

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall, 135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goedde called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Goedde and Councilmembers Cooney, Greenfield, Harper, Lingard, McCardle, Morehouse, Morse. Absent/Excused: None.

Staff present: Attorney Galbraith, Clerk Liles, Finance Director Grant, Parks & Recreation Director Sablan, Planning/Community Development Director Gildroy, Sgt. Huddleston.

3. AGENDA CHANGES

Add as agenda item 8B a resolution declaring September 10, 11 and 12 to be "Fall in Lake Chelan Weekend" and temporarily suspending the cruising ban.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve Minutes: July 29, 2010 special City Council meeting
- B. Approve Claim Warrants: #75372-75466 totaling \$257,421.33
- C. Approve Payroll Warrants: #34304-34436 totaling \$212,683.25
- D. Acknowledge receipt of 2011 Budget Calendar

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. SCOTT PARSONS APPRECIATION: Mayor Goedde announced that Scott Parsons had donated to the City a giant sequoia tree that was planted in Don Morse Park in celebration of the City's 2009 Tree City USA designation. The Mayor presented Parsons with a plaque expressing the City's appreciation for his gift.
- B. RECYCLING: Morse presented information about recycling in Switzerland.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN: At 6:15 p.m. Mayor Goedde opened a public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation concerning approval of the Downtown Master Plan and implementing regulations.

Gildroy explained that on September 1, 2010, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Downtown Master Plan. Following the hearing, the Commission recommended adoption with the exception of sign code revisions.

Consultant Bob Bengford, representing Makers Architecture Urban Design, reviewed the Downtown Master Plan and answered questions.

Lengthy Council discussion ensued. Suggestions included/discussed: restrict traffic on Woodin Avenue to one way; make downtown sidewalks wider to allow more sidewalk use by adjacent businesses; decrease fifty foot height limit for buildings along Highway 150; restrict/do not restrict ground floor real estate and professional offices on the 100 and 200 blocks of Woodin Avenue to allow for more retail storefronts; encourage use of upper floors of downtown buildings as residences; form a design committee to take over some of the responsibility the plan assigns to the Planning Director; notify neighbors whenever a building permit is issued.

Following Council discussion, Mayor Goedde called for public input.

Ben Higgins, 506 West Woodin Avenue: He is proud of downtown Chelan today – it has done well for a hundred years without a plan and he believes it will continue to do so without a plan. If he were on Council, he would vote against approving the Downtown Master Plan because it isn't needed. If Council is going to vote to approve, it should follow the Planning Commission's recommendation. If proposed restrictions on professional offices in the downtown core are enacted and a professional service business currently located on the ground floor of a downtown building goes out of business, the building owner won't be able to rent the space for office use even though the building was designed for that purpose and the cost of converting it to retail storefront use would be prohibitive. Higgins asked Council to be very cautious in proceeding with the Downtown Master Plan.

At 8:08 p.m., Mayor Goedde closed the public hearing.

Additional Council discussion ensued, culminating in the following motion: **Morehouse moved to table consideration of the Downtown Master Plan until a future meeting. Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.**

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: Grant proposed adoption of a policy delegating to the City Administrator the authority to surplus and dispose of items valued at \$500 or less and setting forth related procedures. Following brief discussion, **Morehouse moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-1220 adopting policies and procedures relating to the disposal of surplus city owned personal property and delegating authority for the surplus declaration and disposal of items of minimal value to the City Administrator. Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.**

- B. FALL IN LAKE CHELAN EVENT: At the request of Mayor Goedde, organizer for the Fall in Lake Chelan event, **Morse moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-1221 declaring September 10, 11 and 12, 2010 to be "Fall in Lake Chelan Weekend" and temporarily suspending the prohibition of cruising during the event. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

9. MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMENTS

DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN:

McCardle - Thanked planning staff for their work and said she is looking forward to the plan's implementation.

Lingard - Said he was sorry Council couldn't approve the plan at this meeting.

Greenfield - Thanked planning staff for their work and said she hopes the plan's approval doesn't take too long. She is concerned that more business owners weren't present for tonight's discussion and feels the City needs to encourage more community involvement.

Cooney – Cautioned Council concerning aspects of the plan and pointed out that what Council decides is germane to the future of the local economy. Said the City should focus on those things that can be accomplished.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: McCardle thanked Gildroy, Assistant Planner Agnes Kowacz and Development Program Manager Deanne Reynolds for attending the community meeting on strategic planning the previous evening.

NCRPO: Lingard reported attending the most recent North Central Regional Planning Organization meeting where a committee presented their top twenty priorities for stimulus funding. Lingard said you never know when that funding may be offered, so it is a good idea to have projects "shovel ready."

DOWNTOWN SIGNAGE:

Cooney - Reiterated his opposition to the "Do Not Cross Double Yellow Lines" signs on Woodin Avenue in the downtown core.

Harper – Said the law is the law and people are violating it, so the signs are needed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Morehouse thanked the Sheriff's Office for removing vagrants living behind the carwash.

LARGE WOODY DEBRIS: Morehouse reported attending the annual Fish & Wildlife Roundtable in Brewster the previous night. Use of large woody debris to mitigate harm done to fisheries by shoreline disturbances was discussed. The State maintains that mitigation is mandated when shoreline adjustments cause harm to fish. He challenged them to prove the need for large woody debris in Lake Chelan.

FIRE DANGER: Morse voiced concern about homes at risk from wild fire. He pointed out that all the new homes being built up on the hills are particularly vulnerable to wildfire. He said it is important for the City to keep this danger in mind when making decisions.

SIDEWALKS: Morse said he'd like to see the gum cleaned off downtown sidewalks.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mayor Goedde reported that the Chamber of Commerce Board is focusing on economic development. In his opinion, the Port District should be pressured for funding.

LINK TRANSIT: Mayor Goedde reported that delivery of the electric buses purchased by Link Transit had been delayed for two months.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

11. RECESS (AIRPORT BOARD MEETING)

At 8:46 p.m., the 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 8:47 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested to:

Date approved by Council: _____

Linda Allison-Liles
City-Clerk

Robert R. Goedde
Mayor