

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2012 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 and Councilmembers Cooney, Harper, Higgins, Isenhardt, McCardle, Morehouse, Steele.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Reinbold, Attorney Galbraith, Clerk/Administrative Assistant Allison-Liles, Finance Director Grant, Parks & Recreation Director Sablan, Planning & Community Development Director Gildroy, Public Works Director Van Epps, Receptionist/Clerical Assistant Gallucci, Recycling Coordinator Beaton, Senior Accountant/Assistant Finance Director Lingle, Chief Law Enforcement Officer Huddleston.

3. AGENDA CHANGES

A. At Mayor Goedde's request, a discussion on the Town Toyota Center was added to the agenda.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY: Bill Crego, 526 E Wapato, asked if the City had considered his request that crosswalks be installed on Saunders Street at Wapato and Okanogan Avenues. Van Epps reported discussing Saunders Street improvements with Department of Transportation (DOT) staff, who agreed to converting the outside lane in each direction into a left turn lane and installing one crosswalk at a location yet to be determined. Crego pointed out that buses heading into town on Saunders stop at Wapato while buses heading out of town on Saunders stop at Okanogan. He suggested moving one bus stop so it is directly across from the other so that both can be accessed by a single crosswalk. Mayor Goedde said he'd discuss that suggestion with the Link Board.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve Minutes of 3/22/2012 Regular City Council meetings;
- B. Delete Claim Warrants No. 78675-78800;
Approve Claim Warrants No. 78801-78932 totaling \$1,325,099.68;
Approve Payroll Warrants No. 38045-38139 totaling \$211,984.32.
- C. Confirm Mayor's appointment of Gary Searle to position #2 on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for a term commencing immediately and expiring on 12/31/2012.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. WORLD BOOK NIGHT PROCLAMATION: Mayor Goedde proclaimed April 23, 2012 as World Book Night in Chelan. Libby Manthey, organizer of the Chelan Valley World Book Night effort,

provided information on the event and encouraged elected officials to participate as “book givers” on next year’s World Book Night.

- B. RECYCLING PROGRAM/EARTH DAY REPORT: Beaton provided reports on the City Recycling Program and plans for Chelan’s 23rd Annual Earth Day Fair to be held on April 21, 2012.
- C. EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION: Mayor Goedde proclaimed April 21 -22, 2012 to be Earth Day Weekend in Chelan.

EDIBLE CHELAN: Isenhart invited those present to attend a community roundtable hosted by “Edible Chelan” at 9:00 a.m. on April 14, 2012 in Chelan Council Chambers. Isenhart explained that Edible Chelan is the first community action group to emerge from the City’s Sustainability Committee and its purpose is to promote locally-grown foods.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. LAKERIDER CONCESSION AGREEMENT: Sablan presented a proposed concession agreement with Lakerider Sports’ and recommended its approval.

Following brief discussion, **Cooney moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2012-2014 *Non-Motorized Watercraft and Bicycle Rental Concession Agreement* with Lakerider Sports as presented. Seconded by McCardle, motion passed unanimously.**

- B. YOUTH SPORTS RESOLUTION: Sablan explained that the City’s Youth Sports Program strives for a cooperative effort involving staff, volunteer coaches, officials, and parents to provide a positive experience that teaches children the value of teamwork, discipline, physical fitness, fair play, winning and losing with grace, and always striving to do their best. Sablan reported that Parks & Recreation staff and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board recommend Council’s adoption of a “Youth Sports Resolution for Communities” to aid in implementing and enforcing policies that best meet that goal.

Following brief discussion, **McCardle moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-1240 to recognize and encourage official implementation of a community strategy to improve the culture of youth sports for all participants. Seconded by Isenhart, motion passed unanimously.**

- C. RV PARK OVERLAY BUDGET AMENDMENT, BID AWARD & CONTRACT APPROVAL: Sablan reported as follows. The 2012 budget included an allocation of \$18,000 to pay for crack sealing RV park asphalt surfaces. However, contractors consulted this spring are advising that the asphalt has deteriorated beyond the stage where crack sealing would be effective and are recommending an immediate asphalt overlay for the main arterial to avoid major damage and increased future costs. Parks & Recreation staff solicited quotes for the recommended work and received two, the lowest being \$63,324.98, including tax. The Finance Committee is

recommending Council accept that quote and approve the project. The additional \$43,325.00 would come from the Recreation Capital Improvement Fund.

Cooney noted that in making that recommendation, the Committee suggested raising RV Park fees to help offset project costs. He explained that the Committee feels those who use the park should pay for improvements like the asphalt overlay and new restrooms. Sablan pointed out that RV park fees are already comparatively high, but said he would discuss fee increases at the next Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.

Morehouse recommended using some of the 3% funds now going for tourism promotion to pay for tangible park assets.

Isenhart moved to authorize a budget amendment to allocate \$45,325.00 from the Capital Recreation Improvement Fund for the RV Park Asphalt Overlay Project; to award the contract for the project to Granite Construction, the lowest responsible bidder at \$63,324.98; and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Granite Construction, as presented.

- D. PARKS & RECREATION STRATEGIC PLAN: Sablan explained as follows. During Finance Committee discussion, Councilman Steele requested that Parks & Recreation Department staff develop a plan to address major deferred maintenance projects and equipment purchases that might cause financial encumbrances to the City. Some of these are addressed in the existing Strategic Plan, but there was no determination of where exactly the money would come from or in what order improvements would be made. These questions as well as provisions for emergency expenditures can be addressed in the 2014-2022 Strategic Plan.

