

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 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, Harper, Isenhart, Lingard, McCardle, Morehouse, Morse, Councilmembers-elect Higgins & Steele.

Staff present: Administrator Reinbold, Attorney Galbraith, Clerk/Administrative Assistant Liles, Finance Director Grant, Parks & Recreation Director Sablan, Planning & Community Development Director Gildroy, Public Works Director Van Epps, Senior Engineering Technician Baker.

3. AGENDA CHANGES

None

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- A. VETERANS DAY: Mike Harris, representing VFW Post 6853, thanked the City for its assistance with this year's Veteran's Day Parade.
- B. SKATE PARK: Alec Barnes, 91 Grade Creek, reported that the group formulating a plan for skate park improvements has discovered that the skate park is in worse condition than initially thought. Barnes said the group would report further at the next council meeting.
- C. ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION: Comments by Paul Ayers, 28 East Woodin Avenue, were preempted by Mayor Goedde's inquiry as to whether Ayers had anything new to relate to Council. The Mayor pointed out that this meeting's agenda was long, and it would therefore be best to refrain from repeating information already offered at previous Council meetings. Ayers indicated that he had nothing new to say. Reinbold reported that the City is trying to determine which agency is the proper one to receive Ayer's complaints concerning asbestos exposure. Morehouse pointed out that the City does not have authority to direct the activities of other agencies.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve: Minutes of the November 9, 2011 Special City Council meeting and Minutes of the November 10, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting;
- B. Approve: Claims No. 77976 – 78056 totaling \$253,835.27 and Payroll Warrants No. 37337 – 37412 totaling \$134,199.43.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. AQUATICS/COMMUNITY CENTER: Robert Fifer and Mike Sherer, co-chairs of the Aquatics/Community Center Committee, provided information on the proposed aquatics/community center and presented the committee's proposal to establish a Metropolitan Parks District to fund the project.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 2012 CITY BUDGET: Mayor Goedde introduced a public hearing on the proposed 2012 City Budget by explaining the hearing's purpose and procedure. Grant provided the staff report, listing changes to the preliminary budget since her last review. Council discussion followed.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. and called for public comment. There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, the Mayor asked if Council had any further discussion. Grant then answered questions from Council. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Reinbold advised Council that it would be asked to decide whether or not to grant the funding request presented by the Lake Chelan Arts Council on November 10.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. 2012 PROPERTY TAX LEVY ORDINANCE: Grant presented a proposed ordinance to levy 2012 property taxes, stating that the levy would be \$1,087,407, which is a \$6,675 increase over 2011's levy. Grant explained that only those revenues derived from new construction, improvements to property, increases in the value of state-assessed property and annexation are included as Council opted against authorizing the 1% property tax increase allowed by law. Grant then answered Council questions.

Isenhart moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-1429 levying 2012 property taxes. Seconded by Lingard, motion passed unanimously.

- B. LIBRARY PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT: Reinbold reported that the Library Planning Committee received two responses to their request for proposals for grant writing, construction design and project management for the remodel of the Masonic Lodge building as recommended by the library expansion feasibility study. Reinbold further reported that the committee's recommendation is that Hibbard Architecture and Planning be awarded the contract, and City staff concurs. Reinbold then answered Council questions.

Cooney moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Hibbard Architecture and Planning for the purpose of fund raising, construction design and project management for remodeling the building at 216 East Emerson Street (the Masonic Lodge) for use as the Chelan Public Library. Seconded by Lingard, motion passed 6-1 with Cooney, Morehouse, Harper, Isenhart, Lingard and McCardle voting aye and Morse voting nay.

- C. LOWERING SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF HWY 97A: Van Epps reported that Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) conducted a speed analysis on that portion of SR97A between mile post 253.95 and 236.33 in response to complaints about speeding on that stretch of highway. WSDOT reported that the resulting data supports lowering the speed limit in that area from 60 miles per hour to 50 miles per hour and asked that City Council pass an ordinance to that effect. Van Epps further reported that WSDOT indicated that the reduction will help traffic slow to the 35 mile per hour limit as they come down the hill and align the posted speed with the operational speed for uphill traffic.

Morehouse moved to instruct staff to prepare an ordinance lowering the speed limit on SR 97A between mile posts 253.95 and 236.33 for future. Seconded by Isenhart, motion passed unanimously.

- D. LAKESIDE TRAIL SECTION J: Citing a possible conflict of interest, Morse said he was recusing himself from participation in the discussion and decision concerning Lakeside Trail Section J, but did not exit Council Chambers.

Van Epps reported as follows: construction of Section J of the Lakeside Trail was completed on November 10, 2011, and the contractor has submitted the final pay estimate. Total project cost is \$151,493. Staff and design consultants agree that the project should be accepted as complete and retainage should be released as soon as the City receives final documentation from state agencies. There followed Council questions and comments.

McCardle moved to accept Lakeside Trail Section "J" as complete and to authorize release of all retainage upon the City's receipt of final contract documentation from state agencies. Seconded by Isenhart, motion passed 6-0-1 with McCardle, Isenhart, Cooney, Harper, Lingard and Morehouse voting aye and Morse abstaining.

