

**Langley City Council Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2012**

Mayor Kwarsick called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Hal Seligson, Doug Allderdice, Rene Neff, Jim Sundberg and Bruce Allen. Also present was Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler, Police Chief Randy Heston and Planner Jeff Arango. The flag salute was led by Mayor Kwarsick.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Council Meeting Minutes –May 21, 2012.
- b. Claims Warrants Nos. 29218, & e-file 4/12, 29240-29250 in the amount of \$11,466.19

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ron Nelson, Director and Wayne Morrison, President of the Economic Development Council were present. Ron gave a presentation of the state of the economy. He compared unemployment rates in the county and other nearby counties. Ron showed various graphs of revenues in the County and region.

**MOTION:** To adopt Resolution No. 744 asking the President and Congress for a constitutional amendment reversing the 2010 Supreme Court Decision “Citizens United.” Motion - Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Allen. Motion passed with all in favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** To bring to a first reading, Resolution No.743 amending the Municipal Code Fee Schedule re water rates with option 3 of the proposed rate plans and revisit the issue in 6 months and 12 months. Motion - Sundberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Allderdice. Motion carried with Councilman Seligson opposed.

**MOTION:** To adopt Ordinance No. 973 Adopting the 2012 Comprehensive Water Plan. Motion - Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Seligson. Motion was unanimously approved with txt added to section 8.1. Motion passed without opposition.

*Loading zones.* 3 separate loading zones have been designated with restricted parking 24 hours a day. Overtime for public works crew is approved for painting and striping, but is

weather dependant. All are short term changes, as all parking on 2<sup>nd</sup> street will be reviewed with the second street project. Trucks can park any direction in the proposed alley way parking between Windermere and US Bank. Rene Neff was very upset it has taken so long to deal with this issue; and stated the merchants and residents are very upset. Council members have been besieged with complaints. Council wants temporary signage in this week.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kwarsick reported the Port is reviewing the MOU for school district parking this week. On Wednesday, Larry will be meeting with the Fair Board and an RV Park design consultant to consider building a year round RV park. This would benefit the city with increased tourism and mean increased revenue for the fairgrounds. The Commissioners support the idea. The Island Shakespeare festival may be held at the lower athletic field at the Middle school. The Island Arts Council is the parent sponsor of the festival. Events could also be scheduled inside at WICA during the festival.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Jim Sundberg reported that Sustainable Whidbey Committee administers the Whidbey Green Seal program. He feels we should ask major events in town to become green seal approved. Councilman Seligson reported that the Second Street advisory meeting went very well with lots of enthusiasm and energy. Rene Neff reported that she attended the Main Street conference in Chelan and it was very informative with many good ideas regarding investing locally.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*Residential parking permit ordinance draft.* Jeff reported that after the neighborhood meeting regarding Mo's pub; this draft was put together. It would apply to areas adjacent to residential properties. If you are a resident, you can petition (50% or more) for a permit system in the neighborhood. If this proposal gets support from residents, the city will move forward with the ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk