

MINUTES OF THE 9/11/08 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Harper moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Claims Warrants No. 70889 - 70976 totaling \$159,888.65; approve Payroll Warrants No. 29483 – 29619 totaling \$210,605.88; and void Payroll Warrants No. 26356 - 29361, 29505, 29601, 29605, 29608, 29611 & 29612;
2. Approve Minutes of 8/14/08 Regular City Council Meeting and Minutes of 8/14/08 Special City Council Meeting, as presented; and
3. Excuse Councilmember Papé-Miller from the 9/11/08 City Council meeting.

Seconded by Weldy, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

AQUATICS/COMMUNITY CENTER: Jacque Depaoli, 2203 Terrace Avenue, asked that the City and/or the Port District apply to the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund a proposed aquatics/community center feasibility study. Depaoli distributed written information concerning CTED's CDBG planning-only grant program and answered related Council questions.

Fonfara suggested that staff bring back Depaoli's request as an agenda item.

RECREATION CENTER: Bob Eier's, 1076 East Johnson Avenue, reported that he has written to the Intrepid Foundation and members of Congress concerning funding for a multi-use regional recreation center in Chelan. Eier said he believes there is a better chance to secure funding if the Veterans Administration, Senior Center and representatives of other groups whose members would benefit from using the facility are asked to participate. Eier offered to provide a contact list to facilitate that effort.

REGULAR AGENDA

UNITED WAY MONTH 2008: Alan Walcker, Executive Director of United Way of Chelan and Douglas Counties, provided information about the 2008 United Way Campaign. At Walcker's request, **Greenfield moved to authorize a Mayor's proclamation designating October 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 as United Way Month in the City of Chelan. Seconded by Weldy, motion passed unanimously.**

MARINE PATROL & LAKE SAFETY: Fonfara reported that the Council Public Safety Committee met on 8/11/08 to discuss issues and concerns regarding safety on Lake Chelan, including the condition of buoys, increasing numbers of unskilled and irresponsible boat and jet ski operators, excessive watercraft noise, the practice of “rafting” and the need for a required boat/jet ski education program. Fonfara advised Council that the Committee would like Council to discuss proposed boater safety incentives. Fonfara further advised that local boat/jet ski rental businesses were provided a copy of this agenda bill.

Sgt. Rob Huddleston, the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office Marine Patrol Coordinator, provided a verbal report and several informational handouts on Marine Patrol activities and lake safety issues. There followed Council questions, comments and discussion.

Russ Jones, Commodore of the Lake Chelan Sailing Association, related concerns and asked for additional funding for the Marine Patrol, clearer signage and more buoys.

David Ogilvie, no address given, questioned the Marine Patrol’s practice of providing free boat towing service in non-emergency situations. Ogilvie complained that this not only wastes Marine Patrol resources, but competes with the private sector. Huddleston explained that the Marine Patrol relies on the State of Washington for funding. The State funds only those boating programs that are certified and certifies only those programs that provide boater assists.

Weldy said he’d like to see an agenda bill addressing Marine Patrol funding. Fonfara suggested that Marine Patrol funding be considered as part of the budgeting process for 2009.

2008 STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT: After providing a brief summary of the City’s strategic planning process, Fonfara asked Council to approve Minutes/Meeting Notes of the 2008 City of Chelan Strategic Planning Retreat and the 2008-2009 Strategic Plan.

Cooney asked that the strategic objectives listed in the Strategic Plan as presented by Fonfara be revised as follows: (1) Change “Cooperate in preparing a feasibility report for the development of a Chelan community aquatic center” to “Cooperate in preparing a feasibility report for the development of a Chelan community recreation/aquatic center” and (2) add the following objectives: integrate trails, explore the feasibility of developing an outdoor ice skating rink, increase City Council pay. **Cooney then moved to approve the Minutes/Meeting Notes of the August 23 & 24, 2008 City of Chelan Strategic Planning Retreat and to approve the 2008-2009 Strategic Plan, as amended. Seconded by Weldy, motion passed unanimously.**

DON MORSE PARK SHORELINE RESTORATION/BEACH ENHANCEMENT: Fonfara asked for authorization to issue a Request for Statements of Qualification (RFQ) for professional consulting services for the proposed Don Morse Park Shoreline Restoration and Beach Enhancement Project. Fonfara said that the anticipated scope of work would include planning, design, engineering, permitting, cost/funding analysis, preparation of bid specifications, contractor evaluation and project supervision and management. As a secondary consideration, some preliminary work will be contemplated for stabilizing the shoreline/beach at Lakeside Park as well. The RFQ would be published in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce. A selection committee chaired by the City Parks & Recreation Director would review Statements of Qualification, interview the top candidates and request Council’s approval to award the project to the most qualified individual or firm. **Cooney moved to authorize the City Administrator to advertise for Statements of Qualification for professional architectural/engineering services for the Don Morse Park Shoreline Restoration and Beach Enhancement Project. Seconded by Weldy, motion passed unanimously.**

LAKESIDE TRAIL SECTION B – CHANGE ORDER #1: Van Epps presented Change Order #1 for the Lakeside Trail Section B project to move the streetlight control panel, upgrade to 60” sweeps, do additional saw cutting and provide more lighting circuits. VanEpps reported that City staff and the project consultants have reviewed and approve the change. **Harper moved to accept Change Order #1 from RP&E Construction, Inc. for work on the Lakeside Trail Sidewalk Phase B Project, increasing the total project cost by \$14,935.26. Seconded by Cooney, motion passed unanimously.**

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE: Van Epps reported that the Public Works Trust Fund has approved a pre-construction loan of \$85,000 at 2% interest for engineering and design work on Phase 2 of the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. Debt service will be paid with a combination of city sewer connection and service fees and contributions from the two local sewer districts. Van Epps said that if Council authorizes acceptance of the loan, staff will present an agreement with Gray & Osborne for design services at a Council meeting in October. **Harper moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign Public Works Trust Fund Pre-Construction Loan Agreement Number PR08-951-106 for Phase 2 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

FALL IN LAKE CHELAN: At Fonfara’s recommendation, **Weldy moved to adopt Resolution No. 2008-1186 declaring September 12, 13 and 14, 2008 to be “Fall in Lake Chelan Weekend” and temporarily suspending Chelan Municipal Code 10.70 to allow cruising during the event. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 AGENDA: A tentative agenda for the next Council meeting was distributed to Council and media representatives.

At 8:27 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 8:28 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Morehouse reported attending an educational and productive Finance Committee on September 10. Of note, the Public Works maintenance program was explained and there followed discussion on the need to develop similar programs to assure ongoing maintenance of park and recreation facilities, the library building, and other city facilities.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION: Cooney said that the City is fortunate to have a cost conscious Finance Director. Further it is admirable that City department heads don’t make a practice of spending to their budget limits as is common in some government agencies.

Cooney thanked Fonfara for his work on the Strategic Plan and VanEpps for installing alleyway speed bumps.

MARINE PATROL: Greenfield advocated tracking the ownership of vessels cited by the Marine Patrol to identify those rental businesses that aren’t educating their customers about boating law and safety so they can be held accountable. Harper said that when the operator of a rented boat is cited, the rental agency should share the penalty.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR RECRUITMENT: Fonfara and the Mayor answered Council questions concerning the scheduled interview of candidates for the City Administrator position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:38 p.m. Council adjourned to executive session to discuss a proposed property acquisition. Regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m. following adjournment of executive session.

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

Prepared by:

Attested to:

Date Approved by City Council:

October 23, 2008

Linda Allison-Liles
City Clerk

Robert R. Goedde
Mayor