

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2011 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; Councilmembers Cooney, Harper, Isenhardt, Lingard, McCardle, Morehouse, Morse. Absent/Excused: None.

Staff present: Administrator Reinbold, Attorney Galbraith, Clerk Liles, Finance Director Grant, Parks & Recreation Director Sablan, Planning & Community Development Director Gildroy, Public Works Director VanEpps, Receptionist/Clerical Assistant Gallucci.

3. AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Goedde announced the addition of an executive session to the agenda.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS: Frants Holm-Nielsen, 108 Riviera Place, said he believes it has been established that the proposed Transportation Improvement Fee (TIF) Program is not the way to pay for transportation improvements, though he isn't sure if Council has formally voted to reject the program. He advised that in his opinion, part of the City's solution is to work with developers. He recommended that for the next five years, the City refrain from hiring consultants, maintain what it has, and set aside money for emergency and necessary future projects. He also asked that everyone work together to promote downtown.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the January 27, 2011 regular City Council meeting;
- B. Approve Claim Warrants #76215 – #76307 totaling \$197,179.60,
Void Payroll Warrant #35326,
Approve Payroll Warrant: #35327 - #35335 totaling \$138,508.59;
- C. Excuse Councilmember Isenhardt's absence from the February 3, 2011 special Council meeting.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES: Recently elected Chelan County Sheriff Brian Burnett introduced his Chief of Operations, John Wisemore, and Chief Civil Deputy, Roxanne Giffin. Burnett reported that the third member of his administrative support staff, Jan Brincat, served as Administrative Assistant under the previous sheriff and was retained in that position.
- B. DON MORSE PARK SHORELINE RESTORATION/BEACH ENHANCEMENT/MARINA EXPANSION: Consultant Jim Brennan provided an update on the Don Morse Park Shoreline Restoration/

Beach Enhancement/Marina Expansion Project, including what has been accomplished to date, the regulatory permit timeline, additional Army Corps requirements and options should the City be awarded one or more of the grants for which it has applied.

Cooney pointed out that when the project started, the goal was simply to restore the shoreline, and he said he'd like the City to take the quickest route to achieving that goal. Discussion followed concerning the project timeline and when Council's decision on how to proceed would need to be made.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT: Mayor Goedde introduced a public hearing concerning the City's proposed application to the State Department of Commerce for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to pay for Chelan Public Library expansion planning. After stating the hearing's purpose, the Mayor explained the hearing procedure.

CDBG required handouts in English and Spanish were provided to those in attendance. Preliminary expansion plans prepared by the Library Expansion Steering Committee were distributed to Council and provided to the audience.

Reinbold presented the staff report, providing background information on the decision to conduct a needs assessment and to apply to the CDBG program for a grant to pay the cost of gathering information and conducting the assessment. Reinbold explained that the application process requires Council to hold a public hearing to review community development needs, to inform citizens of the availability of grant funding and its eligible uses, and to hear public comment on the proposed project.

Reinbold and Roxi Nanto of CC Consulting then answered Council questions.

Reinbold noted that a Spanish language interpreter was present for anyone needing her services.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Goedde opened the public hearing and called for public comment.

Amy Nelsen, 510 Cedar Street #14, spoke regarding her use of library resources and the need for additional space.

Mary Sherer, Library Board Member, reported that the library is always busy and pretty crowded. Also, nearly 100 children participate in the summer reading program each year and that program has to be conducted outdoors due to lack of indoor space. She asked that the City move forward to expand the library.

Sarah Zalaya, no address given, pointed out that the library's services are available and used by all ages and all economic and social classes in the community. She noted that more and more families depend on the library for internet access and the computers are always busy. She urged expansion of library space.

There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak, Mayor Goedde closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Reinbold suggested that anyone who favors moving ahead with the application stand. Nearly everyone present did so.

