Mayor Kwarsick called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Council Members Seligson, Neff, Sundberg, Allen and Allderdice. Also present was City Planner Jeff Arango, Director of Public Works Challis Stringer, and Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler. Mayor Kwarsick led the flag salute. The consent agenda was approved after several questions on warrants from Councilman Seligson.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Claims Warrants Nos. 29271-29308 in the amount of $110,390.75
b. Payroll warrants Nos. 29160-29181 & direct deposit (5/15/12) $45,057.76 and Nos. 29219-29239 (5/31/12) $45,360.40.
c. Liquor Licenses – Useless Bay Wines – domestic winery & Langley Chamber – Special Occasion (Choochokum Beer Garden)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Marshall Goldberg, representing the Island County Citizens United expressed his thanks to the City Council for passing its resolution supporting a constitutional amendment to overturn the decision in Citizens United declaring that corporations are people. Many of the group attended with him and wore signs thanking the Council.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Kwarsick read a letter from the State Department of Ecology awarding Langley the 2011 “Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance” award. Mayor Kwarsick recognized Randi Perry our treatment plant operator for her performance and PW Director Challis Stringer for the team effort. Council members also expressed their gratitude to Randi and Challis for their dedicated management of the sewer utility.

Vicky Welfare, Librarian reported that a protective film is being put on the west windows of the library to cut down on glare when the sun shines. The library is holding summer reading programs for kids, teenagers and adults. She encouraged all to participate. On Saturday at 9:30 am there will be a class on “Navigating the online health information maze” and a class on exploring divination on Thursday July 12 @ 6:30 PM. Thursday August 16, at 5:30 PM they will hold another popular session on downloading e-books.

There was only one respondent to request for proposals for the vacant space at the back of the fire hall. Tim Leonard of Heavy Metal Works has asked to lease it for his business. Mayor Kwarsick and Jeff Arango will be working with Tim to develop a lease. Jeff, Challis and the Mayor met with the Port today regarding the marina project. The Island Shakespeare Festival may be held on school property. Mayor Kwarsick forwarded a support letter to the school district.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Randi Perry, Utilities Supervisor should a slideshow of some of the City’s aging water infrastructure and discussed the improvements and infrastructure needed. She reported that the 1st street water line replacement was first in the 2003 plan, and has been put off for nine years and the cost has now more than doubled. The emergency well needs to be upgraded before it can be used. Randi explained that the rate structure needs to cover the improvements that need to be made. Option 2 for rates is the most sustainable rate structure and staff recommends it. Option 2 assures that the projects listed in the CIP will be funded and can be completed in the 6 years of the plan. The other two rate options are dependant on water usage which has been declining each year and does not insure that all projects will be funded. System revenue must be reliable over the long term to cover operations, maintenance and needed infrastructure improvement. Hal Seligson and Jim Sundberg are in favor of choosing a rate option and then reviewing the impact sometime in the fall or end of year to see if the rate change is performing as planned and covering our revenue needs, and if it needs further change.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution No. 743 amending the Municipal Code Fee Schedule (water rates & charges, option 2 with 8,000 gal per billing cycle) and review the rate structure before the end of the year. Motion - Sundberg, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2013-2018 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Mayor Kwarsick opened the hearing at 6:42 PM. Challis Stringer, PW Director explained the plan and its priorities. All projects from last year’s plan with the exception of the 2nd Street project and the CMA Park & Ride (which are now underway) are on the plan. A few new projects have been added. Challis explained each project listed in the plan. If a project is not in the plan, we cannot apply for federal funding. Only major and minor arterials can get federal funding; local collectors must be done with city funds. Mayor Kwarsick thanked Challis for her expertise on the plan. Callahan McVay asked where the city limits were on Sandy Point and on Saratoga and what portions of those roadways belong to the city which Challis was able to answer for him. There were no further comments.

The public hearing was closed at 7:15 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To bring to waive the first reading and adopt Resolution No. 745 adopting the 2013-2018 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion - Seligson, 2nd - Allen. Motion was approved with all in favor.
MOTION: To approve the Interagency Agreement with Island County Public Works and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allen. The agreement was approved without opposition.

MOTION: To waive the first reading and adopt an Ordinance relating to City Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places and adding a new section to Langley Municipal Code 12.18.010 entitled “Street Cafes to allow for seating for food service establishments within the City’s street right-of-way. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Seligson. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution No. 746 in support of the City’s application for a boating facilities grant to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to fund the funicular pedestrian tram. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allderdice. The Resolution was adopted with all in accord.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Kathleen Waters-Riehl to the alternate position on the Planning Advisory Board. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Seligson. The appointment was unanimously confirmed.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Bruce Allen reported that the HUB is closed for the summer. Their fund raiser went very well. They will reopen for the school year. It was a very successful year with 30-35 kids a day using the HUB. Rene Neff reported that Main Street has received their certification and will soon be able to have excise tax funding. Main Street is funding a summer intern position for the City. June 30th from 9-3 will be a Women Of Whidbey conference at WICA with many women speaking. Rene also reported that the Langley Loop video should be finished in about two weeks.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Memorandum of Understanding between Island County, the City of Langley & the Island Fair Board. Mayor Kwarsick prepared an MOU that outlines a two step process for the design of an all season RV Park at the fairgrounds, sewage dump station, new restroom and shower facility that would benefit the fair operations and budget, improve tourism, economic development in the city.
Proposed letter to George Stringer of Whidbey Island Mopeds. George has submitted a letter to the city regarding his concerns regarding the race that takes place during Choochokum and ends just at his business on First Street. Challis and Larry have drafted a letter to George explaining the City’s position. He does not want the marathon to end in front of his property during Choochokum, as he parks his rental mopeds there. The race course is certified and takes place while the road is closed to vehicle traffic. The letter suggests other options for George’s moped’s during that time period.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk