

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 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, 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, City Attorney Galbraith, Sewer Treatment Plant Operator Nutley, Assistant Sewer Treatment Plant Operator Rife, Pump Technician Burberry.

3. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- A. SKATE PARK: Teague Block, 510 East Woodin Avenue, asked that the city skate park be modified to better accommodate disabled skaters. He recommended that the Skatelite ramps be replaced with concrete. He suggested forming a committee to plan improvements, raise funds to pay for them and solicit volunteers to do the work and asked that someone from the City oversee this effort.

Mayor Goedde advised Block to meet with Sablan. Morse asked that an estimated cost be determined and reported to Council.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve: Minutes of 9/8/2011 and 9/22/2011 regular City Council meetings;
B. Approve: Claims No. 77708 – 777811 totaling \$582,714.42 and Payroll Warrants No. 37002 – 370118 totaling \$209,329.90;
C. Acknowledge: Receipt of State Auditor's Report for the period 1/1/201-12/31/2010;
D. Approve: Bid award for Woodin Avenue Bridge overlay;
E. Excuse: Lingard's & Isenhardt's Absence from 10/4/2011 Special City Council Meeting.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. COUNTY ADDRESSING: Rivercom Operations Manager Jackie Jones described problems dispatchers and responders experience in locating addresses in emergencies. She explained that the Chelan County Addressing Committee has been working to establish a better addressing and mapping system in the unincorporated areas of Chelan County to improve emergency response.

Addressing Coordinator Lori Beidler presented the county resolution officially adopting a new Road Naming and Physical Addressing Code and explained that the code establishes procedures for selecting road names and assigning physical addresses and sets signage standards for house

numbers and road names. Beidler recommended that the cities in Chelan County adopt a similar code.

Phil Mosher of the Chelan County Fire District confirmed the need for an improved addressing and street naming system.

There followed Council comments and questions.

- B. DOE WASTE WATER TREATMENT COMPLIANCE AWARD: Van Epps reported that the Department of Ecology has recognized City of Chelan for providing the highest level of effective waste water treatment. The following city employees were present and recognized for their dedication: Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Dan Nutley, Assistant Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Mike Rife and Pump Technician Jim Burberry. Nutley, Rife and Burberry then exited Council Chambers and were absent for the remainder of the meeting.
- C. WATER QUALITY AWARD: Van Epps reported that the Department of Health has awarded the City of Chelan Water Department a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding performance and treatment optimization. Van Epps advised Council that Troy Brooks, the City's Water Treatment Plant Operator, was unable to attend tonight's meeting, so would be recognized at the October 27, 2011, meeting.
- D. NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES WELLNESS AWARD: Reinbold reminded Council that City of Chelan received the "Well City Award" from Association of Washington Cities during the past year and reported that the National League of Cities has now issued a certificate in honor of that achievement. Reinbold recognized all the employees who participated in the City's wellness program, particularly Wellness Committee members Julie Merchant, Pat Lingle, Agnes Kowacz and James Hayter.

Mayor Goedde noted that the "Well City" designation merited a 2% reduction in the City's medical insurance premiums for 2012.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. LIBRARY EXPANSION PLANNING: Reinbold reported as follows. The Library Planning Committee held an open house on 9/22/2011 to introduce the draft library expansion feasibility study to the public. The Planning Only Community Development Block Grant that funded the study requires a public hearing, which was held during the City Council meeting that immediately followed the open house. The draft study was then revised to reflect public and Council input, and the most recent version was distributed in the council information packet for tonight's meeting. The preferred option of both the study and the Library Advisory Board is purchase and renovation of the Masonic Temple building (216 East Emerson).

George Schultz, Library Advisory Board Chairperson – He recommends the City proceed with purchase and remodel of the Masonic Temple for use as the library and community center. The Librarian has been approached by a number of groups and individuals looking for space, including the Chelan Food Bank, Chelan Hope, the Genealogical Society, ESL, the Teen Library

Group, the Chelan Valley Players, book clubs, computer classes, English as a second language classes and visiting authors. The Library Advisory Board understands that acquiring the funding for the purchase and remodel will be tough, but believes it can be done and is exploring options.

Linda Crego, 526 E Wapato - She tutors at the library and finds it to be very crowded. The tables are full and the computers in use almost always. It would be nice to have the room needed for all the activities going on at the library.

Isenhardt – She is excited about the Masonic Temple becoming the new library, but is concerned about the cost. She wouldn't want the City to pay all of it. It is her understanding that a library bond may be the way to go, but she doesn't know if a bond could be secured in time for the purchase.

Reinbold – Funding will be discussed in executive session.

Morehouse - He thinks the City should go ahead with the purchase. The need is obvious. He would like to be included in any group that approaches the Masons about the purchase.

Cooney – He likes the Masonic Temple location, but wants library expansion supporters to know that he sees it as a community center that also houses the library. It would be controlled by the City rather than the Library and space might be rented out for a variety of uses. He would like to see something similar to the three- way funding used for the Senior Center building project, i.e., a combination of City funding, grant money and donations.

Lingard – The temple coming up for sale just as the feasibility study began was the right thing happening at just the right point in time. Financing is a problem, but he believes the City and library expansion supporters working together will find a way.

Harper - He totally supports the Temple site and believes a way to fund it will be found.

George Schultz – He believes some Masons might step forward to help out.

Morse – It is doubtful the City can pay the asking price for the building. He's hearing there are donors out there, but specific funding sources need to be identified. Council needs to think in terms of the 2012 budget it is currently working on. It has been suggested that the purchase be made on contract and that is something to consider. He wants Council to think about the most efficient and effective way to approach the Masons. At the last meeting he proposed that a committee of three council members meet with the Masons to discuss the purchase. He has a proposed motion to that effect, but will save it until the council comments section of the meeting.

Goedde – According to Municipal Research and Services Center, council members do have the authority to appoint a committee to negotiate property purchase. Non-council members could be part of the committee as well.

McCardle moved to accept the library expansion feasibility study and its recommendation of the Masonic Temple as the site for the library and to direct staff to commence negotiations with Masonic Lodge Temple Board once an appraisal of the Lodge has been received. Cooney

There being no discussion, **Isenhart moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Davis Arneil Law Firm for the provision of city attorney services for the year 2012. Seconded by Harper, motion passed unanimously.**

9. MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. CHAMBER MARKETING MEETING: McCardle – She attended a Chamber of Commerce marketing meeting earlier in the week. The group plans to meet every six months and its goal is to create an efficient way to market the Lake Chelan area with more synergy among the various groups in the valley.
- B. SISTER CITY: McCardle – She represented the City at the Oliver, B.C. Festival of the Grapes. It was a lot of fun – a fantastic event. She was impressed with the great job the area does in marketing itself.
- C. STAFF RECOGNITION: McCardle – Congratulations to staff for the awards announced earlier in this meeting.

Cooney - The City is well represented by its department heads, but he wants to acknowledge the phenomenal job done by support staff. The City is incredibly well run behind the scenes, the mood at City Hall is positive and you get what you ask for – usually the same day.

Morse – Commented favorably on the appearance of the RV park and results of resurfacing the Woodin Avenue bridge.

Lingard – He attended the exit conference for the State’s recent audit. There were no findings or management letters. Thanks to the Finance Department staff for their good work.

- D. RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT: Isenhart - The RC&D is reorganizing due to a loss of federal funding. During a recent planning session, attendees were asked to come up with three big projects for consideration. She recommended a glass recycling plant in Chelan that would produce a sellable product, and the group helped her put together a timeline. She hopes to have a business plan prepared by January 2012 to bring to Council. One thing that could be done is glass brick pavers, which would be incredibly beautiful at the Safeway Corner.

Morehouse – There are a number of uses for glass. If the City can make a glass recycling plant pay for itself, it should do it.

- E. CODE ENFORCEMENT: Cooney – He repeatedly hears negative feedback about city code enforcement. He questions the need for code enforcement in this economy.

- F. TOWN TOYOTA CENTER: Harper - He is very disappointed that City of Chelan involved itself in the Town Toyota Center, and if there is any way the City can withdraw from the Greater Wenatchee Regional Events Center Public Facilities District, it should.

- H. LAKE LEVEL: Morehouse – He attended the 10/5/2011 public meeting where the Public Utility District explained their management of Lake Chelan. Although it wasn’t stated, he is starting to think the PUD is lowering the lake because NOAA wants the water in the Columbia River. He thinks there should be a serious investigation of the PUD’s reasons for drawing down the lake.

The City should work to keep the level up in September to maximize tourism in the shoulder season.

Isenhart - One hopeful piece of information shared by the PUD was that they have some flexibility in determining lake levels.

Goedde – Provided reasons why managing the lake level is a complicated and demanding job for the PUD.

- I. LAKESIDE HOUSE FIRE: Morse – He doesn't understand why a burned out house with a yard full of junk on a main highway into town hasn't been cleaned up. Galbraith explained that there is a nuisance abatement process to be followed and city staff must be cognizant of due process.
- J. SURVEILLANCE: Morse – There is a "potential drug house" in Lakeside, and he is wondering if there would be a problem with the City investing in cameras to monitor streets where drug activity is suspected.

McCardle - Her neighborhood has the same problem and is working with Police Chief Huddleston to address it. She advises Morse to talk to Huddleston.

- K. LIBRARY EXPANSION: Morse - The motion passed earlier in this meeting relating to the library expansion project gave away a lot of the City's negotiating leverage, but some of the damage might be undone if a council committee were to meet with the Masons to negotiate the purchase. He had intended to make a motion at this point in the meeting authorizing the Mayor to appoint such a committee, but doesn't want to if it won't be seconded. Councilmembers were provided the text of the motion, so if someone else wants to make it, he will second.

Goedde – Recommends that any such committee include George Schultz.

Morehouse moved to authorize the Mayor to appoint two or three council members to a special committee to meet and negotiate with the Masons and such other interested parties or individuals as the committee determines appropriate, on the City's behalf, for the potential purchase of the Masonic Temple building in Chelan, with any final "deal" to first require a vote of the full City Council.

Goedde – He'll follow up in appointing the committee.

- L. CELL PHONE USE: Morse – Asks that councilmembers shut off their cell phones during council meetings as phone use during a meeting shows disrespect for people in the audience.
- M. LINK TRANSIT: Goedde - Reported briefly on representing Link Transit at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Public Transportation Association and Expo in New Orleans.
- N. ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING: Goedde – A private company has installed level 2 and 3 electric vehicle recharging stations on state property in Leavenworth at no cost to the city. Reinbold will contact City of Leavenworth for more information.

- O. TRI-COMMISSION: Goedde - Reported briefly on the most recent meeting of the Tri-Commission.
 - P. PUD PROPERTY PURCHASE: Goedde - The Public Utility District has withdrawn its option for sale of their property (102 E. Johnson & adjacent lot). They intend to reconsider sale of the property in two or three years.
 - Q. WOODIN AVENUE BRIDGE RESURFACING: Goedde - He asked that a special asphalt be used on the bridge and learned that Mitchell Paving has been using it on its jobs for awhile. It will prolong the life of the surfacing.
 - R. LAKE CHELAN SCHOOL DISTRICT: Goedde - Morgan Owings Elementary School has a computer program that teaches like a video game, and he was invited to an assembly where he learned that of the 2,500 schools in the nation using the program, MOE is in the top 12 and was named #1 when it came to the amount of time spent and the increase in knowledge and skills.
 - S. LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES/RIVERCOM: Goedde - Reported that Chelan residents pay about \$950,000 per year in property taxes, half of which goes to the Sheriff's Office. Chelan pays the same as anyone in the county. He wants to know why that was misrepresented by County officials.
- Isenhart – While reviewing warrants, she noticed a payment to Rivercom of \$17,643.50 for just two weeks of service, but the City also pays for Rivercom through the law enforcement services contract.
- Goedde - He believes a thorough review is merited.
- T. BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: Goedde – He urges anyone who hasn't contributed to the fund raising effort to do so.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. SCHOOL DISTRICT: Reinbold - The School District will hold a meeting at in the Community Gym foyer at 8:30 a.m. on 11/5/2011 to get direction from the public.

Harper – This will also be an opportunity for the public to see the work done on the community gym building. The main purpose of the meeting is to take comment on where the District should go from here. The high school will be paid for in 2013 so the District will be free of that debt. Also it has been conservative in its planning and fiscally astute and so isn't going through the financial hard times that many districts are experiencing. It has a list of things it would like to do and wants to hear what the community thinks.

- B. RIVERCOM: Reinbold – He attended a Rivercom Board of Directors meeting yesterday, where they approved their budget. He'll ask the City's Finance Director to take a look at it. The City has very little representation on the board.

11. RECESS (Airport Board Meeting)

At 8:32 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 8:35 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

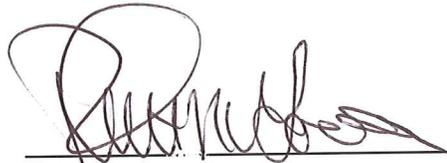
At 8:35 p.m., meeting adjourned to executive session to consider real estate acquisition and potential litigation. Reinbold advised that the session would take about thirty minutes with no action to follow. Regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m. following adjournment of the executive session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Linda Allison-Liles

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City Clerk



Robert R. Goerde
Mayor

Date Approved by City Council: 10/27/2011