

MINUTES OF THE 7/10/08 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Goedde; Councilmembers Cooney, Greenfield, Harper, Morehouse, Morse, Papé-Miller, Weldy; Administrator Fonfara; Attorney Galbraith; Clerk Liles; Parks & Recreation Director Sablan; Public Works Director Van Epps.

Mayor Goedde called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Cooney moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Payroll Warrants Nos. 28973 through 29105 totaling \$190,479.55 and Claims Warrant Nos. 70479 through 70563 totaling \$189,308.03; and
2. Approve Minutes of the 6/26/08 regular City Council meeting, as presented.

Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

CHELAN PUBLIC LIBRARY: Library Advisory Board member George Schultz asked the City to remedy various library building deficiencies: “The bathroom needs venting, the entry door needs replacing, the sidewalk needs grinding down in places to avoid tripping.” Schultz also stated that because the library “now facilitates multi purposes,” it is no longer large enough. Schultz asked that the City begin planning for the acquisition of a new library building, perhaps one of the buildings the School District intends to vacate when it builds on property recently acquired from Naumes.

WEED ABATEMENT/DISPOSAL: George Lingard, 329 Highpoint Place, said that the City should suspend weed abatement compliance requirements until there is a way to dispose of the brush once it’s cut. Lingard pointed out that burning is no longer permitted, and he said the transfer station refused to accept his load of sagebrush. Van Epps advised him that the city recycle center accepts brush.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO LAKE CHELAN: Tricia Page, 228 West Nixon, urged the City to do all it can to preserve as much public access to Lake Chelan as possible. Page asked that the City be proactive in identifying, maintaining, marking and promoting areas where the public can access the lake.

LAKESIDE TRAIL SECTION J: Joyce Knutson, 2126 Terrace Drive, complained that the proposed route for Lakeside Trail Section J would eliminate her only parking space.

REGULAR AGENDA

YMCA SWIM INSTRUCTION AGREEMENT: Sablan presented a proposed agreement for youth swimming lessons to be taught by YMCA at Don Morse Park and/or Lakeside Park. Sablan noted that Eric Nelson, Executive Director of the Wenatchee Valley YMCA, was present to provide additional information if required by Council. There being no Council questions or discussion, **Greenfield moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign the *Swim Instruction Services Agreement with the Wenatchee Valley Young Men’s Christian Association (the YMCA) for summer 2008, as presented. Seconded by Papé-Miller, motion passed unanimously.***

LAKESIDE TRAIL SECTION J & MICRO-PARK: Citing a personal interest in the matter at hand, Morse recused himself from participating in the following discussion and decision.

Van Epps presented a proposed agreement with Worthy & Associates, LLC, to provide preliminary design work for Section J of the Lakeside Trail and an adjoining micro-park. Van Epps briefly reviewed past action related to Section J of the Trail, outlined the proposed Scope of Work and explained why Worthy & Associates is staff's preferred provider for these services.

There followed lengthy discussion about constructing this trail segment along Water Street and Terrace Avenue consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan versus constructing it along an alternate route. Councilmembers, citizens and staff voiced concerns and opinions as stated at past City Council meetings. Cooney spoke in opposition to the hiring of a consultant for preliminary design.

Harper moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to enter into the Professional Services Agreement with Worthy & Associates to provide preliminary design and conduct public involvement meetings for the Lakeside Trail Section J and micro park project along Water Street and Terrace Avenue, consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Papé-Miller, motion passed 4-2-1 with Harper, Papé-Miller, Greenfield and Weldy voting aye, Cooney and Morehouse voting nay and Morse abstaining.

NO PARKING ON EL DORADO DRIVE: VanEpps stated that residents have reported safety concerns related to parking on El Dorado Drive. Staff has investigated and agrees that parking should be prohibited on this street. There being no discussion, **Cooney moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-1366 designating El Dorado Drive as a no parking zone. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC FORUM ON PARKING: Fonfara announced plans to schedule a community forum on parking issues to be held at the Performing Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. on August 7. Fonfara explained that he is coordinating the forum at the request of Mayor Goedde for the purpose of soliciting citizen input on the City's parking regulations and parking enforcement program. Fonfara assured Council that the forum will be well publicized with plenty of notice to all interested parties, and he noted that staff is meeting with the Historic Downtown Chelan Association and Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce to solicit input on parking issues. Fonfara further noted that this community meeting was not a City Council meeting. **At Fonfara's suggestion, Harper moved to support Mayor Goedde's plan to schedule a community meeting/forum in order to solicit public input regarding the City's parking regulations and enforcement program. Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.**

