

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 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, Morehouse, Morse. Absent/Excused: McCardle.

Staff present: Attorney Galbraith, Finance Director Grant, Parks & Recreation Director Sablan, Planning & Community Development Director Gildroy, Public Works Director VanEpps, Chief Law Enforcement Officer Huddleston, and Acting City Clerk Gallucci.

3. AGENDA CHANGES

A. Remove item 6D, Special Presentation – Chamber of Commerce.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. GOOSE ABATEMENT: Bev Law was asked by Councilmember Morse to report on goose abatement in the parks. She inquired if Liz Tweten, the City's goose abatement contractor, was there on a daily basis. Parks Director Sablan said she was seen every day by himself or maintenance workers. Ms. Law suggested some type of clothing to identify Tweten as an "official" person. Councilmember Morse asked if she noticed a reduction in the goose droppings and she reported she did not see any difference. Councilmember Morse stated if the program didn't work, we would not be bringing the program back. Councilmember Morse encouraged her and other citizens to bring suggestions to Council or talk with Parks Director Sablan on implementing a new goose abatement program.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Cooney moved to approve the consent agenda as follows. Seconded by Lingard, motion passed unanimously.

A. Approve Minutes: August 26, 2010 & September 9, 2010 Regular City Council Meetings

B. Approve Claim Warrants: #75564 – 75662 totaling \$609,832.22
Approve Payroll Warrants: #34560 – 34674 totaling \$191,980.16.

C. Set Special Meeting on 10/27/10 at 6:00 p.m. at Wenatchee Confluence Technology Center for Workshop on Final Draft Shoreline Master Plan

D. Excuse Absences:

McCardle from 10/14/10 regular meeting

Goedde from 9/21/10, 9/28/10, 10/5/10, & 10/12/10 special meetings
Morse from 9/28/10, 10/5/10, & 10/12/10 special meetings
Greenfield from 10/5/10 special meeting
Lingard from 10/5/10 special meeting

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. RECOGNITION – COUNCILMEMBER TANYA GREENFIELD: Mayor Goedde presented Councilmember Greenfield with a plaque honoring her for her service and dedication to Chelan City Council and the community. Councilmember Greenfield was given a standing ovation by the Council, staff, and members of the audience.
- B. REPORT- LAKE CHELAN TOURISM PROMOTION GROUP (LCTPG): LCTPG Members Clint Campbell, Morgan Picton, Bob Christopher, Mike Steele, and Bard Wadkins gave a presentation on local tourism and their efforts towards promoting local tourism over the last year. They have been focusing on all the amenities and recreational activities offered year round in Chelan. Repeat festivals and events attendance appear to be up. Web search engine traffic is up, while phone inquiries are down. All phone inquiries are routed through the Chamber of Commerce and are answered by a live person every time. Travel writers are a good way to increase exposure. A photo contest for brochures has been a success including saving money on professional photographers. Echo Ridge is little known by tourists but mentioned as an excellent place for hiking and skiing. Two television spots were also played for the Council. Mayor Goedde suggested the Tourism Group may want to look for ways to encourage our service men and women to come to Lake Chelan. Mayor Goedde thanked them for their presentation and efforts.
- C. REPORT- CHELAN COUNTY COLUMBIA RIVER DRUG TASK FORCE: Sergeant Rob Huddleston and Jason Mathews of the Columbia River Drug Task Force attended with Jason Mathews presenting. Mathews stated two significant events which have impacted the Task Force. 1) Grant budget was cut by 30% in July and reduced another 7% the week prior to the presentation. 2) Two detectives were rotated out at the beginning of the year and essentially, the task force was working with two detectives for the first few months of the year impacting training and time spent on cases. The Task Force completed five cases over the year. This includes one active case, four search warrants, seven arrests and two patrol assists. Substances purchased are methamphetamine, cocaine, and marijuana. Many cases are interconnected between Chelan, Douglas, and Grant County.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. None

