Langley City Council Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2012

Mayor Kwarsick called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Council Members Neff, Allen and Sundberg. Council members Allderdice and Seligson were absent. Also present was City Planner Jeff Arango, Director of Public Works Challis Stringer, Police Chief Randy Heston and Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler. Mayor Kwarsick led the flag salute. The consent agenda was approved. Council excused the absence of Council members Allderdice and Seligson.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of council meeting minutes of August 6, 2012.
b. Claims Warrants Nos. 29497-29533 in the amount of $32,900.55
c. Payroll warrants Nos. 29388-29412 & direct deposit (7/13/12) $48,016.45 and Nos. 29311-29437 (7/31/12) & direct deposit $48,765.69.
d. Liquor Licenses – 2nd St. Wine Shop – beer/wine specialty shop & Langley Liquor – CLS spirits retailer
e. View maintenance tree trimming on 1st & Cascade St. award

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Callahan McVay explained that he was offered a new lease on the Firehall building and the new lease has some problems in his opinion and he has not signed it. He is happy to work with the city if they want to go thru the lease line by line with him, but he does not want to sign the amended lease until this is all worked out. Callahan was advised to make an appointment with Mayor Kwarsick and they will go through the lease and try to resolve the issues he has with it.

Diane Kendy stated that she is very upset about the overabundance of rabbits in Langley. She has suggested a trapper, but because they multiply so quickly, that is not great solution. Jim Sundberg said the University of Victoria, BC has a whole page on their website about their program regarding rabbits. Staff will do some research and see if there is anything the city can do about the problem.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Randy Heston reported that there were a record number of attendees at the Island Fair this year on Saturday making Langley’s population larger than Oak Harbor at that time.

Challis Stringer reported there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the CMA Park & Ride on Monday, September 10th at 10 AM. Public works will be doing demolition on the corners of Anthes in preparation for overlay and new ADA ramps on First and Anthes in the next couple weeks. Tree trimming will begin the day after Labor Day on Cascade and First. Challis is working on additional grant applications for 2nd Street. The city received
two bids work on Seawall Park, both of which were over budget. Challis will come back to the next council meeting with a recommendation on that project. Engineering and surveying for the water line replacement on First Street has begun and several water hydrants are being repaired instead of replacement.

Jeff Arango reported that the completed draft of the Shoreline Master Program update is done and on the website. He is continuing to work with the consultants on the 2nd street project on refining the preferred alternative. Staff made the initial presentation to the technical review committee for the funicular grant and will make the final presentation at the end of September. Jeff applied for a Community Economic Revitalization Board grant for the 2nd Street project also. We will know in September if we made it to the second stage of the application process.

Debbie Mahler went over the revenue and expenditure reports for July. The City has received 67.54% of budgeted revenues as of July 31st and spent 29.40% of budgeted expenditures. The General fund is at 62.85%/46.62% and fund balances are healthy.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Kwarsick reported that he visited a salmon farm in Rochester last week. There is some talk of starting a fish farm on the Grove site on Coles Road. MainStreet rented a gas golf cart and transported over 900 people from the marina and downtown to and from the fair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**MOTION:** To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance Amending LMC 10.20 and Ordinance No. 491 regarding Bicycles, Roller Skating, Scooters and Skateboards. Bob Trenchard asked if this would increase the city’s liability for accidents. Mira Steinbrecker is very concerned that it is unsafe to allow these devices on sidewalks and streets; she feels they are very dangerous. Steven Webley feels it is dangerous and noisy, and he is not in favor of allowing it. He stated that bicycles have breaks, skate boards don’t. He also suggested making it a temporary trial with an ending date to reevaluate. Motion – Neff, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried with all in favor with some changes before the next reading.

**MOTION:** To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance adding a new Chapter 10.13 to the LMC re parking and overnight camping. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried with all in favor.

**MOTION:** To adopt Resolution 746 adopting a Capital Asset Policy. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION: To adopt Resolution 747 amending the Attractive Asset Policy. Motion – Allen, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion carried without opposition.

MOTION: To approve the agreement with Financial Consulting Group in an amount not to exceed $5,700. Motion – Sundberg, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried with all in agreement.

Budget Policies. Mayor Kwarsick introduced some new budget policies at the last meeting and was asked by Councilman Allderdice to further explain the changes and compare the new policies with the old. Mayor Kwarsick wrote a memo doing just that and asked for a committee of the council or a council workshop to discuss these changes further. Consensus was that a workshop would be the best way to work on this issue. Other budget issues will also be addressed in the workshop.

NEW BUSINESS


MOTION: To waive the two reading requirement, and adopt Ordinance No. 978 regarding dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion was approved

MOTION: To bring to a first reading an Ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise to Comcast of Washington IV for the construction, operation and maintenance of a cable system within the city limits. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor’s re-appointment of Pam Owen and Monica Guzman to the Library Board. Motion - Sundberg, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried with all in favor.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor’s re-appointment of Nancy Rowan to the Parks and Open Space Commission. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: To adopt an Interim zoning revision ordinance No. 979 protecting residential neighborhoods from potentially incompatible land uses. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Sundberg. The ordinance was passed.

MOTION: To approve Resolution No. 748 approving submittal of a grant application to the Community Economic Revitalization
Board for 2nd Street Construction. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Rene Neff reported that the Shakespeare Festival is not moving to the Middle School from its present location at this time. Negotiations are still going forward for future locating of the Festival at the Middle School grounds.

Bruce Allen reported that the Port is supporting light industrial zoning in the city. The HUB received grant funding and is working towards being open five days per week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk