

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall, 135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Goedde; Councilmembers Cooney, Isenhart, Lingard, McCardle, Morehouse, Morse. Absent/Excused: Councilmember Harper.

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, City Attorney Galbraith, Police Chief Huddleston.

3. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. Paul Ayers, 328 East Woodin Avenue, complained that city building officials refused to investigate his report of code violations. Reinbold responded, saying the City had received Mr. Ayers' correspondence and was looking into the matter.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve: Minutes of the August 25 Regular City Council meetings;
- B. Approve: Claim Warrants No. 77538 – 2577607 totaling \$136,471.76 and Payroll Warrants No. 36751 - 36882 totaling \$222,733.37;
- C. Excuse: Councilmember Harper's absence from the September 22, 2011 council meeting.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. LIBRARY EXPANSION PLANNING: Mayor Goedde introduced a public hearing to obtain testimony on a needs assessment, site evaluation, and proposed plan for library expansion, explaining that the City obtained a Community Development Block Grant to fund the study and selected Hibbard Architecture and Planning to work with the Library Planning Committee to conduct it and prepare a report. After explaining the hearing procedure, the Mayor declared the hearing to be open (6:10 p.m.) and called for the committee report.

Consultants Larry Hibbard and Mary Murphy and Committee Members Gary Stern, Pat LaPort, Mary Scherer, Karen Brown and George Schultz presented the report, discussing library needs, the study process, community input, site and building criteria, options for library expansion, and funding options. They also informed Council and the public of their recommendation that the

City purchase and renovate the Masonic Temple building for the new library. The written report prepared by Hibbard Architecture and Planning entitled "City of Chelan Planning for Library Expansion – Preliminary Copy" was included in council meeting packets and made available to the public both at an open house that preceded the hearing and at the hearing itself.

At the conclusion of the committee report, Mayor Goedde called for Council comments.

Cooney: He is sold on renovating the Masonic Temple as a community center that would house not only the library but also the teen center and food bank and other uses. He cautions against getting hung up on the cost of the building and believes that paying tribute to the Masons in some way may bring the price down. He suggests selling the building that currently houses the library to raise money for purchase of the Masonic Temple.

Lingard: He noticed a discrepancy between the oral and written report concerning the temple's square footage. Hibbard said he'd misspoken. Lingard asked if the plan was to remove or retain old equipment in the temple's basement. Hibbard said nothing in the basement was functional except one furnace and all of it would be removed.

McCardle: She is a proponent of the expansion and likes the Masonic Temple option. She believes this is the right time for this investment and hopes it will include investing in technology for students who don't have computers at home.

Morse: He'd like to see the library at the Masonic Temple. The library and bridge are priorities, but there are more things the City wants to accomplish than there is money to finance them. The budgeting process will involve tough decisions.

At the conclusion of Council comments, the Mayor called for public comment (6:53 p.m.).

Chris Cartwright, Chelan Valley Genealogical Society: CVGS had to quit meeting at the library because the space they used was needed for computers. They need a home. Members like the Masonic Temple for library expansion. They are all about history and the temple is part of Chelan's history - it's a historical building. Also, it is large enough so space might be provided for CVGS to meet. CVGS will do whatever they can to help the project proceed. Personally, she wouldn't mind paying higher taxes to fund library expansion. It is needed and it is time.

Brad Harper, Food Bank: He favors the library expansion and the temple site. The Food Bank and Chelan Valley Hope are both looking for space and the temple appears to have room for both library and other uses. Morse asked if the Food Bank could use the building that currently houses the library if it were vacated. Harper said that building would work very well as a shared space for the Food Bank and Chelan Valley Hope.

Susan McKinnon, 428 Chelan Avenue: As a member of the Chelan Valley Players, she is wondering about the possibility of using library space for small performances. She understands that there is a stage in the Masonic Temple.

Mike Harris (no address given): In a few years there will be very few books. It'll be all about computers then. According to the library expansion planning report, the City would pay \$500,000 of the cost for expansion. He wants to know where that money is coming from and

how much it plus interest will cost the taxpayers. Also, will this be the end of it or will the library be back for more in five or ten years?

There being no further public comment, the Mayor called for any additional Council discussion.

Morse: At a previous meeting he suggested that a committee of 3 council members approach the Masons to see what flexibility there might be on the price they are asking for the temple. He has gotten no response. Mayor Goedde responded saying administration is considering the suggestion.

