

MINUTES OF 11/20/08 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

**PRESENT:** Mayor Pro-tem Harper; Councilmembers Greenfield, Morehouse, Morse, Papé-Miller and Weldy; Administrator Reinbold; Clerk Liles; Finance Director Grant; Parks & Recreation Director Sablan. **EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Mayor Goedde and Councilman Cooney.

At 7:00 p.m. Harper called to order this special Council meeting to consider 2009 revenue sources, set the 2009 property tax levy, and conduct a workshop to consider the 2009 Preliminary Budget.

FUNDING REQUEST: Darrell Simpson, 344 Orchard View Drive, said he wasn't sure this was the time or place to present his request, but he hoped Council would allow him to speak. Simpson asked the City to donate approximately \$2,600 to purchase new nets for the AAU soccer program before the next soccer season begins in September of 2009. There followed discussion concerning the need for nets. Noting that the soccer field is School District property, Weldy suggested the City Administrator write to the School District to state concerns and the City's interest in a collaborative effort to address them. Reinbold said that he and Sablan would look into the matter and report back to Council.

2009 REVENUE SOURCES & PROPERTY TAX LEVY: Harper opened a public hearing to consider 2009 revenue sources for the City of Chelan.

Grant provided the staff report, explaining that RCW requires Council to hold a public hearing on revenue sources for the coming year before authorizing a property tax levy. Grant highlighted property tax issues, advising that increases in property tax assessments in 2008 make it possible for the City to set its levy rate at an amount that will provide revenues equal to those received before the Fire District's levy lid lift without assessing the allowed 1% tax levy increase. Grant anticipated that amount to be \$1,008,486. Grant presented the proposed tax levy ordinance, explaining that it would authorize property taxes from new construction, annexations, and assessed property values only.

There being no public comment or Council deliberation, Harper closed the public hearing.

**Papé-Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2008- authorizing a general property tax levy and an increase in the amount allowed under the new construction, improvements to property, and state assessed property provisions of RCW 84.55.010; levying the general taxes for the City of Chelan for the fiscal year commencing 1/1/09 on all property, including real, personal, and utility property in the city that is subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying sufficient revenue to carry on the several departments of said city for the ensuing year as required by law. Seconded by Weldy, motion passed unanimously.**

## BUDGET WORKSHOP

A workshop on the Capital Improvement, Debt Service, Water/Sewer Redemption and Special Revenue Funds was conducted by Grant. Requested amendments to the Preliminary Budget included the Mayor's request for \$100,00 to fund the purchase of land for or the construction of a parking garage and the addition of a Public Works Trust Fund loan that was inadvertently omitted.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested to:

Date approved by Council:

Linda Allison-Liles  
City Clerk

Robert R. Goedde  
Mayor

January 8, 2009