SENIOR CENTER REPLACEMENT: Fonfara reminded Council that the Washington State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development (CTED) had awarded City of Chelan a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$390,000 for the Lake Chelan Senior Center Replacement project. Fonfara informed Council that CTED requires the City to fulfill several requirements in order to receive the grant, including Title VI certification, which assures that the needs of protected groups within the community have been analyzed. There being no discussion, **Cooney moved that the City of Chelan assures and certifies compliance with the Title VI laws and regulations of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and as listed in the City of Chelan's Title VI Certification approved on July 10, 2008, and that Council directs Mayor Goedde to sign the Certification as presented. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR RECRUITMENT: Fonfara reported efforts of the Prothman Company to recruit a successor City Administrator and provided copies of Prothman's recruitment materials. Fonfara reported that Prothman is recommending that the salary range for the position be increased from \$81,892

- \$98,700 to \$85,000-\$120,000, but Mayor Goedde would prefer an increase of not more than 10%, which would bring the salary range to \$90,081 - \$108,570.. Fonfara provided data from Association of Washington Cities on salaries paid to City Managers and City Administrators working for Washington cities with populations of 2,500 to 7,499. Following discussion, **Morse moved to increase the City Administrator's salary range to \$90,081 - \$108,570. Motion failed with a 3-5 vote, Harper, Morehouse and Morse voting aye and Cooney, Greenfield, Pape-Miller and Weldy voting nay. Cooney then moved to approve a salary range for the successor City Administrator position of \$94,175 - \$113,505. Seconded by Weldy, motion passed unanimously.**

At 8:32 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 8:33 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

A tentative agenda for the July 24, 2008 City Council meeting was distributed to City Councilmembers and media representatives.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

LAKESIDE TRAIL SECTION J: Morse pointed out that although VanEpps has said an alternate route for Section J of the Lakeside Trail would deviate too much from both the City's Comprehensive Plan and the project description provided when applying for grant funding, a micro-park has now been added that wasn't in either the Comprehensive Plan or the grant application.

Morehouse questioned the legitimacy of tonight's motion approving the agreement with Worthy & Associates.

Harper contended that Morse, though recused, had, in effect, participated in the discussion by passing notes to Morehouse, which Morehouse then read as his contribution to the debate. Harper said he found that to be "devious and irregular." Morse pointed out that although he'd chosen to recuse himself on ethical grounds, there is no legal requirement that he do so.

Weldy spoke in support of Council's motion to enter into the agreement with Worthy & Associates, saying it would provide an opportunity for all parties to be heard.

PARK MAINTENANCE: Morse brought up a letter to the editor of the Wenatchee World that complained about the condition of and overcrowding at Chelan parks. Sablan explained the writer's misconceptions and distortions of fact concerning conditions at the parks, but acknowledged that Lakeside and Don Morse Parks, being the only areas of public lake access in Chelan, are sometimes crowded. Sablan assured Council that staff is maintaining city parks to the best of its ability.

POST OFFICE RELOCATION: Cooney said he wants "every rock turned over" in an effort to keep Chelan's post office downtown.

Weldy said he too wants to keep the post office downtown.

Papé-Miller said she hopes the new post office will be in the downtown area, but it does help to know that Winthrop's post office was moved away from downtown and the consequences weren't nearly as dire as predicted.

DARK SKIES LEGISLATION: Papé-Miller said she had a packet of information concerning dark skies, which she intends to share with VanEpps.

GAS TAX REVENUES: Papé-Miller spoke briefly about the impact of decreasing gas tax revenues.

ALLEYWAY SPEEDING: Cooney said that speeding in the alleys behind businesses on Woodin Avenue is a hazard to pedestrians and must be addressed.

Weldy concurred and suggested that the matter be referred to the Public Safety committee.

Mayor Goedde recommended the alleys be posted at ten miles per hour. VanEpps responded, saying that without enforcement, posting the speed limit probably won't do much good. VanEpps added that he'd like to see all possible solutions explored. Harper invited VanEpps to look at temporary speed bumps the School District uses.

PUBLIC LIBRARY: Greenfield expressed appreciation for the Chelan Public Library and its staff and she said she wants to see time and energy put into the library building.

Weldy asked that the 2008 Strategic Planning Retreat agenda include consideration of George Schultz's request that the City address library building deficiencies and begin planning for a larger library. Weldy suggested that Greenfield look into the matter and report to Council.

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS: Greenfield thanked everyone responsible for the July 4, 2008 fireworks display.

RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE: Weldy asked that staff find out who is responsible for maintaining lighting fixtures in the pedestrian passageway adjacent to the Rutherford Building (113 East Woodin Avenue) and then let the building's owners know.

B.C. McDonald's Request to Encroach on Public Property: Referring to a request from Brent McDonald to encroach on public property in the renovation of the B.C. McDonald's building, Mayor Goedde said that the City doesn't own the subject property; rather, the City leases the property from the PUD.

JULY 24, 2008 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Goedde announced that he would be absent from the July 24, 2008 City Council meeting, and he asked that Mayor Pro Tem Harper serve in his place.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested to:

Linda Allison-Liles, City Clerk

Robert R. Goedde, Mayor

Date approved by Council