

CHELAN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

JANUARY 22, 2009, REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

- CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL Mayor Goedde called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Cooney, Greenfield, Harper, Lingard, Morse, Pape-Miller. **ABSENT:** Morehouse.
- City staff present: Administrator Reinbold, Attorney Galbraith, Clerk Liles, Public Works Director Van Epps.
- AGENDA CHANGES At Administration's request, the agenda was amended as follows:
- A. The order of the agenda's two action items was reversed so discussion of parking issues would follow consideration of the deferral agreement.
 - B. A recess was scheduled so the Mayor and Council could participate in the regular meeting of the Lake Chelan Airport Board before discussing parking issues.
- CITIZEN COMMENTS LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD: George Schultz, representing the Library Advisory Board, thanked the City for budgeting for library improvements. Schultz also suggested a City and School District partnership to address the need for a larger library.
- CONSENT AGENDA Harper moved to approve the consent agenda as follows. Seconded by Cooney, motion passed unanimously.
- A. Approve City Council meeting minutes: January 7, 2009, special meeting
January 8, 2009, regular meeting
 - B. Approve Claim Warrants: #71636 - #71715 = \$512,229.78,
Approve Payroll Warrants: #30344 - #30408 = \$115,764.41
 - C. Set special meetings: None
 - D. Adopt ordinances: None
 - E. Excuse absences: Morse from 1/7/09 special City Council meeting
- SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS LAW ENFORCEMENT: Rob Huddleston introduced himself as Chelan's new Police Chief.
- DELEGATE REPORTS There were no delegate reports.
- PUBLIC HEARINGS There were no public hearings.
- ORDINANCES There were no ordinances
- RESOLUTIONS There were no resolutions.

OTHER ACTION

HOSPITAL DISTRICT DEFERRAL AGREEMENT: Van Epps reported as follows. Hospital District No. 2 applied for a Conditional Use Permit to develop property at 419 East Highland Avenue. City Development Standards require curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements as a condition of the permit, but the standards and CMC 19.07 allow deferral of those improvements if appropriate. When deferred, the improvements must be completed upon demand by the City. It is staff's recommendation that improvements be deferred in this case. VanEpps then answered questions from Lingard and Morse concerning the deferral process.

Cooney moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign a Deferral Agreement between the City and Chelan County Hospital District No. 2, dba Lake Chelan Community Hospital, to allow the District to delay street improvements associated with a Conditional Use Permit issued for development of property described as Lot 6 and the east 35 feet of Lot 5, Block 1 of the Replat of part of A. F. Nichols Second Addition to Chelan, and commonly known as 419 East Highland Avenue and assessor's parcel number 272212730225. Seconded by Harper, motion passed unanimously.

RECESS

At 7:17 p.m. Council meeting recessed to permit the Mayor and Councilmembers to participate in the regular meeting of the Lake Chelan Airport Board. Council meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

OTHER ACTION
CONTINUED

PARKING: Reinbold explained that this meeting was in follow-up to the public parking forum held at the Performing Arts Center on August 7, 2008, and he offered a list of concerns and suggestions raised at the forum. The Mayor then called for citizen comment on parking issues.

Mike Mackey, 244 West Allen - The City needs to think about how it will control the overflow parking from the Lakehouse. The City should employ people to organize parking for community events at Don Morse Park. If alternative parking can be provided, the 100 and 200 blocks of Woodin Avenue should be restricted to pedestrian use during the summer months.

Kim Starr, 336 Highpoint Place - The City should offer parking by paid permit for people who work downtown – perhaps in the parking lot next to the Visitors Center. If that isn't possible, the two hour parking limit should be extended to three or four hours so it isn't necessary to interrupt work every two hours to move one's vehicle.

Mike Sherer, 48 Dietrich Road - There are eighteen parking spaces adjacent to Riverwalk Inn that can't be used in the winter because the City doesn't clear them of snow. The Inn is closed in the winter and these are public parking spaces that could be used by downtown workers.

Emmit Aston, 385 Antoine Creek Road - Downtown parking has been a problem for years and will continue to be a problem, so a standing committee is needed. It should be a joint venture between the City and the business community. He would like to serve on that committee.

Ray Dobbs, 109 Fairway - The 100 and 200 blocks of Woodin Avenue should not be restricted to pedestrian use. Highly visible "FREE PARKING" signs should be installed to direct visitors to available public parking.

Cindy Aston, 385 Antoine Creek Road - There is inadequate parking for Lakeside Park so the overflow fills the neighborhood, including the Link park and ride lot. Perhaps an old house in that

area could be purchase and demolished to make room for a public parking lot. Parking time in downtown must be limited and violators should be ticketed because a turnover in customers is critical to merchants. Parking spots on Chelan Avenue and the lots behind Columbia Furniture and City Hall are often full, so a parking garage is needed. She would like to serve on a parking committee.

Mayor Goedde - The following items have been brought to his attention:

- Year around enforcement may not be needed;
- Parking in the outer reaches of the Woodin Avenue corridor doesn't need to be restricted to two hours;
- The parking limit in downtown should be longer than two hours;
- Parking signage needs improvement.

Morse - There are times when the parking limit doesn't need to be enforced and he hopes the parking committee, if one is formed, will look into that. He'd like to serve on the committee.

Cooney - As a citizen and business owner, he submitted his thoughts on parking in writing (letter to Reinbold dated January 22, 2009). His recommendations for the short term are: retain the year around two hour parking limit for the 100 and 200 blocks of Woodin Avenue; end enforcement of the two hour parking limit in the lot next to the Visitors Center during the off season; increase available parking by removing snow berms in public parking lots; and keep alleys plowed. Long term recommendations are: build a parking garage on the property currently owned by the PUD at the southeast corner of Johnson Avenue and Columbia Street; offer a service shuttling people in golf carts or smart cars between downtown and distant parking lots. In addition, parking problems in Lakeside and in Mike Macky's neighborhood must be addressed, and downtown workers need to park away from the downtown core during the tourist season.

Mike Mackey - People should be directed to use the high school lot for boat trailer parking to free the marina parking lot for car parking.

Mayor Goedde - visitors should be made aware that there is frequent Link service between the high school parking lot and downtown.

Pat Kelly, no address given - There are several parking places behind the old transfer station that can't be used because they aren't plowed. It is unclear whether they are City of PUD property, but he would like the City to keep them plowed. Because there is inadequate parking, Kelly's Hardware's parking slots are often taken by people who are neither shopping nor working at Kelly's. The store's name is painted on the pavement. Eye level signs would be more effective, but the City Building Official has advised that would violate the sign code. Downtown realtors should ferry their customers in golf carts between downtown and distant lots instead of parking on Woodin Avenue. The City should have an employee who shuttles people from distant parking lots to downtown destinations instead of a Parking Enforcement Officer.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Reinbold noted that this meeting's information packet included a Finance Committee report. Reinbold said he would like to come to Council with action items on the things mentioned in the report. There was Council consensus that he do so.

MAYOR/COUNCIL
COMMENTS

SNOW REMOVAL: Mayor Goedde – The City snow removal crew is doing a great job.

CITIZEN
COMMENTS

PLANNING STAFF: Pat Kelly – The City’s current Planning Department is “unbelievable”.
When he comes in for information, they’re friendly, courteous and very knowledgeable.

TRASH COLLECTION: Cindy Aston – Downtown garbage containers are now being emptied
on Thursday so they don’t fill up over the weekend. They’re even emptied on Saturdays if
needed.

ADJOURNMENT

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: