

**Langley City Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 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 (by skype) and Bruce Allen. Also present were Finance Director/Clerk, Debbie Mahler; Director of Planning, Jeff Arango; Public Works Director, Stan Berryman; 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 – Allen, 2nd – Neff. Motion was passed without opposition.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 2/03/14.
- b. Approval of claims warrants in the amount of \$13,451.13
- c. Approval of payroll warrants Nos. 31386-3140 & direct deposit (1-15-14) in the amount of \$46,403.07 and Nos. 31446-31468 & direct deposit (1-31-14) in the amount of \$57,796.18
- d. Confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Nadine Zackrisson to the Library Board.

RECOGNITION

Mayor McCarthy presented Fire District 3 Chief Rusty Palmer with a certificate recognizing them for Fire Protection Rating Improvement from a class 6 to a class 5. This will potentially reduce citizens' fire insurance rates and loss costs.

LIBRARY REPORT

Librarian Vicky Welfare reported that March 4th after the Library Board meets they will have a report for the Council. There is a small maintenance project in work room at the library, Howard Garret of Orca Network will be giving a presentation. This Friday is a class on ebook downloading, and they will be open 10 – 4 this Sunday during Mystery Weekend.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Fred Lundahl reported that this is the 30th Mystery Weekend. Expecting 1,000 to 2,000 people in town this weekend. Construction equipment will be moved off of 2nd Street for the weekend. The Victoria Clipper is not coming, but a bus of 60 people are coming to town. Rusty Palmer, Fire Chief reported that they hope to take possession of the new

fireboat tomorrow. It will be harbored in Langley permanently. Will have a public christening in the near future.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Community Planning. Jeff Arango reported that we hired an intern in the planning department. She is a grad student at the UW. And is hired through June, then another grad student will come on board in July. He looked at cost for building official we have saved 45% of budget allocation using the building service for the last few months. Rural economic development grant for the funicular has been approved. We will develop an inter local agreement to execute the grant. Second Street is moving along well, few design changes have been approved. They are working on a design of a connection behind the post office, so to connect third street parking lot to post office parking lot. They may replace water line on Cascade that is quite old. Doing water services this week and demoing south side of street next week. New power poles will be put in by PSE. The new storm water system on Cascade is part of the project and relocation of the curb.
- b. Public Works. Stan Berryman reported that some of the old service lines that are being replaced and the main lines are very old and in poor condition. RFQ for engineering closed last week and three firms that have submitted applications. A panel of people will be going over the RFQ's and will be doing interviews. Stan met with the county on the budgeted overlay projects for this year. Replaced a major pump out at the treatment plant. He also met with the library over maintenance issues.
- c. Police. Acting Chief Marks reported that he spent the last few months working on the police department report. Former public works employee Frank Sullivan died this weekend. Dispatch's phone system was down this weekend and calls were routed through Skagit County dispatch. Fire District 3 has all volunteers staff the fire stations when something like that happens so that they can respond.
- d. Finance. Debbie Mahler announced that Cheryl Knighton will be taking over council meeting minutes while she is out on medical leave.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCarthy reported that Island County Senior Services has lost state and federal funding and will be talking to the city regarding possible funding. Sand shrimping committee responded to the Assistant Director of DNR. He has gotten positive feedback from committee members. Training for

community members and city employees on social media will begin in April. Second economic development lunch will be next week with the artists and entertainment sector. The lunch will be held at the Methodist Church next Tuesday. Rene feels that Chamber and Main Street should be attending these meetings also. Fred will invite them. March visits will be with food and beverage service providers. Island Events Center concept presentation is tonight at 7 PM. Have had three applications for the Arts Commission so far. Golden Lasso.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance Amending the Ethics Code. Motion – Neff, 2nd – Allen. Motion passed without opposition.

Mayor proposed that we use tourism funds that have been targeted for small contracts for tourism to contract instead with targeted marketing. Social Media training, Business Development Courses, Council member to attend Snohomish County Leadership, IT/Knowledge Workers, Search Engine Marketing, and a “Why Not Whidbey” video.

MOTION: To approve Economic Development contracts in the amount of \$20,000 for 2014. Motion – Neff 2nd – Sundberg. Motion passed without opposition

MOTION: To accept Mayor McCarthy’s recommendation to approve a 4th police officer for two years and reevaluate the department size at that time. Motion – Allen, 2nd – Gill. Motion passed without opposition. ***Mayor’s statement**

MOTION: Adoption Ordinance Establishing a City Arts Commission in Title 2 of the Langley Municipal Code. Motion – Neff, 2nd – Allen. Motion passed without opposition. Margot would like to go on record saying that “entertainment” should be included in the verbiage.

MOTION: To waive the first reading and adopt a Resolution setting a date for Public

Hearing to consider a street vacation.
Motion – Neff, 2nd – Sundberg. Motion passed without opposition. Owners of the Doghouse have requested a vacation for a portion of the building on the south side that is on city property. Sets public hearing for March 3, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Langley Brookhaven Creek restoration grant application. Jeff Arango has been working on this grant application with Whidbey Island Conservation District. Looking at daylighting parts of the creek that are paved over. Only direct cost to the city is the staff time. No out of pocket expense. Grant would give us the money to design the project and do public outreach. Middle school students would be part of the project.

MOTION: To approve the grant application to the Department of Ecology for restoration of Langley Brookhaven Creek. Motion - Gill, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Knighton, Deputy Clerk