

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2014

Mayor Fred McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Rene Neff, Bruce Allen, Thomas Gill and Jim Sundberg. Also present were Jeff Arango, Director of Planning; Stan Berryman, Public Works Director; Debbie Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk; and Dave Marks, Police Chief. The flag salute was led by Mayor McCarthy.

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda. Motion - Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Allen.  
Motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda after questions concerning vouchers were asked and answered. Motion -Gill, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Allen. The consent agenda was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 5/19/14, Special meeting of 5/23/14 & workshop meeting on 5-13-14.
- b. Approval of claims warrants Nos. 31824, 31891, 31915, EFT 5/5/14, 31953-31973 in the amount of \$844,134.86.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS**

- a. Confirmation of appointment of Members to the new Arts Commission.

**MOTION:** To confirm the appointments of Callahan McVay, Amanda Moore, Frank Rose, Hank Nelson, Colin Campbell, Stacie Burgua and Michelle LaRue to the Arts Commission.  
Motion - Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Neff. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Vicki Welfare reported that a small remodel will be happening in June to the staff room at the library. On Friday, a Kindle downloading class will be held; next week on Thursday the Unnatural History of Dogs, and a Friday book discussion on travel adventures. There are many other special summer programs scheduled.

A resident asked when Second Street would be complete. Jeff Arango stated that it should be a week to two weeks at the most. Scoring, landscaping and finish work is left to be done. Callahan McVay thanked council for keeping the old fire hall and leasing it to his business.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council went into executive session at 5:44 PM for approximately 30 minutes to discuss the qualifications of candidates for the open Council position vacated by Margot Jerome. The regular meeting was reconvened at 6:12 PM.

**MOTION:** To nominate Robin Black to fill the open Council position. Motion – Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sundberg. Motion carried with Rene Neff abstaining.

Robin Black then took her oath of office and joined the Council table.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor McCarthy reported that he that the ribbon cutting for Second Street is suggested to be on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm. A luncheon for the construction workers sponsored by MainStreet is tentatively set for June 11<sup>th</sup> but may be cancelled. DD Remembrance will be Friday, June 6, 2014 at 10 AM at the Langley Middle School. It will involve the City, WWII vets and family members, Marine Corps Color Guard, reading and remembering names of those lost in WWII and Korea from South Whidbey, the meaning of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day speaker, taps and a WWII aircraft fly over. The May monthly job sector focus luncheon was on May 27<sup>th</sup> with 19 attendees for the Port, marina, watersports and agriculture sector. A social media training on Twitter and Blogs for business enhancement will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 am to 10 am at the Center for New Media. June's job sector focus is on cottage industries and manufacturing and the luncheon will be held at noon on June 24<sup>th</sup>. A business development seminar will be held on July 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 am to 10 am at City Hall on Small Business Administration Loans.

Mayor McCarthy explained the progress and problems on the agricultural water rate concept. He also explained a residential sewer problem involving a collapsed pipe in a neighborhood, and stated that the City's risk management is involved. The First Street sidewalk issue – the property owner is still not happy with restoration of sidewalk after the First Street water project, and we are getting a price estimate from her contractor for the repair. The Island County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition was founded and have had two meetings now. A report is coming in July on the pilot customer survey results/implications. The Mayor met with the Kleiners (owners of the Doghouse) on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The Kleiners are thinking about several options for either restoring the structure or rebuilding. A mid- year evaluation of employees will take place in June. The Langley Civic Club did some restoration in the play area at Generation Park. The trees removed from Second Street were replanted at Generation Park.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor McCarthy announced that David Marks is his pick for Police Chief. Mayor McCarthy read a statement into the record (attached).

**MOTION:** To confirm the Mayor's appointment of David Marks as Police Chief. Motion - Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sundberg. The appointment was confirmed with all in favor.

Debbie Mahler swore in the Police Chief. His wife, Jennifer Marks, pinned the Chief badge on David and their two sons, stood with their father as he took his oath of office.

**MOTION:** To adopt Ordinance No. 1000 amending LMC 1.24 Ethical Conduct. Motion - Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Allen. Ordinance 1000 was approved unanimously.

**MOTION:** To adopt Ordinance No. 1001 establishing licensing requirements and fees for temporary public markets in Title 5 of the Langley Municipal Code.  
Motion - Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sundberg.

**MOTION:** To amend the fee for the public market license fee from 100.00 to \$125. Motion – Gill, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sundberg. Motion failed with 2 /3 vote. The original motion carried without opposition after correction of a couple typographical errors.

## NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION:** To waive the two reading requirement and pass a Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with other municipalities in Skagit County, Whatcom County and Island County, agreeing to participate as a member of a regional consortium that will qualify the area for additional funding to address homelessness and the shortage of homes affordable to lower-wage workers and others. Motion – Sundberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Allen. Motion passed with all in favor.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Rene Neff reported that the Cemetery Board held a meeting at the Cemetery with Public Works Director Stan Berryman and Finance Director Clerk Debbie Mahler. Roads in the Cemetery are being cut by cars so that the roadways now run right over several graves. Options to move the roads or block the cutting were discussed. Rene went before Design Review Board and got permission to put up banners on poles for the Shakespeare festival and other events. There are ten within the city and two up by the Middle School.

Jim Sundberg participated in the Arts Commission interviews and selection. He stated that it was a great process and worthy subject. Bruce Allen reported that (YIP) Youth in Philanthropy – submitted a grant request and the kids were told if they raised \$500, that \$10,000 would be donated to be distributed to non-profit agencies. The HUB received a \$2,500 grant from that. The HUB also had a garden cart raffle that raised \$4,000. Thomas Gill reported that tomorrow, at 4 PM is the Library Board meeting with a presentation on being a community ambassador. Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> at noon is the community open house for the new ferry Tokatie. It is a 20 car (500) passenger increase in size from the present ferries.

Meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk