grant funding. Ridership is continuing to increase. Their maintenance building will open about a month later so that they can finally maintain their own fleet. The Library Board met recently and they passed a motion to that they want to work with the Design Review Board to choose the color when the building is repainted. Jim also attended a Port meeting a week ago in which they reviewed applications for tourism money and awarded $5,000 to Main Street for the electric shuttle vehicle. The Port has received nine bids for marina construction. The bid has not been awarded yet. Construction will start as soon as the bid is awarded. Some of the work can only be done at certain times of the year. Bruce Allen reported that he is enjoying being on the County-wide Tourism Committee. He is trying to get one of the meetings scheduled here in Langley next year.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM. Motion – Seligson, 2nd – Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk