

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall, 135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Goedde; Councilmembers Cooney, Harper, Isenhardt, Lingard, McCardle, Morehouse, Morse.

Staff present: Administrator Reinbold, Clerk/Administrative Assistant Liles, Finance Director Grant, Planning & Community Development Director Gildroy, Public Works Director Van Epps, Parks & Recreation Director Sablan, Airport Maintenance Lead Swinford, Receptionist/Clerical Assistant Gallucci.

3. AGENDA CHANGES

An executive session was added to the agenda.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve: Minutes of the August 23 & August 24, 2011 Special City Council meetings;
- B. Approve: Claim Warrants No. 77538 – 77607 totaling \$136,471.76 and Payroll Warrants No. 36751 - 36882 totaling \$222,733.37;
- C. Reappoint: Jim Reinbold to the Performing Arts Center Advisory Board for a term commencing 10/1/2011 and ending 9/30/2013 and Cal Vaughn to the Performing Arts Center Advisory Board for a term commencing 10/1/2010 and expiring 9/30/2012.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORT ON STATE ROUTE 150 SPEED LIMIT: Van Epps reported that Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) heard from a number of citizens who were concerned about unsafe conditions on SR150 between the entrance to Darnells' Resort and the city limits and were advocating a reduction in the speed limit. In response, WSDOT solicited further public input and conducted an investigation.

WSDOT Traffic Engineers Jennene Ring, George Stewart and Scott Cervine explained their process for soliciting input, described the study they are required by law to conduct when considering a speed limit change, reported results of their investigation and analysis, answered Council questions and heard Council comments.

Kathleen Miller, representing the Manson Community Council, and Kelly Allan, 350 SR150, expressed their concerns for the safety of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians traveling on the subject section of SR150.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. JOINT MEETING WITH PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY ON LAKE CHELAN AIRPORT: A joint meeting of the City and Port of Chelan County was introduced by Reinbold, who explained that the City and Port are required by the Airport Joint Operating Agreement to meet twice each year. Present for the Port District were Commissioners Mike Mackey and Craig Larsen, Executive Director Mark Urdahl, and Staff Assistant Kathleen Knappert.

Airport Maintenance Lead Swinford reported activity at the airport, including fuel sales; ground leases; attendance at the annual fly-in; the number of based aircraft, daily charter flights, and weekend group visits; and the status of the runway expansion project.

Reinbold reported that inadequate fire flow prohibits further construction at the airport, so those lessees who haven't built hangars were offered the option of terminating their leases with first right to re-lease when the fire flow problem is solved. Reinbold reported that four lessees accepted the offer. Reinbold also discussed the 2011 airport budget to date and noted that the 2012 budgeting process is beginning.

At Mackey's request, Gildroy reported on the status of the pavement maintenance project.

Cooney suggested more promotion of the airport to increase use. This led to Larson's observation that readily accessible transportation between the airport and town might increase use of the airport. Greg Phillips, Pangborn Airport Manager, explained that the length and width of the runway at the Lake Chelan Airport limits its use to smaller planes. Phillips also noted that general aviation is suffering across the country due to the economy and increased cost of fuel.

- B. PUBLIC WORKS TRUST FUND LOAN AGREEMENT FOR PHASE II WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE: Van Epps reported as follows. The City has been granted a \$10,000,000 Public Works Trust Fund loan to construct the Phase II Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, transmission pipelines and a portion of Lift Station 2. It is a 30 year loan at .5% interest with no down payment required – the most generous terms PWTF offers. If the loan is accepted, the debt service will be paid with a combination of general facility charges and monthly sewer services fees as well as pro rata cost sharing from the Lake Chelan Sewer District and Lake Chelan Reclamation District.

There followed discussion about possible service fee increases and the construction schedule. McCardle said that the project is a big deal for the community and the City should publicize it so the citizens know what is going on.

Isenhardt moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Public Works Trust Fund Construction Loan Contract as presented. Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.

- C. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO GRAY & OSBORNE AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO LIFT STATION NO. 2 DESIGN: Van Epps reported as follows. In 2009, the City secured a Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) pre-construction loan of \$850,000 for engineering and design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II Upgrade and transmission pipeline. The City hired Gray &

Osborne to provide the plans, specifications and engineering for the project with a budget of \$750,000. Staff anticipated that the remaining \$100,000 would be used for design of Pump Station #2 and the pump station's construction would be paid for with money remaining from the WWTP Phase II construction loan. There followed Council comments and questions concerning the project and engineering services.

At Van Epp's request, Isenhart moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 1 to the City's engineering services agreement with Gray and Osborne for additional services relating to design of Pump Station #2 and to appropriate \$155,000 from the Public Works Trust Fund pre-construction loan and cash reserves to pay for those services. Seconded by Lingard, motion passed unanimously.

9. MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMENTS

A. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE:

McCardle - Congratulated Van Epps on obtaining the PWTF loan and moving ahead with the second phase of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. Pointed out that Isenhart has a public relations background and might apply her expertise to informing the public about the project.

Isenhart - She'd be happy to help and suggested some ways she might do that.

