Langley City Council Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2012

Girl Scout Troop 151 performed the meeting opening and flag ceremony at 5:30 PM. Mayor Kwarsick then called to order the regular meeting. Present were Council Members Seligson, Neff, Sundberg, Allen and Allderdice. Also present was Director of Finance/City Clerk Debbie Mahler. Mayor Kwarsick read a Proclamation declaring 2012 as the “Year of the Girl” to celebrate the Girl Scout’s 100 year anniversary and our local troop 151.

CONSENT AGENDA

b. Claims Warrants Nos. 28946-28984 in the amount of $44,413.56
c. Payroll warrants Nos. 28823-28844 (2/15/12) $45,230.42 and Nos. 28886-28906 (2/29/12) $42,145.05.
d. Liquor License – Star Store – spirits retailer

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

Debbie Mahler reported that she attended the Washington Municipal Clerk’s conference in Chelan, WA last week. It was an excellent conference with helpful sessions on public records, management, etc. Debbie also reported that the city’s main copier/printer was replaced with a new one that prints, scans and copies in color and saves the city $5,000 a year over the black and white one. Debbie also distributed financial reports for the month of February.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Kwarsick introduced Mike Kenyon of Kenyon Disend, the law firm selected by the selection committee. Mike explained that his firm only does municipal law; they do not represent any private clients. Mike explained that he and his wife often visit Langley and it is place they dearly love. Mike answered questions from the City Council.

MOTION: To approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement for legal services with Kenyon Disend. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried with all in favor.

MOTION: To approve the Settlement Agreement with AT&T and authorize the Mayor to sign it. Motion - Seligson, 2nd - Allderdice. Motion passed unanimously.
NEW BUSINESS

Fire hall Lease with Callahan McVay “Firehouse Glassblowers”. Council approved an amendment to the Lease with Callahan at the last meeting. Mayor Kwarsick and Bob Snyder, Building Official met with Callahan regarding the amendments. Callahan was concerned with the lease expiration and a few other terms. Callahan’s business consultant and tax specialist spoke regarding the value to the business of extended renewals of the lease.

MOTION: To direct the Mayor to make changes as discussed to the lease and maintain the other components to the lease (date change from July to Dec, amend exhibit A requiring open a minimum of four days per week and amend the common area). Motion - Allen, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried with all in favor.

Whidbey Children’s Theater – 30 year anniversary. Martha Murphy, Director of the Theater was unable to attend tonight, but Mayor Kwarsick want to acknowledge the anniversary and the thirty years of WCT’s participating in the lives of children, giving them opportunities, teaching self confidence, self expression, commitment and teamwork. He commended Martha as founder and teacher and the board of directors for all their dedicated work to children in the community.

Mayor Kwarsick asked to schedule a Council Workshop meeting on performance evaluations and overtime pay for exempt employees, determining a protocol for legal service questions between the mayor and council, a student internship program, summer student employment programs, use of the back end of the fire hall, an update of the water rate proposal, and medical cannabis. The workshop was set for 8 – 11 AM Monday, March 26th.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Vicky Welfare, City Librarian reported that phase 1 of the building project has been completed. She has been working with the Friends of the Library and with Sno-Isle to plan for future upgrades with the funding they have left. Some of the ideas for uses of the money are window screens, coat pegs, shelving, etc. The library has some new stained glass artwork donated by the Friends to commemorate Jody Bunday, the patron who donated the money. Thursday March 29th they will have a travel and language database program in the evening and preschool story time in the morning. In April the library will hold several bird related programs and on Wed April 19th the will have Poetry night with Jim Freeman. Their E-book downloading class was so popular; they will be doing it over in May. A landscaping project is currently going on to restore the landscape to its original plan done by Fran Abel.

Mayor Kwarsick reported that he met with Congressman Larson and talked about our USRDA grant application and asked for his support which he is giving. They also discussed the FEMA port security grant, and the port will work with Congressman Larson’s office on it. Other issues discussed were: the Mukilteo Ferry terminal funding,
parking facilities, assistance for urgent care and medical facilities funding; and flexibility in rules and regulations for small government project management.

Larry is working on an inter-local agreement with the school district regarding parking for the port, to allow use of the middle school parking facilities for boat trailers. Construction on the CMA parking should start activity in April. The neighboring residents will be given notice of the construction schedule and any changes to it. Second Street Design contract was awarded to KPG and negotiations are almost complete and then it will go to the state for review. The Comcast franchise is being worked on also. Larry added a reduced rate for low income users in the franchise, but has not heard anything back yet. Larry and Jeff are working with Tom Lindsay on the waterworks program. He has a portable water presentation that can be used at the 2nd street market and/or Choochokum and other events. Jeff has been working on an amendment to the public zone land use district. Jeff is proposing allowing all uses in public zone that are allowed in the commercial zones. This proposal has gone thru PAB and is being reviewed by the state and then it will be reviewed by our attorney and come to the council for action. New Langley signs are up and look great. The Police made an arrest this weekend and the suspect kicked the car door and did quite a bit of damage. Debbie, Randy and Challis are working with our insurance pool on the matter. Larry also reported that he is continuing to work on urgent care and getting medical services in Langley. Larry was city’s representative on the County Conservation Futures Board and was chair of the board for 6 years. Emmy Attwood has now been appointed to that position.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Allderdice reported that on April 10, at 11 AM, Island Transit is breaking ground for their vehicle maintenance facility. Rene Neff reported that she is on the promotion committee for Main Street and is working on History Month. The will have contests and posters and historic photos around town. They may provide photo taking in historical clothing. Bruce Allen reported that the HUB board sent out a fund raising letter for HUB and received $3,500 so far. They are considering opening the HUB on Fridays also. Mayor Larry Kwarsick reported that the 1st hearing in front of our hearing examiner took place last week on the redeployment of the breakwater at the marina. The Sustainable Whidbey Coalition has asked the council for agreement to provide funding support ($250) to reflect services we receive from them (comp plan sustainability element).

**MOTION:** To pay a member contribution of $250 to the Sustainable Whidbey Coalition. M- Neff, 2nd – Seligson. Motion carried unopposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk