

MINUTES OF THE 7/9/09 CHELAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Goedde; Councilmembers Cooney, Greenfield, Harper, Lingard, Morehouse, Morse, Pape-Miller.

Staff Present: Administrator Reinbold, Attorney Galbraith, Clerk Liles, Public Works Director Van Epps, Parks & Recreation Director Sablan, Chief Law Enforcement Officer Huddleston.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

TREE DAMAGE – 104 EAST WOODIN: Dale Emery, 102 Boyd Road, decried the “butchering” of City owned trees near the B C MacDonald’s building and urged the City to seek reprisal for the destruction of public property.

At the request of its author, Reinbold read into the record a letter of complaint from Terri Emery, 102 Boyd Road (attached).

Reinbold stated that the person who cut the trees did not have the City’s permission and that the City will take appropriate action once its investigation is complete.

Tammy Hague, 2129 West Prospect, said she values the community’s trees and is outraged at the “mutilation” of the trees beside and in front of the BC MacDonalds building. Hague said the trees are twenty years old and part of a long term vision for the entrance to Riverwalk Park. Hague reported that an arborist has predicted that the trees will not recover, and he estimated their value at over \$14,000 (not including the cost to remove and replace them). Hague noted that Chelan is an officially designated “Tree City” and has an ordinance for the protection of trees. She said she wants the City to take punitive action against the person who destroyed the trees.

LINK TRANSIT TROLLEY: Ray Dobbs, 109 Fairway, related the efforts of the the “Chelan Trolley Partners” (City of Chelan, Historic Downtown Chelan Association, Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce) to keep Link from discontinuing trolley service due to low ridership. Dobbs reported that Link has agreed to keep trolley service in Chelan through the end of the year and to offer a shorter route that runs more frequently. Also, thanks to a \$1200 contribution from HDCA, the ride is now free. The Trolley Partners have agreed to try to increase ridership by marketing the trolley. In addition to marketing and educating through the local media, they plan to launch a regional campaign to encourage people in Leavenworth, Cashmere and Wenatchee to ride Link to Lake Chelan and then enjoy the free trolley while they are here. Dobbs said that the Trolley Partners are asking the City, the Chamber of Commerce, the Tourism Promotion Group and WalMart to donate \$1,000 each to fund the marketing program.

Following brief discussion, **Cooney moved that the City contribute \$1,000 to the Chelan Trolley marketing program and to authorize the Mayor to sign a funding agreement with**

the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce for that purpose. Seconded by Pape-Miller, motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Morse moved to approve the consent agenda as follows. Seconded by Harper, motion passed unanimously.

- A. Approve Minutes of the June 25, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting.
- B. Approve Payroll Warrants No. 31368-31499 = \$197,271.33 and Claims Warrants No. 72694-72779 = \$248,118.37.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

RIVERCOM 911 BALLOT MEASURE: Mildred Tirapelle, RiverCom 911 Executive Director, provided information on the Rivercom 911 system and a measure to fund the system scheduled for the August 18, 2009 ballot. Tirapelle asked the City to support the measure.

Morse moved to direct staff to prepare a resolution of City support for Rivercom's 911 ballot measure. Seconded by Cooney, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

CHAMBER FUNDING REQUEST – CONCERT SERIES: Mike Steele, Executive Director of the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, reiterated the request he made at the June 25, 2009 City Council meeting for the City's help in funding the Lake Chelan Summer Grooves Concert Series. Steele provided additional information concerning the concert series and sponsorship options and answered Council questions. There followed Council discussion concerning funding levels and sources.

Lingard moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Funding Agreement with the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce to support the Lake Chelan Summer Grooves Concert Series with a grant of \$4,000. Seconded by Cooney, motion passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY: Karl Jonasson, Lake Chelan Hospital Emergency Services Coordinator, reiterated the request he and the Hospital Administrator made at the June 25, 2009 City Council for the City's support of the EMS replacement levy scheduled for the August 18, 2009 ballot. Jonasson provided additional information concerning EMS services and the levy and answered Council questions.

Harper moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-1199 supporting the EMS replacement levy proposed by Chelan County Public Hospital District No. 2 for the August 18, 2009 primary election ballot. Seconded by Greenfield, motion passed unanimously.

WOODIN AVENUE BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT: Van Epps explained that the City repeatedly applied to the Bridge Replacement Advisory Committee (BRAC) for funding to improve the Wooden Avenue Bridge, but had no success. Finally BRAC advised that the City's chance for funding would improve if it had a bridge improvement plan in place. The City hired a consultant who conducted a study involving a great deal of public input which resulted in the Woodin Avenue Bridge Upgrade Plan. As set forth in the plan, the preferred alternative for providing safe

pedestrian travel across the bridge is the construction of a new upper section (superstructure) upon the existing piers. It was assumed that the improvements would be fully funded by the Bridge Replacement Advisory Committee (BRAC) and the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB).

Van Epps said that it has since become clear that neither agency will be able to provide funds for the project, so Council has instructed staff to explore lower cost alternatives to the design indicated in the existing plan. Van Epps emphasized that the first step in that process is to solicit public input.

Reinbold pointed out that there are several alternatives to the bridge improvement proposed by Scott McKellar at the May 28, 2009 Council meeting, and it is necessary to involve the public in the new plan.

COLUMBIA STREET SIGNALIZATION: Van Epps reminded Council that on May 14, 2009 it selected RH2 Engineering to provide design services for the Columbia Street Signalization Project and authorized staff to bring forward a service agreement and scope of work for Council consideration. Van Epps reported that City and WSDOT staff have reviewed a proposed agreement and scope of work and recommend approval.

Morse moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign the agreement with RH2 Engineering for the Columbia Street Signalization Project, consistent with the Scope of Work provided. Seconded by Cooney, motion passed unanimously.

SR150 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT: Van Epps reminded Council that on May 14, 2009 it selected Hammond Collier Engineering to provide design services for the SR150 Pedestrian Safety Project and authorized staff to bring forward a service agreement and scope of work for Council consideration. Van Epps reported that City and WSDOT staff reviewed a proposed agreement and scope of work and recommend approval.

Morse moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign the agreement with Hammond Collier Engineering for the SR150 Pedestrian Safety Project, consistent with the Scope of Work provided. Seconded by Greenfield, motion passed unanimously.

RECESS

At 8:12 p.m. Council meeting was recessed to allow the Mayor and Councilmembers to participate in the regular meeting of the Lake Chelan Airport Board. Council meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

TREE DAMAGE – 104 EAST WOODIN: Morse said he is disturbed by the tree cutting incident discussed earlier in the meeting. Morehouse asked what can be done about it. Reinbold said he intends to bring recommendations to Council once the investigation is complete.

WOODIN AVENUE BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT: Morehouse said he is glad staff is moving forward with bridge improvement, but is concerned that widening the bridge will cause people to driver faster.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Harper reported for the Public Works Committee. At the July 7, 2009 meeting, the committee discussed the Senior Center project, the tree pruning at BC

MacDonalds, adjustment of the low income/senior citizen utility rate and application to the State for a recycle center grant. It was determined that if the consultant for the Senior Center project wants City staff to install sidewalks and curbing, he will have to make his request to full Council. It was decided that an adjustment of the low income/senior citizen utility rate would be addressed during the 2010 budgeting process.

RV PARKING AT WALMART: Harper said it is silly for the City to ban RV parking at WalMart and he wonders who is enforcing the ban. Van Epps reported that WalMart is enforcing it. Harper suggested the City lift the ban. Reinbold reported that the General Government Committee considered and rejected that idea. Lingard said he favors allowing RVs to park at WalMart.

DOWNTOWN PARKING: Cooney recommended the Mayor send a letter to downtown businesses and their employees to thank them for heeding the City's request that they refrain from parking on Woodin Avenue.

Cooney also suggested that parking enforcement notices emphasize that the City provides two hours of free parking as opposed to emphasizing that there is a two hour parking limit.

DON MORSE PARK BEACH RESTORATION: Cooney reported that a recent presentation by J. A. Brennan on the Don Morse Park Beach Restoration Project was well attended by stakeholders, and a presentation to the public is scheduled for 7/25/09.

KING 5 PRESENTATION: Cooney reported that Chelan will be featured on the King 5 Evening News on 7/20/09.

RECYCLING: Greenfield reported receiving a citizen complaint, i.e. the recycle containers at Safeway need to be dumped more often.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY: Greenfield reported that the crosswalk at Center and Woodin is extremely unsafe because people drive at 50 miles per hour through Lakeside. She suggested providing flags for pedestrians to carry when crossing as is done at the crosswalk on Woodin and Sanders. Van Epps said a policy should be established for dealing with requests for the flags, but he thinks they should be used only at intersections on SR150 and 97A. Flags need to be ordered and buckets built to hold them.

ELIMINATION OF ENHANCED JUVENILE PAROLE: Greenfield referred to a letter Councilmembers received from the Department of Social and Health Services announcing the elimination of Enhanced Parole services for juvenile offenders. She said she wants the public to be aware that due to funding cuts, approximately 500 juvenile felons at high risk for re-offending will be released into the community each year with no transitional supervision or ongoing link to rehabilitation services.

LINK TROLLEY: Lingard said he supports the free Link trolley and is pleased that the City is going to help fund the marketing of this service.

CHELAN HILLS ASSOCIATION: Lingard thanked the City for allowing the Chelan Hills Association to hold its meeting at City Hall.

SEWER ODOR: Pape-Miller complained about sewer odor. Van Epps assured her the problem is being addressed.

TRANSPORTATION: Pape-Miller described an “effective, attractive, smaller” style traffic signal she observed in Tacoma.

Pape-Miller reported attending a Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting earlier in the day where the Wenatchee Avenue Study was discussed. She said she’d get the information to Public Works.

INFORMATION SHARING: Mayor Goedde suggested sharing information through weekly emails to keep Council meetings short. Reinbold said he would email his City Administrator’s Report instead of giving it during this meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Prepared by:
Linda Allison-Liles, City Clerk

Attested to:
Robert R. Goedde, Mayor

Date approved by City Council: July 23, 2009