Lingard - The City gets criticized for conducting too many studies, but the PWTF grant award illustrates that it pays to have a study in place when money becomes available. The City relies on grants because it can't afford everything it needs. The only way to get grants is to be ready at the moment they become available. That means having the required studies completed. The City needs grants to help fund projects if it is to maintain its reserves.

B. LAKESIDE TRAIL:

McCardle - She is happy to see Section J of the Lakeside Trail proceeding so quickly.

C. DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN:

McCardle - She is impressed with the way Bend, Oregon incorporated the area's history into its revitalization of the Old Mill District. She thinks that would work in Chelan's downtown, making it friendlier so people will want to linger. She also thinks Bend does a nice job of promoting itself - it provides reasons to come back and does other small things that add up. She'd like to see Chelan think about how to do that.

D. BEACH RESTORATION: Isenhart - The Sailing Association would like to improve the beach it uses located to the left of the boat ramp. There is an erosion problem there. She believes that with a small amount of money, volunteers could restore that portion of the beach.

E. INFRASTRUCTURE: Cooney - He's reading a book titled On the Grid, which is a fascinating investigation into the infrastructure that makes society possible. It's about all those systems Public Works deals with. He'd be glad to loan it when he's done.

F. SUSTAINABILITY:

Harper - When reviewing the warrants approved tonight, he noticed one for \$1175 to pay for services provided this month by the sustainability study consultant. He'd like to know where we're going with the sustainability effort.

Reinbold – The consultant provided an update today. He'll copy it to Council tomorrow.

McCardle – Initially the group set out to address twelve elements. At the end of the first year, its members agreed that if they wanted to do a thorough job and make sustainability part of the Comprehensive Plan, they'd have to narrow their focus. They then eliminated eight of the twelve elements to concentrate on four. Their intent is to do a great job on those elements and then take them to the Planning Commission.

Gildroy then provided information about the process and purpose of making sustainability an element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Harper – He is concerned that adding sustainability to the Comprehensive Plan will mean more rules for people to follow. He believes there is already way too much government and doesn't want to add yet another layer. The City's involvement in sustainability started with recycling and evolved into this big expensive exercise that doesn't really seem to be accomplishing anything.

Wendy – The committee has done a few things. It issued the advisory ballot on sustainability issues and got a big response indicating community support for being proactive.

Morse – He resigned from the Sustainability Committee at its last meeting. It was his understanding that the the committee was supposed to do projects. However, he was told by staff that its purpose, as directed by Council, is to work towards including sustainability in the Comprehensive Plan. The people who used to come to the committee meetings are worn out and have stopped coming. His committee assignment was agriculture. He attempted to prepare something simple, but that wasn't acceptable to the committee. Only thirteen communities in the state have sustainability elements in their comprehensive plans and each is only a few pages long. He wanted to do something practical. Nothing is getting done and so much money is being spent. Either the consultant doesn't know what she is doing or the process is just too complicated. He doesn't want another level of regulation. The committee refuses his suggestions and ignores his comments.

Morehouse – He supports Morse on this issue.

G. MASONIC TEMPLE PURCHASE:

Morse – He sent an email to Councilmembers McCardle and Cooney regarding purchase of the Masonic Temple. At this time an architect is looking at the building to see if it is usable and an appraisal is being done. The City Administrator has said that it is staff's duty to negotiate purchase with the Masons. However, he thinks three council members should talk to the Masons to see if they would sell the building to the City at a reduced price or even donate it for public library use. It seems obvious that the Masons are far more likely to cut deal if approached by a council committee instead of by staff. Being approached by council members would afford the Masons more dignity and cause them to be more receptive.

After brief discussion, consensus was to postpone further discussion about purchasing the Masonic Temple until the September 22, 2011 Council meeting when the planning report for library expansion will be available.

- H. SOLID WASTE ADVISORY :
Morehouse – Reported for the Chelan County Solid Waste Advisory Council.
- I. ARTS COUNCIL:
Morehouse – Reported for the Lake Chelan Arts Council.
- J. MAYOR'S EXCHANGE:
Mayor Goedde – Will be attending the Mayor's Exchange in Mukilteo September 4, 2011.
- K. NO-SEE-UM INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT:
Mayor Goedde – He isn't optimistic that the No-See-Um Intersection improvement project will get underway any time soon since Department of Transportation has no money.
- L. MAIN STREET SOUND SYSTEM: A sound system for downtown events has been discussed over the years. He thinks it's time to look into it. The cost would be about \$12,000.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

11. RECESS (Airport Board Meeting)

At 8:44 p.m., meeting was recessed to allow the Mayor and City Councilmembers to participate in the regular meeting of the Lake Chelan Airport Board. Council meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

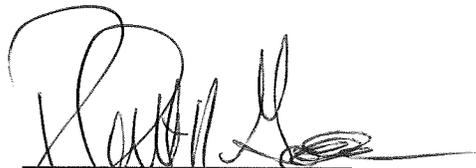
None

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Linda Allison-Liles
City-Clerk



Robert R. Goedde
Mayor

Approved by City Council ^{10/13}, 2011