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN & REGULATIONS: Director Gildroy gave an update on the proposed amendments to zoning code definitions. Staff is in favor of removing “Gibson Avenue” from by-pass route but still wants to include by-pass route in the regulations. Director Van Epps read a letter from Councilmember McCardle asking for Gibson to be removed from the alternative bypass route. Staff and Planning Commission are in favor of capping professional office space on the ground floor in the Downtown Core area to 250’ lineal feet. They feel this is necessary to reduce dead space in the downtown corridor. Staff recommends nonconforming businesses will have six months to retain their nonconforming status. If the nonconforming business is not retained within the six month period, the new business will have to conform to the new regulations adopted in this plan. Discussion ensued including extending the downtown core area to include the 300 block of Woodin and the commercial areas including Johnson, building height restrictions to maintain view corridors in the downtown area, the 50’ height standard on State Route 150 in the Gibson neighborhood, and other bypass alternatives.

Danielle Literall, West End of Gibson, is in favor of the 50’ height standards on State Route 150. She stated the Council should look at beautifying the area and calming traffic. She stated things are going to change and implementation will be the key. Councilmember Morse responded Council will have to find practical solution to a difficult situation.

Ray Dobbs, Planning Commissioner, expressed concern on how departures from the Code will be applied. He stated there is too much opportunity for the Planning Director’s discretion. Concern was also expressed over the lack of design experience of the Planning Director. His understanding is the Downtown Master Plan was to allow people to go through the process and make their own plan. He suggested the Historic Downtown Chelan Association implement a design review process where applicants who are departing from the standards will have to go through the HDCA Design Committee. He recommends changing p. 34 in Title 17 from “encourage” to “shall” consult. This process would increase the timeline for those applications with departures.

Ben Higgins, 506 West Woodin Avenue, explained his opposition to proposed restrictions on professional offices at street level in the core downtown area. Property owners put a lot of money into their property and should be allowed to do what they want with it.

Further discussion continued by the Council. **Cooney moved the City Council adopt the Downtown Master Plan and regulations as the City's planning tools for the City's downtown area, as presented, with the following modifications:**

1. **Title 17 and 19 of the Chelan Municipal Code should be modified should be modified in the following respects:**
 - a. **To require notice of applications for building permits on the storefront pedestrian street, as identified in CMC 17.14.020 B Regulating map, be provided to property owners on the storefront pedestrian street;**
 - b. **Professional and real estate brokerage offices existing within the City's downtown area as of the date of the adopting ordinance, may continue as nonconforming uses when the uses are sold or transferred, unless such use is abandoned for a period of 6 months.**
 - c. **Real estate office use shall be limited to 200 lineal feet on the storefront pedestrian street.**
2. **The Downtown Master Plan shall be revised for consistency with the Traffic Enhancement Plan related to the Gibson by-pass route. Seconded by Greenfield. Motion passed 5-1 with Lingard, Greenfield, Cooney, Morehouse, and Morse voting aye and Harper voting nay.**

B. DISCUSSION OF TUSCAN VILLAGE UTILITY AGREEMENT: Director Van Epps and Attorney Galbraith presented an update on the Tuscan Village Utility Agreement. Lake Chelan Sewer District (LCSD) has completed their Southshore Capital Facilities Plan as per arrangement with Tuscan Development Group. LCSD have agreed to provide wastewater utility services to the area with a connection charge of \$6500 payable with the building permit application fees. Tuscan wants specific commitments and amounts from the LCSD to update the facilities and increase the capacity, however Tuscan is unable to determine when they may sell the units. Tuscan is unwilling to invest all their money because they are unsure if their plan will work. Tuscan feels they need commitment to the improvements in order to sell. The City doesn't know when they will need the improvements so they cannot commit. Timing of the improvements is the challenge. The capacity is not available at this time but the necessary improvements have been identified. The City has committed to having the services available when there is development but must be notified in a reasonable amount of time. Attorney Galbraith asked for additional time for both parties to review the agreement before they schedule another meeting.

