

MINUTES OF 8/24/2011 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall, 135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Goedde; Councilmembers Cooney, Harper, Isenhart, Lingard, McCardle, Morehouse, Morse.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Reinbold, Assistant Finance Director Lingle, Clerk/Administrative Assistant Liles, Finance Director Grant, Parks & Recreation Director Sablan, Planning/Community Development Director Gildroy, Public Works Director Van Epps.

At 4:00 p.m. Mayor Goedde called to order a special meeting for the purpose of strategic and capital planning in preparation of the 2012 and future budgets.

Grant reminded Council that after it prioritized capital projects, it accepted grant funding for the Don Morse Park Shoreline Restoration, Beach Enhancement, Marina Expansion Project, which required the commitment of \$1,700,000 in matching funds and reconsideration of priorities. It then decided to set aside money for project #1 on the priority list, bridge improvements, but to defer that project until the next grant cycle in the hope that a grant might be secured to pay for the project. If not, the set aside money would be used for the bridge project. If a grant is received for the bridge project, the set aside money would be used for project #2 on the priority list, improvements to the RV park and golf course irrigation systems. No decisions were made as yet concerning how to fund the remaining priority projects.

Van Epps reported that he intends to submit a grant application to the Transportation Improvement Board for bridge project funding, but doesn't believe the chance of award is good, and even if awarded, the amount would be only \$250,000 at most. This year all Surface Transportation Program funding is dedicated to paving projects so there is no money available from STP for bridge improvements. He hopes that will change next year. Meanwhile, he is looking into other grant sources for the bridge project.

There followed discussion culminating in a consensus to issue bonds to finance the Don Morse Park project and bridge improvements and, if grant funding is secured for the bridge project, to use that bond money for another project.

Grant then explained that the \$3,000,000 in the general fund was the result of excess revenues over the past few years.

Grant offered to contact the bondsmen and work the numbers, then report back to City Council concerning project priorities and funding sources. She said that once it is confirmed that everyone is on the same page, what is decided will be reflected in the budget.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at

Prepared by:


Linda Allison-Liles, City Clerk

Attested to:


Robert R. Goedde, Mayor

Approved by Council: 9/8/2011