

**Langley City Council Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2014**

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

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda as amended.  
Motion – Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sundberg. Motion was passed without opposition.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 4/9/14, and 4/21/14.
- b. Approval of claims warrants in the amount of \$91,813.84.
- c. Confirmation of the re-appointment of Kerry Gunderson to the DRB for a 3 year term.

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent agenda as amended. Motion - Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sundberg. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITION/APPRECIATION**

Mayor's Award – Langley Chamber for Langley Sign Board Restoration. Mayor McCarthy presented this award to Mark Esterly.

Mayor's Award - The Feltons, 30 years at Star Store. This award was presented by Mayor McCarthy to the Felton's after the Council meeting at Prima Bistro where a celebration for the Feltons was happening.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Fred Luhndal wanted to let everyone know that the Klieners have been very helpful to the community while they have owned the Doghouse building. They have allowed the building to be used for many events. Janet Ploof of Main Street stated that the news of the owners wanting to demolish the Doghouse is very sad. She wants to set up a meeting with the Klieners and some community members to discuss the situation. Kim Tiller also spoke against the demolition and stated that she would like to know the full story. Mayor McCarthy stated that anyone interested in more information contact Planner Jeff Arango. Kim Tiller also mentioned that she would like to see empty businesses in the city have to pay some kind of fee to the city if their storefronts remain vacant for over one year.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Workshop on May 13 at 5:30 on preliminary plans for development from Mr. Dick Francisco. Mayor McCarthy reported on the next steps for the Sand Shrimping Committee. The Department of Natural Resources, in response to the Committee's request, terminated all licenses for sand shrimping in Puget Sound. Next steps will be communicating with Tulalip tribe to ask them to support this decision. DD Day Remembrance Plan – on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>; there are a number of activities planned. There may be a dedication at the Middle School at the soldier's memorial site. There will be a business Seminar – “Amazing Sno-Isle Library Resources” for business owners tomorrow morning, May 6<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Website Optimization Contract – Center for New Media decided to focus mainly on the Chambers website and the connections between their site, the Main Street website and Langley's. The Police Chief selection process is moving forward with the Civil Service Board. Interviews will take place tomorrow. There are four candidates. May 9<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the City Council vacancy applications. Two people have applied so far. Callahan McVay has requested reimbursement for his cost for paint used at the firehouse. The city will reimburse him. The city had planned to paint the building this year at a substantially higher cost. Mayor McCarthy would like to replace the broken down tables and uncomfortable chairs in the Council Chambers. He has been looking at some inexpensive replacements. Mayor McCarthy explained that we plan to dedicate a bench and plaque to former employee Frank Sullivan. The plaque will cost about \$204. We raised money from the community and the staff will donate the rest of the money. Parks and open spaces in the city are looking good and well cared for. Second Street construction BBQ will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> behind the Callahan's Firehouse. Emergency preparedness plans will be distributed to each department and the Council members. May 17<sup>th</sup> is the dedication and ribbon cutting for Island Transit's new maintenance facility.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Report on Second Street progress and budget.* Jeff Arango reported that with change orders and problems incurred during the construction, costs are over what was budgeted. Jeff went through the budget and the revenue sources for the project and the plans to fund the overages.

Agricultural water rate recommendation. Public works Director Stan Berryman reviewed the request from the Community Garden to have a lower “agricultural” rate for water. Stan's findings and conclusion were to not recommend a new, lower rate. There are no others that would benefit from this rate. The community garden offers products for sale and is therefore a commercial enterprise. The Comprehensive Water plan outlines the six year improvement plan that totals \$1,686,000. The current rate structure is not enough to fund the needed improvements. Council members asked that further research be done for altering the rate structure in other ways, such as raising the base rate gallons or raising the amount of gallons that trigger the higher rate.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. *Confirmation of the appointment of Lucas Adkins as entry level police officer.*

**MOTION:** To confirm the appointment of Lucas Adkins as entry level police officer. Motion - Jerome, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gill. Motion passed without opposition. Debbie Mahler administered the oath to Mr. Adkins.

- b. *Ordinance adopting a moratorium on the demolition of structures within the Central Business zoning district listed or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, Declaring an emergency, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date.*

**MOTION:** To waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance 999 adopting a moratorium for up to six months on the demolition of structures within the Central Business zoning district listed or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, Declaring an emergency, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date. Motion – Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gill. Motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Mahler, Clerk/Treasurer