At Lingard's request, Reinbold explained further why the Library Expansion Steering Committee believes additional space is needed at the library. Lingard said he's pleased the Committee decided the library should stay at its current location – it's near downtown but far enough away not to add to downtown parking problems. Cooney said if the City is going to renovate the building, it should do it right. Morehouse concurred with the comments made by Lingard and Cooney. Mayor Goedde thanked members of the Library Expansion Steering Committee and others involved in the expansion effort.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. **LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT:** Reinbold explained that Department of Commerce requirements for submission of a CDBG application include adoption of a grievance procedure and authorizing resolution. There being no discussion, **McCardle moved to adopt a grievance procedure as required by the Department of Commerce for a Community Development Block Grant application and to adopt Resolution No. 2011-1228 authorizing submission of an application to the Department of Commerce for a grant to pay for Chelan Public Library expansion planning and certifying compliance with CDBG guidelines. Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.**
- B. **TRANSPORTATION PLAN:** Van Epps reviewed the *Draft Transportation Plan* completed by Shea, Carr, Jewell in November 2010, and explained its history, purpose and process for adoption. Van Epps noted that if the Transportation Improvement Fee Program is rejected, the plan will be amended.
- C. **GARBAGE TRUCK PURCHASE:** Van Epps reported as follows. Staff has been looking for a secondhand garbage truck to use as backup for the automated garbage truck purchased in 2007. They recently learned that Solid Waste Systems, Inc. in Spokane is selling a used side arm garbage truck for \$40,000 plus tax. There is \$100,000 in the equipment fund for purchase of a new truck, and staff recommends part of that be used to buy the truck from Solid Waste Systems. Having a backup truck will extend the life of the existing truck. Also, it may be possible to rent the second truck to the cities of Leavenworth and Cashmere when they need backup and the truck isn't being used in Chelan.
- Harper moved to authorize staff to purchase a used garbage truck from Solid Waste Systems, Inc. at a cost of \$40,000 plus tax and to amend the budget to reflect that purchase. Seconded by Cooney, motion passed unanimously.**
- D. **PUD PROPERTY ACQUISITION:** Reinbold reported as follows. On February 14, 2008, Council authorized the Mayor and staff to meet with the Public Utility District to pursue possible

purchase of property owned by the PUD and located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Johnson Avenue and Columbia Street (currently the site of the Chamber of Commerce building and adjacent parking lot). The property was appraised in 2008 and offered first to the City of Chelan, which showed limited interest at the price quoted. Since the economy has changed since the last appraisal, the City decided to have the property reappraised. Larry Rees of Rees and Associates, Inc. was selected to conduct the appraisal and recently submitted it to Administration. Rees then met with the General Government Committee to review the appraisal. The committee recommended forwarding the appraisal to full council for approval. Reinbold advised that approval of the appraisal could be discussed in executive session or the appraisal could be discussed and approved in open meeting. Reinbold further advised that staff recommends approval of the appraisal and a future executive session to discuss offers on the property.

Morse said he had no problem accepting the appraisal but believes the purchase isn't necessary and is beyond the City's means. The Mayor said it wouldn't hurt to look into acquiring the property, and Cooney said he believes the City would be remiss not to pursue the purchase.

Lingard moved to accept Rees and Associates' appraisal of the subject PUD property (Lots 5 and 6, Block 4, Chelan Realty Company's Plat) and to direct staff to work with the PUD on possible acquisition of the property. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed 6-1 with Lingard, Morehouse, Cooney, Harper, Isenhart and McCadle voting aye and Morse voting nay.

9. MAYOR, COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

FISH AND WILDLIFE: Morehouse reported on the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Roundtable held in Kennewick, Washington, on February 9, 2011.

WAREHOUSE INDUSTRIAL ZONE: Cooney reported for the Warehouse Industrial Zone planning committee.

JOHNSON AVENUE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT: Cooney reported that he, the Mayor, and Councilmen Harper and Lingard met with consultant Perry Shea last Thursday and are working on a plan for the Johnson Avenue Pedestrian Safety Project that doesn't include roundabouts.

Mayor Goedde said the Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council is interested in seeing what the City does with Johnson Avenue as the design may be useful in improving other intersections.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS: Cooney said that in rejecting the TIF program Council isn't letting developers off the hook – it will be an accommodation. He suggested asking developers for a solution to the problem of paying for transportation improvements.

Lingard pointed out that Council hadn't rejected the Transportation Improvement Fee Program.

Lingard reported attending a recent North Central Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting. He said that No-See-Um intersection improvement was in NCRTPO's top twenty projects.

There was indication that some projects might go faster than anticipated, so they need to be "spade ready."

Van Epps reported that the Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council is funding the Boyd Road overlay project at \$72,000.

Isenhart observed that Council is dealing with a lot of big issues, but what she heard about on her return from Mexico was potholes.

SAFEWAY CORNER BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT: Cooney provided an update on the Safeway Corner Beautification Project.

ICE RINK: Isenhart said she'd like to see an ice skating rink in Chelan.

SPENDING PRIORITIZATION: McCardle listed several big projects that Council has discussed at recent meetings. She said Council needs to prioritize projects, determine a long term strategy for funding them, and give staff needed direction as soon as possible. She added that it's difficult to make decisions when things come up if there is no "roadmap."

Harper observed that in the past, Council used its annual retreat for that purpose.

Reinbold reported that staff is establishing a list of major projects. When it is completed, he will schedule a workshop to discuss priorities and funding.

LINK TRANSIT: Mayor Goedde reported for the Link Transit Board. He said \$850,000 would be cut from Link's budget and listed services that would need to be eliminated.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES: Mayor Goedde reported meeting with the Chelan County Sheriff and Commissioners concerning a renegotiated law enforcement services contract. The Mayor said he was shocked by the amount the County was asking for law enforcement service.

TAX INCREASE: Mayor Goedde reported hearing that the County may ask voters for a two tenths of one percent tax increase, which would generate \$100,000 in revenue.

PUD PROPERTY PURCHASE/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Mayor Goedde reported that the Chamber of Commerce Board is interested to know what will happen to the Chamber's office if the City buys the property from the PUD.

KOZI RADIO PROGRAM: At the Mayor's request, Isenhart agreed to be the City's spokesperson on KOZI Radio this week.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

LEGISLATIVE ACTION CONFERENCE: Reinbold reported that he, Mayor Goedde and Finance Director Grant will be attending the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Action Conference in Olympia next week.

Mayor Goedde reminded Council of the importance of responding when asked by AWC to contact legislators on issues.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES: Reinbold reported that he and the Mayor will meet again next week with the Sheriff and County Commissioners to discuss the new law enforcement services agreement.

LAKEVIEW DRIVE IN: Reinbold reported that the owners of the Lakeview Drive In had been given a proposed ground lease agreement, but the City hasn't heard back from them.

11. RECESS (AIRPORT BOARD MEETING)

At 8:28 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 8:29 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:29 p.m., Mayor Goedde, Council, Reinbold and Galbraith adjourned to executive session to consider compensation adjustments for non-union employees. Reinbold estimated the executive session would last about fifteen minutes and said action might follow. Regular meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m. following adjournment of the executive session.

COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND NON-UNION EMPLOYEES: Reinbold reported that in executive session Council had considered compensation adjustments for the Mayor, the Airport Maintenance Lead, and the non-union City employees, i.e. the department directors, Assistant Public Works Director, Senior Accountant/Assistant Finance Director and City Clerk. Reinbold recommended approval of the compensation adjustments he had proposed in executive session.

Cooney moved to accept the compensation adjustments for the Mayor, Airport Maintenance Lead and non-union city employees as proposed by Reinbold in executive session. Seconded by Isenhardt, motion passed unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested to:

Date approved by Council: 2/24/11


Linda Allison-Liles
City-Clerk


Robert R. Goedde
Mayor