

MINUTES OF 5/22/08 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Goedde; Councilmembers Greenfield, Harper, Morehouse, Morse, Papé-Miller, Weldy; Administrator Fonfara; Attorneys Fraley and Galbraith; Clerk Liles; Public Works Director VanEpps; Parks & Recreation Director Sablan. **EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Councilmember Cooney.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Goedde called to order a special City Council meeting for the purpose of conducting City business that would otherwise have been addressed at the regular City Council meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on 5/22/08, that meeting having been cancelled to allow the Mayor and Councilmembers to attend the Memorial Parade also scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on 5/22/08.

CONSENT AGENDA

Weldy moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Payroll Warrants No. 28634 through 28727 totaling \$157,115.25 and Claims Warrants No. 70170 through 70257 totaling \$455,516.68; and
2. Approve the minutes of the 5/8/08 regular City Council meeting, as presented.

Seconded by Papé-Miller, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

POST OFFICE RELOCATION: Libby Manthey, downtown merchant and President of the Historic Downtown Chelan Association, urged city officials to recommend to the Post Master that the post office remain in the downtown core.

Norma Dunlap, 213 South Emerson Street, spoke against a proposal by Mike Sherer to build a new post office directly across from Riverwalk Park on Emerson Street between Wapato and Okanogan Avenues. Dunlap reiterated the concerns she related in her 5/17/08 email to Councilmembers, including lack of parking and traffic congestion. Dunlap suggested locating the new post office near WalMart.

Mike Sherer, 48 Dietrich Road, urged city officials to make their wishes concerning the location of the new post office known to the Post Master during the 15 day comment period. Sherer recommended building the post office on property he owns that is currently the site of Riverwalk Inn (Lots 9 and 10, Block 41, Township of Chelan.) Sherer reiterated his reasoning in support of this location as set forth in his 5/17/08 email to Councilmembers, including its proximity to Woodin Avenue and Riverwalk Park, its location in an area designated by the Comprehensive Plan as the desired area for growth, available parking, and direct access to the highway allowing delivery trucks to reach the facility without traveling through downtown.

Al Lorenz, 6 Riverview Cemetery, reported results of an online poll asking respondents to choose among four options for the location of a new post office: the Highway 150 and S. R. 97A "Y" – 23 votes; the School District administration building – 41 votes, near WalMart – 24 votes; and other – 4 votes.

REGULAR AGENDA

WATER RIGHTS: VanEpps explained as follows. New developments within city limits are required by CMC 13.40 to either transfer to the City water rights equal to post development domestic water needs or to make a financial contribution equal to the fair market value of water rights sufficient for their needs. On 2/28/08 staff proposed a code amendment to make this requirement applicable to areas outside city limits but within the urban growth boundary. At that meeting, Tuscan Village developers voiced a number of concerns and asked for more time to review and comment on the proposed code amendment. In response, Council postponed action on the amendment.

Fraley then presented a revised ordinance and reviewed changes made since the 2/28/08 meeting. Council comments and questions followed.

Harper moved to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 2008-1362 amending Chelan Municipal Code Chapter 13.40 titled Water Rights Transfers, establishing conditions under which owners of property to be annexed to the city or developed in the city or in the city urban growth area shall transfer ownership of water rights to the City or, alternatively, pay a fee to assist the City in procuring additional water rights. Seconded by Greenfield, motion passed 5-1 with Harper, Greenfield, Morehouse, Papé-Miller and Weldy voting aye and Morse voting nay.

PROVISION OF UNTREATED WATER: VanEpps explained that Councilman Morse is requesting that Council repeal Ordinance 2005-1315, which added Section 13.20.090 to the Chelan Municipal Code, establishing criteria pursuant to which the City may consider providing untreated water to large scale recreational developments located in the city. VanEpps reported that he and Fraley had met with Morse to discuss his concerns. VanEpps recommended against repeal of the ordinance.

At 6:45 p.m., Mayor Goedde noted that it was Council's intent to recess the meeting in order to attend the Memorial Parade scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. Saying that he preferred not to ask Fraley to stand by during the recess, the Mayor asked if this issue could be dealt with in the few minutes remaining before the break. Morse stated that his contribution alone would take longer than the time remaining. It was then decided to delay discussion until the meeting reconvened after the break. It was determined that Fraley's presence during that discussion wouldn't be required and he was excused.

At 6:52 p.m., meeting was recessed to allow the Mayor and Councilmembers to attend the Memorial Parade. Meeting reconvened at 7:43 p.m. following the parade.

Morse stated that City documents obtained through a public records request indicate that the ordinance was enacted specifically to address the needs of the Daybreak project. Morse then read excerpts from those documents and asked that the City Clerk distribute copies to Councilmembers following the meeting. (Documents on file.) Morse then reiterated his reasons for opposing the provision of water to Daybreak as stated in his 4/4/08 letter to Mayor Goedde, including concern about the City's long-term ability to provide adequate water for domestic use; probable lawsuits brought against the City by Daybreak property owners when provision of water ceases; and the conflicting policies of providing water to some developments while requiring others to supply water sufficient to the needs of their development. Further, Morse complained that installing a pump in Lakeside Park to serve private development was inappropriate. Morse asked that a vote on repealing the ordinance be scheduled in the near future.