C. COUNCIL MEETING START TIME: Mayor Goedde offered the Council the opportunity to implement a 6:00 p.m. City Council meeting start time year round. **Councilmember Morehouse moved to keep all the Council meetings at 6:00 p.m. twelve (12) months a year Greenfield seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

9. MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMENTS

TANYA GREENFIELD: Morse stated he is going to miss Greenfield and wished her the best.

Morehouse will miss Tanya and has enjoyed working with her even though they did not always agree. Feels she has always done a good job.

Harper thanked Tanya for her service.

Cooney hopes Council can find someone with the heart, mind and dedication to the City. He is proud of Tanya and proud of Chelan to elect her and get past gender or race. He will miss her.

Lingard will miss Tanya as well.

Director Van Epps will miss Tanya as well.

SUMMER WRAP UP: Morse talked with a lot of people who were happy to be in Lake Chelan this summer and feels our revenues reflect that.

LAKE CHELAN TOURISM PROMOTION GROUP: Morse happy with the presentation.

DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN: Morehouse thanked Craig and the rest of the staff. He hopes DMP will work out and is the right thing.

Harper feels we stepped on personal property rights tonight.

Cooney wants to make sure it is communicated that it is not punitive measure imposing the Council's will. Feels there is plenty of room to grow.

Lingard appreciates making it through the Downtown Master Plan.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Morse and Grant were the only ones who attended the Finance Committee Meeting. Discussed the irrigation system at the Golf Course and the possibility of utilizing bonds to pay for it.

2011 BUDGET: Morse will be using prudence when reviewing projects.

Lingard is relying on Grant to help them balance the budget issues and inform Council of prudent things to do.

Greenfield encourages high impact/low cost items when considering the budget.

SAFEWAY CORNER UPDATE: Cooney thinks signalization should be done in 3 – 4 weeks. Two concept plans being drawn with costs associated and how will cost to build Boulevard Park where the recycle bins used to sit.

RECYCLING: Cooney feels like it is working well with minor hiccups.

Greenfield encourages beautification and recycling.

Mayor Goedde wants to move the gate and pave the road at the Recycle Center/Transfer Station where the fence is falling down. Feels it will beautify the area and increase safety.

NCRPTO: Lingard attended the workshop. They are looking at the top twenty projects and the No-See-Um Interchange made the list. Strongly encourages having the project ready to go when the money is available or we may lose it.

LAKESIDE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING: Cooney was surprised it wasn't announced the Council was in a budget meeting in the backroom because he heard a lot of grumbling in the City regarding their lack of attendance.

ROUNDABOUTS: Cooney likes the Mayor's proposal on the radio regarding an alternative to the roundabouts and would like to see drawings to reflect these.

GROWTH: Greenfield feels Chelan is at a crossroads and they need to make a decision if they want to grow or stay small. Economic growth brings change and change is not always bad. She wants to thank the community who understand they must protect Chelan and the lake. She is relying on staff to balance these things.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Mayor Goedde discussed the sheriff terminating our contract in response to the discrepancy with Rivercom dispatch services. Rivercom has the ability to raise the rates and Goedde believes they will. We need to determine how we will pay for their services.

AWC MAYORS MEETING: Mayor Goedde attended meeting with about fifty other Mayors. We are fortunate because most other Cities are laying people off.

REGIONAL MEETING OF MAYORS & COUNCIL: Mayor Goedde disappointed in Council as only Councilmember Morse attended. Important to understand how initiatives are going to affect us. Disappointed Council hasn't taken initiative to understand what happens to all the little towns in the state. Asked Council to please put it on their agenda next time there is a regional meeting.

COUNCIL JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Mayor Goedde likes these because it sets out Council's responsibilities and what is expected of them. Goedde thinks we may want to look at incorporating these for future Council positions.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

HWY 150: Please be patient with tear up on Highway 150.

11 RECESS (AIRPORT BOARD MEETING)

At 8:59 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 9:00 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Prepared by: _____ Attested to: _____ Date approved by Council: _____

Peri Gallucci
Acting City Clerk

Robert R. Goedde
Mayor