

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes March 17, 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 Deputy/Clerk, Cheryl Knighton; 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 –Jerome . Motion was passed without opposition.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 3/03/14.
- 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. City Engineering Contract with PACE Engineers LLC.

MOTION: To approve consent agenda.
Motion –Sundberg, 2nd - Allen. Approved without opposition.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD REPORT

Bob Dalton reported that DRB has been moving along. Sign on back of the pilings has been approved down at the marina. Approved signs on the piers. They had some questions about the signage not saying anything about Langley. Port of South Whidbey is coming back for another sign approval.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ed Halleron was introduced from the Port of South Whidbey as a representative.

Ann Medlock spoke regarding the Ethics Commission and the new ordinance. She read from a statement about the work the commission had done. She has concerns about the revised code. Concerns regarding ad hoc Ethics board being assembled. She is concerned about the future when people change (council/mayor etc.) Ursula Roosen-Runge agrees with what Ann said. Admits she had qualms about if Langley needed a board at first.

They would like to see the training happen and the council to be accountable for whatever happens. Christina Dahlstroem, agrees with Ursula. Mary Boyd does not feel assurance that there is a system in place. Training is a must.

Bruce pointed out that the council was concerned about having another board or commission and not have them doing anything. Just does not feel a standing board is necessary. Thomas said he thinks the commission is asking for an advisory committee. Rene pointed out that none of them want to be one the board/commission, so we would have to go out and find an entire group of people to form a board/commission.

Mayor asked council if they may be open to a work session to do further work on this. It was decided to have a special workshop to be held on Wednesday April 9, 10-12:00. Discussion will be on the amended ordinance as it was passed.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Public Works. Stan Berryman reported on some change orders for 2nd street. There were a few changes since last meeting. Up to \$131,000 at this time. He explained that we are below the normal for a job this size. Removal of unstable soil is a big part. Money to come from to pay could be water reserve, storm water, the street fund to cover costs. Not a concern at this time. There were 450 plants planted on the slide area off of Cascade. He reported on the Monsters on Machines this Saturday. The Inter local agreement for the overlays with Island County should have been approved today. Public Works crew removed the Laurels by Brookhaven and they will be replaced with a fence. Rene brought up the fabric by Dog House needs to be trimmed, it is sticking up, could be a hazard. Stan will look at it.
- b. Police. Acting Chief Marks reported that LPD is in process of starting a Face Book page. Updating the city's police website page. He would like to see Wanted Persons, Q & A on the Face Book page. Getting ready for the written test and agility test for the new officer. Three new computers were purchased, one monitor. Door hangers on businesses have been hung when they have done patrol checks on businesses.
- c. Finance. Some discussion on the revenue and expenditures

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCarthy reported on the responses he has received from the Sand Shrimping Committee. He has been visiting the beverage and food service businesses this month. The 3rd Economic Development luncheon will be on March 25, at city hall. The Braeburn will cater it. He let everyone know that the Island Events Center's next meeting is 3-26-14. He has received applications for the Arts Commission Committee and has passed them on to Jeff. There will be an Economic Training on April 1 8-10 on Facebook and LinkedIn. RSVP Russell Sparkman

He gave an update on the Tourism Contract meetings and the evaluation form for the Children's Theater.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Snohomish County Leadership visited Langley. He passed out the application. Would like one council member onboard for next year.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Margot helped Langley Main Street interview with a market manager. She will be out for April 21, meeting will Skype in. The mayor check with Debbie on legal compliance on replacing her.

Thomas reported on the Library Board. Landscaping around the building. Meetings will be the 1st Tuesday of the last month of each qtr. 5:30PM at City Hall.

Rene pointed out we need applicants for Cemetery Board.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council needs to reappoint Aaron Coates & Bob Waterman to two year terms on Historical Preservation Committee.

MOTION: To reappoint Aaron and Bob to the Historical Preservation Committee for two year terms. Motion – Bruce – 2nd Jerome. Approved without opposition.

A Special Workshop request by Walt Blackford with PSE. Mayor passed out information. The focus is on emergency preparedness. Two hour time frame 3-5PM on Wednesday April 16.

The Mayor would like to endorse the 70th Anniversary of D Day with a historical flight at Paine Field, regarding a flyover Langley to honor WW2. Possibly celebration, with the town, Flyer was passed out. Possibly collaborate with Main Street and Chamber with buntings around town. Possibly the Veterans Resource Center could be involved. Fred will check.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Knighton, Deputy Clerk