Mayor Kwarsick called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Hal Seligson, Jim Sundberg, Doug Allderdice, Bruce Allen and Rene Neff. Also present were City Attorney, Mike Kenyon; Finance Director/Clerk, Debbie Mahler; Director of Public Works, Challis Stringer; and Planning Director, Jeff Arango. The flag salute was led by Mayor Kwarsick. The Consent agenda was approved with the addition of an executive session. Council via Hal Seligson, asked for an executive session to evaluate a claim brought against a public officer. The executive session is anticipated to take 30 minutes. The Council went into executive session at 5:35 PM.

The executive session ended at 6:16 PM and the regular meeting was reconvened.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 11/19/12
b. Approval of claims warrants in the amount of $24,118.07

LIBRARY REPORT

Vicky Welfare reported that there is a new book drop slot in the library and the children’s area has been revamped. Funds were donated by an estate to do all the interior changes and the library foundation has funded some new comfy chairs. This Friday a program will be put on entitled “the World of Sweets program” and a kids day after Christmas craft-tacular is also planned. Sat, Jan 12th will be the Dr. Doyle and Mr. Holmes program.

CITIZEN COMMENTS *

There were no comments at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: To waive the two reading requirement and adopt Ordinance No. 987 Adopting the 2013 Operating Budget in the amount of $11,308,579. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Seligson. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To waive the two reading requirement and adopt Ordinance No. 988 amending the Langley Municipal Code by adding a New Chapter 3.59 Entitled “Langley Stormwater Capital Reserve Fund.” Motion - Neff, 2nd -
Allderdice. The ordinance was approved with all in favor.

**MOTION:** To cancel the regular meeting of December 17, 2012. Motion – Allen, 2nd - Neff. Motion passed with all in favor.

The Executive session was reconvened at 6:40 PM for approximately 20 minutes. The regular meeting reconvened at 6:55 PM.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Kwarsick reported that the City is continuing to seek funding from the Conservation Futures for the Noblecreek property. He sent a letter to the Commissioners regarding the funding today. We are still waiting to hear on the rural mobility grant application. A building permit has been obtained for the renovation and expansion of the Village Pizzeria. They are doing some demolition work now.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Rene Neff reported that the first meeting of the Tourism committee will be tomorrow, Tuesday morning, to look over all the applications for funding. Rene, Doug, Debbie, Mynda Meyers of the Boatyard Inn and Jim Pensiero of the Saratoga Inn are the committee members. Island Shakespeare Festival had a fund raiser last weekend to fund the Director’s position and a part time administrative helper. They plan to have three performances at the Fairgrounds and the Whidbey Institute this coming summer.

Jim Sundberg is excited about the marina boat ramp progress. He will attend the Port’s meeting tomorrow night. Bruce Allen reported that the Parks & Recreation District is considering giving a van and bus to the HUB for their use. MainStreet is sponsoring a New Year’s party on the corner of Anthes and First Street. Hal Seligson asked for a discussion of goals with Council and staff in January.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/Clerk