- E. ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES CONTRACT: Reinbold reported as follows. The Wenatchee Valley Humane Society proposed renewing their animal control services contract for two years at \$45,594 per year, an increase of \$4,950 per year over the current service contract. At the City Finance Committee's recommendation, the City countered with a proposal to renew at \$45,594 for each of three years. The Humane Society hasn't yet responded, but staff recommends Council authorize the Mayor to execute a three year contract under the same terms as the current contract at the proposed annual rate of \$45,594. Should the Humane Society not accept the City's terms, staff would bring the matter back to Council. Council discussion followed.

Morse moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a three year contract with the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society for the provision of animal control services at \$45,594 per year. Seconded by Isenhart, motion passed unanimously.

- F. BIOSOLIDS APPLICATION EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT: Van Epps reported that bio-solids generated at the City's waste water treatment plant are applied to farm lands in Douglas County using equipment owned and operated by King County. The existing contract for this purpose expires on December 31, 2011. King County proposes a new four year contract charging the City \$2.36 per applied ton for use of the equipment, the same rate charged in the current contract.

There being no discussion, **McCardle moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with King County for the utilization of County owned bio-solids application equipment during the years 2012 – 2015 as presented. Seconded by Harper, motion passed unanimously.**

- G. CANCEL DECEMBER 22, 2011 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING: As in previous years, Council was offered the opportunity to cancel the second meeting in December to avoid conflict with holiday plans.

Lingard moved to cancel the regular City Council meeting scheduled for December 22, 2011. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.

9. MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES: Morse said he wants to introduce to the Mayor a woman interested in serving on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Goedde reported that there are positions open on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Planning Commission, and anyone interested in appointment should complete a Talent Bank Application form.

- B. TOWN TOYOTA CENTER/GREATER WENATCHEE REGIONAL EVENTS CENTER PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT: Morse said he intends to go to Olympia to testify regarding the State Treasurer's proposal to loan the Greater Wenatchee Regional Events Center Public Facilities District (the PFD) \$42 million to keep the PFD from defaulting on its bond debt. Morse asked that the City pay for his travel expenses.

Reinbold pointed out that the Town Toyota Center/Public Facilities District is scheduled for discussion in executive session later in this meeting, and he suggested Morse's request be postponed until then.

- C. STAFF APPRECIATION: Morehouse thanked Sablan for adjusting his budget by reducing the number of golf carts to be purchased in 2012, Grant for her work on the budget, and public works for getting a new snow blower.

- D. REQUESTS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES: Harper and Cooney asked to be excused from attending the December 8, 2011 City Council meeting.

- E. SWEARING IN: Mayor Goedde reported that he'd asked Mayor Pro Tem Harper to conduct the swearing in of re-elected and newly elected city officials at the first meeting in January 2012.

- F. ELECTION: Cooney thanked Lingard and Morse for their service on City Council.

McCardle said she finds serving on City Council to be one of the most educational experiences she's ever had, and she is honored to be re-elected.

- G. STATE OF THE CITY: Cooney asked that the Mayor, Council and staff think about results versus activities as 2011 comes to a close. He said the City appears to be on a good track, has a healthy economy, and a lot was accomplished this year without a tax increase. "Nice job, Mayor Council and Staff." He added that he hopes the City isn't forced to pay taxes owed by another entity.

- H. VETERANS DAY: Isenhart reported receiving a letter from her neighbor who was very upset following the Veterans Day Parade because there was so little going on locally to honor veterans. She said she knows there is a lot of respect for Chelan's veterans and wants that to be apparent. She and her neighbor are working toward that goal.

- I. LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT: Isenhart reported touring the Masonic Lodge and noted that it has solar panels, which means the City, as its owner, will get an annual check from the Public Utility District.

Mayor Goedde reported attending a very informative Community Development Block Grant workshop with Reinbold, Library Advisory Board Chair Gary Sterner and Library Expansion Consultants Larry Hibbard and Mary Murphy.

- J. TOURISM PROMOTION: Isenhart reported on attending a wine tourism conference the previous week.

- K. AQUATICS/COMMUNITY CENTER: McCardle urged Council to think about the recreational possibilities of having an aquatics/community center in Chelan. She hopes Council will pass the proposed resolution to allow the public to vote on establishing a Metropolitan Parks District.
- L. LINK TRANSIT: Mayor Goedde reported for the Link Board.
- M. CHAMBERS AFTER HOURS: Mayor Goedde reported that the "Mayor Mobile" won a custom sign at November's Chambers After Hours event, which took place at Chelan Printing & Custom Signs.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD VACANCY: Reinbold reported that the City of Chelan representative on the Housing Authority of Chelan County and the City of Wenatchee has been hired as a Housing Authority employee, which required that she resign from the board. Anyone interested in serving on the board is asked to contact the City.

11. RECESS (Airport Board Meeting)

At 8:09 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 8:20 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss matters of litigation. Galbraith said no action would follow and estimated the session would take twenty minutes. At 8:30 p.m., Reinbold announced a one hour extension of the session end time. At 9:30 p.m., Harper exited the executive session/council meeting and did not return. At 9:35 p.m., Morehouse exited the executive session/council meeting and did not return. Regular meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m. following adjournment of the executive session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Prepared by:



Linda Allison-Liles, Clerk

Attested:



Robert R. Goedde, Mayor

Date approved by Council: January 12, 2012