James Urness, Managing Member of Chelan Butte Holdings, read his 5/22/08 letter to Mayor Goedde in support of the City's provision of untreated water to large scale recreation developments. (Letter on file.) Urness said it was untrue that the subject ordinance was enacted specifically to address Daybreak's needs; rather, Daybreak's application triggered the City's realization that such legislation was needed.

MAIN STREET PROGRAM: At the request of Doug Sandvik, Manager of the Historic Downtown Chelan Association (HDCA), **Morehouse moved to adopt Resolution No. 2008-1183 in support of HDCA's application requesting that Chelan become a designated Main Street community and be permitted to participate as such in the Washington State Downtown Revitalization Tier System network. Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.**

INNAMORATA CONCESSION: At Sablan's recommendation, **Greenfield moved to approve the 2008 Innamorata Seasonal Concession Agreement and to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign the agreement, as presented. Seconded by Papé-Miller, motion passed unanimously.**

At 8:07 p.m., Council meeting recessed to allow the Mayor and Councilmembers to participate in the regular meeting of the Lake Chelan Airport Board. Council meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR 6/12/08: The tentative agenda for the 6/12/08 City Council meeting was distributed to Councilmembers and the media.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

POST OFFICE RELOCATION: Greenfield stated that some citizens mistakenly believe that the City will decide the location of a new post office, so she wanted to clarify that although City officials and citizens may comment in an effort to influence the decision, the site will be selected by the U.S. Postal Service. Greenfield added that she personally favors a downtown location for the post office.

Weldy said that Mike Sherer's recommendation for siting a new post office across from Riverwalk Park is worth considering. Weldy also suggested the following sites be considered: the parking lot behind City Hall; a City owned lot on Wapato between Emerson and Saunders (Lot 15, Block 32); and PUD property the City is planning to purchasing (current site of the Chamber of Commerce and its adjacent parking lot). Weldy recommended that Administration submit a letter to the Post Master stating Council's preference that the new post office be located downtown.

Papé-Miller said she'd like to see the post office stay downtown.

Morehouse said he wants the post office to stay in the downtown area, and he urged Councilmembers to write the Post Master with their recommendations in what remains of the comment period.

Harper said he doesn't want to see problems at the current post office replicated at the new site, so he can support locating the new post office downtown only if a site is found where there is room for onsite patron parking.

Mayor Goedde said he isn't aware of a downtown location that would provide the 50,000 square feet the Postal Service has said it requires for the new post office.

SANITATION SERVICE: Papé-Miller noted that the City had received letters from citizens concerned about the large size of the new City-supplied garbage cans. VanEpps explained that the new garbage truck cannot accommodate six gallon cans, and the rate resolution recently adopted had no provision for the smaller cans. There followed brief discussion concerning sanitation service rates and possible alternatives to charging a base monthly fee.

Morehouse suggested displaying one of the new garbage cans at City Hall so citizens can see that they have wheels and are easily maneuvered.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE: Papé-Miller reported on the first Sustainability Committee meeting. Once a new City Administrator is hired, the committee would like to hold a town hall meeting so citizens can help draft the committee's mission statement. In the meantime, the committee is working on a list of 20 ways to keep the community sustainable. They also are working on an amendment to the City's dark skies ordinance. They will meet with School District representatives to urge recycling of plastic and aluminum at all school facilities. They spoke with the City Parks & Recreation Director about doing the same at parks facilities and he has consented.

TRAFFIC HAZARD: Morse reported a citizen concern as follows. Drivers turning onto Highway 97 from Washington Street are unable to see oncoming traffic because large trucks are parking along the highway on either side of the intersection. Morse suggested eliminating a couple of parking spaces closest to the intersection for better sight distance.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Morehouse pointed out that there is a conflict inherent in allowing a gas station to be built in an area where the City is trying to promote pedestrian traffic. Morehouse advocated better long range planning. Further, he reiterated his recommendation that a design standards committee be established to meet with prospective builders and advise them of community expectations.

SMALL CITIES ROUNDUP: Mayor Goedde reported on the Association of Washington Cities Small Cities Roundup held in Chelan on May 20, 2008. The Mayor also spoke of the importance of supporting AWC in its efforts to influence state legislation on behalf of cities.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Harper reported on the last Public Safety Committee meeting. Committee members were provided information concerning the Sheriff's Department plans for Memorial Weekend law enforcement. A request for handicapped parking on Chelan Avenue was considered and consensus reached to recommend approval. Skate park issues were discussed, including the installation of a security camera. Also discussed was the installation of shore signs to be used as reference points by boaters when reporting emergencies.

PARKING: Harper recommended holding a town hall meeting to discuss parking issues.

WOODIN AVENUE BRIDGE: Papé-Miller pointed out that the sign prohibiting double axel vehicles on the Woodin Avenue Bridge should be moved so that drivers see it before they turn off the highway.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:37 p.m. Council adjourned to executive session to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for the City Administrator position. Meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m. following adjournment of the executive session.

There being no further business, Council meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested to:

Date approved by Council:

Linda Allison-Liles
City Clerk

Robert R. Goedde
Mayor

June 12, 2008