There being no further discussion the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. 2011 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS ORDINANCE: Gildroy presented the ordinance to adopt Comprehensive Plan amendments approved by Council on 8/25/2011. There being no discussion, **McCardle moved to adopt Ordinance 2011-1426 adopting the 2011 amendments to City of Chelan Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Lingard, motion passed unanimously.**

B. CHELAN COUNTY BRIDGE INSPECTION CONTRACT: Van Epps asked that Council postpone consideration of an agreement with Chelan County for bridge inspection services, stating that the version councilmembers received was no longer valid. Van Epps explained that the County prepared a standard agreement to be used by all the cities contracting for this service. Negotiations with other cities led to changes in the agreement after it had been distributed to Chelan councilmembers. In addition, Galbraith reviewed the proposed agreement and has concerns relating to indemnification. Van Epps said a revised version of the agreement should be available for consideration at the next council meeting.

There being no discussion, **Isenhart moved to postpone consideration of an agreement with Chelan County for bridge inspection services. Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.**

C. CHELAN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT: Reinbold reported as follows. The City has been attempting to negotiate a new agreement with Chelan County for law enforcements services since October of 2010 when the County gave notice that the existing agreement would be cancelled in one year due to a dispute between the parties as to which should pay for dispatch services. County and City officials met to try to resolve the dispatch services issue and to review the true cost of enforcement services per deputy. The County then came to a decision concerning the amount the City should pay. This decision is contested by the City, but the County has held firm and, in order to meet the old agreement's termination date, recently delivered to the City an agreement signed by County Commissioners.

Reinbold asked Council to consider the following options:

1. Accept the agreement prepared by the County, which would maintain current levels of coverage (7 deputies including the School Resource Officer [SRO]) as well as marine patrol and the Administrative Specialist position, which were covered under separate contracts in the past. The cost for the fourth quarter of 2011 would be \$214,600.50 for law enforcement and \$23,887.50 for dispatch. The cost for 2012 would be \$990,500.00

for law enforcement plus an unknown amount for dispatch. The cost for 2013 would be \$1,087,793.00 for law enforcement and an unknown amount for dispatch.

2. Reduce the number of deputies to 5 plus 1 supervisor, which would lower the cost for law enforcement services for fourth quarter 2011 to \$212,250; for 2012 to 849,000; and for 2013 to \$932,394. The cost for dispatch would be as set forth in option 1. This option wouldn't provide for an SRO unless it is determined that one of the deputies will be assigned to the SRO program.
3. Reduce the number of deputies to 5 plus 1 supervisor as in option 2 but add .33 FTE to cover 1/3 of the SRO program and summer enforcement, with the School District and County to pay the other 2/3. This option would cost \$37,453.66 for fourth quarter 2011; \$100,102 for 2012; and \$135,193.66 for 2013. The cost for dispatch would be as set forth in option 1.
4. Same as option 2 but assign one deputy as SRO.

In addition, Reinbold noted the following possible considerations: number of years the agreement with the County should cover, contracting with an agency other than Chelan County, going back to a City police department, or hiring a town marshal and contracting for security services.

Reinbold stated that retaining the School Resource Officer is a priority with the City as well as the Sheriff's Department and School District. Sheriff Burnett added that the plan is to split the cost for the SRO between the City, County and School District, but neither the County nor the School District has committed to paying a third.

There followed lengthy discussion concerning Rivercom dispatch services, the related dispute and termination of the existing contract; actual costs for law enforcement; various levels of coverage; and the School Resource Officer position. Council questions were answered by Reinbold, Sheriff Burnett, Sgt. Huddleston and Commissioner England.

Reinbold explained why he prefers option 3.

Mayor Goedde stated he would not sign a Law Enforcement Services Agreement with a term longer than one year, but he has no problem with Council designating someone else to sign.

McCardle moved to accept "Option 3" (as described in Exhibit #2 to Agenda Bill No. 2011-045) and to authorize City Administrator Reinbold to sign the resulting revised agreement with Chelan County for Law Enforcement Services. Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.

9. MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMENTS

A. LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES:

McCardle – Thanks Burnett, Huddleston and England for attending this meeting.

Lingard – Appreciates the forthright and honest responses to Council questions provided by Burnett, Huddleston and England.

B. LIBRARY EXPANSION PLANNING:

McCardle – Reiterates the need for library expansion and is excited by the plans presented.

Cooney – Feels it's wonderful to live in a community where people come forward as did the Friends of the Library. The Library Expansion Project is really moving forward quickly.

C. DECISION MAKING:

Cooney – Urges Council to always keep an open mind, to considerer all the options, to leave all possibilities on the table, and to come up with solutions instead of immediately saying “no”.

D. GOLF CART PURCHASE:

Cooney – Minutes of the Park & Recreation Advisory Board meeting state that the City will be purchasing golf carts, and he wonders if electric carts are being considered.

Sablan – Electric carts are being considered. Purchase will depend on cost.

E. JOHNSON AVENUE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT:

Morehouse - Reports attending a meeting three weeks ago on the Johnson Avenue Pedestrian Safety Project and describes the draft plan. He doesn't see that the project will maximize parking or improve pedestrian safety as intended, and the engineers at the meeting promised traffic would be worse. They weren't even aware that Chelan has a traffic plan. He would like Shea, Carr, Jewel, the firm that prepared the traffic plan, and the firm hired to do the project to come to a council meeting before plans are finalized. As he sees it, traffic would move more efficiently and there would be more parking if there was just one double striped lane. He thinks it's pointless to spend a lot of money and not really improve anything, then have to start all over in five years.

McCardle – Would like the opportunity to review the plans and to get Shea, Carr, Jewel's perspective since they put in so much time on the traffic study but aren't doing the project design.

Van Epps – Shea, Carr Jewel is the firm doing the project design. Confusion may have arisen because they've hired engineers who used to work for Hammond, Collier, Wade. It is true that the design has changed since it was presented to Council – largely because the engineers have incorporated elements in response to input from downtown business owners. There is nothing wrong with bringing the consultants back or re-evaluating the design, but Council should be aware that doing so will cost more and delay the project.

F. GREATER WENATCHEE REGIONAL EVENTS CENTER PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT:

Morse – Reports reading about a meeting in Wenatchee earlier this week arranged by Senator Parlette and Representative Condotta, who invited staff from the State Treasurer's office to meet with local leaders concerning a solution to the Town Toyota Center's outstanding debt. Their message was that if the nine towns in the Public Facilities District don't chip in to save the Town Toyota Center, all will be sued. None of the state officials warning of lawsuits were lawyers and the Public Facilities District doesn't appear to have competent bond counsel. He has obtained a copy of the security prospectus, which lists Wenatchee's bond capacity at \$75 million, though Judge Bridges ruled that Wenatchee could not legally back the debt because its debt limit is only \$23 million. It is clear that Wenatchee is the party responsible for repaying the debt. Chelan isn't. The situation was misrepresented to the bond buying public. If the Chelan City Council must make a decision on this issue, he wants it to be based on the opinion of

competent bond counsel. As a lawyer, he knows something about these matters, and he would like to be one of the people representing Chelan at the next meeting on this matter.

Mayor Goedde advised that the next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on September 30 at the Town Toyota Center. He, the City Administrator, the City Attorney and three Councilmembers will attend. He would recommend that one of the three be Councilman Harper since he has been so vocal on this issue.

Cooney – He would like to attend.

Mayor Goedde – There being no objection, the three Councilmembers to attend the meeting are Harper, Cooney and Morse.

Morse – He'd be happy to share the security prospectus with anyone interested.

G. ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES:

Mayor Goedde - Last Wednesday he attended an AWC sponsored mayors' exchange in Mukilteo where AWC legislative priorities were discussed. Mike McCarty, CEO of AWC, will present those priorities at the AWC Regional Meeting in Wenatchee on September 28. He encourages council members to attend the Regional Meeting.

He will be at the City of Seatac tomorrow for an AWC Board meeting. The legislative process will be discussed. Since he is on the Legislative Committee this year, he wants to pay attention to that.

H. LINK TRANSIT:

Mayor Goedde – He learned at the last Link Transit Board meeting that if City of Chelan accepts a trolley, its use will be subject to federal restrictions and paperwork – probably not something we want. Link Director Richard De Rock says each trolley is worth about \$45,000, but he believes they may go for \$30,000 each if put up for bid.

I. AIRPORT FIRE FLOW:

Mayor Goedde – Reinbold arranged a meeting of entities interested in solving the airport fire flow deficiency problem. The Greater Wenatchee Irrigation District surprised attendees with the news that they may be able to supply water to the airport. They have a million gallon reservoir and pipes from the reservoir to the airport that appear to be adequate for that purpose. Getting permission from Department of Ecology could be a problem but he doesn't see why they would object since the water would be for fire protection. Consent of the Bureau of Reclamation would also be needed. Staff will follow up.

At the same meeting, Fire Chief Lemon spoke about there being no water to fight a recent hangar fire. He was advised that there is a water source but the system wasn't designed properly. They are willing to install a fire hydrant at the airport at cost so it won't be necessary to run a tanker back and forth between the airport and town in the event of another fire.

Also discussed was installing a wireless temperature sensor with activation at a central airport location.

RECESS (Airport Board Meeting)

At 8:47 p.m., 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 8:48 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

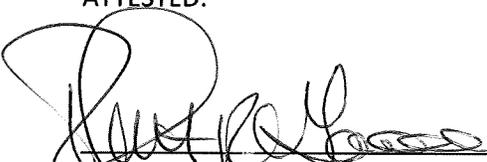
There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

PREPARED BY:



Linda Allison-Liles, City Clerk

ATTESTED:



Robert R. Goedde, Mayor

DATE APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL: 10/13/2011