Steele said it is important to maintain park assets for both locals and tourists. Harper observed that Council has had this discussion before - since things wear out, a maintenance plan is needed. Morehouse said the City, having suffered from a constant turn-over in Parks & Recreation Directors during the past several years, is fortunate to have Sablan serving in that position now.

Steele moved to authorize the Mayor to direct the Parks & Recreation Department to develop a strategic plan to address major deferred maintenance projects and equipment purchases. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.

- E. GOLF CART TRAVEL ZONE ORDINANCE: Reinbold reported as follows. In response to a recent request from the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, the City Attorney has prepared a proposed ordinance regulating use of golf carts on public streets in Chelan. The ordinance includes conditions for use of golf carts as transportation set by the State Legislature several years ago. Staff is proposing a pilot program in the golf course area before possible expansion of use into other areas of the city.

Following brief discussion, **McCardle moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-1436 creating a Golf Cart Zone and adopting rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of golf carts on the city streets in the Golf Cart Zone. Seconded by Isenhart, motion passed unanimously.**

- F. RH2 ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR ANALYSIS OF LORD ACRES SEWER LIFT STATION: Van Epps reported as follows. Granite Ridge Development in Lords Acres has a temporary sewer lift station for use until a regional lift station is constructed. Both Splash Development Company and Lookout Development Company plan to expand development in the area. City staff met with the developers and their engineers to establish a strategy for providing short term sewer service while assuring that a regional lift station is constructed in a timely manner. As part of that strategy, staff wants to conduct a capacity analysis of the interim station and develop a service plan to process applications for development in the subject area. RH2 is recommended to conduct the analysis and develop the plan since that firm did the engineering on the interim lift station and Manson sewer line.

Following brief discussion, **McCardle moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement with RH2 Engineering to conduct a lift station capacity analysis within the Lords Acres area. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

- E. RATE RESOLUTION AMENDMENT: Grant presented a proposed rate resolution amendment prepared at Council's April 22, 2012 request for lower General Facility Charges (GFC's). Grant noted additional minor rate adjustments recommended by staff and included in the proposed amendment.

Morehouse pointed out that although Council's decision on April 22 was to lower GFC rates to rates last effective in 2006, the 2006 rates had been in place for years. Grant confirmed that the 2006 rates had been in effect since at least 1999. There followed discussion on how rates are set. Morehouse argued against lowering the rates, noting that the City is in the middle of a ten million dollar sewer system upgrade and its cost wasn't taken into account when rates were set prior to 2006. Morehouse said he doesn't believe GFC costs are prohibiting builders, and he provided data illustrating that the number and value of building permits was similar to other years except for the "boom years." Morehouse said that requiring people to pay hookup fees upfront is a problem. Grant acknowledged that other cities do allow for payment plans.

Morehouse also read into the record part of a letter from resident Sue Lain received by the City and distributed to Councilmembers on April 11, 2012, which asked: "What isn't needed now by the City of Chelan's sewer department that was needed when I was required to pay \$7373 to connect to the sewer? Does this mean the connection fees I paid in 2009 were excessive? How will future increased capacity and modernization be funded? What did my \$7373 cover? Will I have to pay again when new construction or modernization is required? Should I expect a refund of a portion of the fees I paid in 2009?"

Mayor Goedde argued against lowering GFC's, saying longtime residents who have already paid for the existing water and sewer system shouldn't be required to pay for upgrades made necessary by new development. He also pointed out that Chelan's hookup fees are not high compared to other communities.

Cooney reiterated reasons for decreasing GFC's as discussed at the last Council meeting. Steele also supported the decrease, saying there are few things government can do to spur business, but lowering fees is a tool the City does have.

Morehouse recommended the following: allowing GFC's to be paid in installments; a complete review of all fees; different fees for different areas (i.e. lower fees where the City wants to encourage growth); rates based on actual usage, not type of business.

Steele moved to refer the proposed resolution to the Public Works Committee, Finance Committee and General Government Committee for recommendation to full Council no later than the first Council meeting in May. Following additional discussion, Steele withdrew his motion.

Morehouse moved to reject amending GFC's as set forth in the proposed resolution and to conduct a review of City charges. Motion died for lack of second.

Cooney moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-1241 amending City fees and charges as presented and effective immediately. Seconded by Higgins, motion passed 5-2 with Cooney, Higgins, Harper, McCardle and Steele voting aye and Isenhart and Morehouse voting nay.

TOWN TOYOTA CENTER: Mayor Goedde provided Council the opportunity to go on record as for or against Proposition 1. Council declined the opportunity.

9. MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMENTS

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE: Steele - Reported that both the Council Sustainability Committee and the citizens' sustainability committee have been working very hard. He's excited to see real progress being made.

SHORELINE RESTORATION/BEACH ENHANCEMENT/MARINA EXPANSION PROJECT: Morehouse - Observed that the beach project at Don Morse Park had to be halted temporarily but is moving along again and looks good.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION/PRESERVATION: Morehouse – Reported for Historic Downtown Chelan Association, saying HDCA recently hosted the Washington State Historical Architect, who toured downtown and gave an interesting presentation on historic architecture. Also present was a representative from the Main Street Program, who spoke about downtown revitalization. Morehouse said Chelan needs to focus on keeping retail business in the downtown core so people can stay and work there.

Cooney - Spoke about the need to fill vacant storefronts, and noted that Washington Trust for Historic Preservation will be holding the RevitalizeWa Conference in Chelan on May 22-24, 2012.

SAFeway CORNER BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT: Cooney - Reported on the project to improve the northwest corner of Johnson Avenue and Columbia Street and thanked Sablan for all his work on the project. Cooney announced that there would be a stakeholders meeting during the first part of May and a plan would be presented to Council soon after.

REGIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK: Isenhardt – Reported that there have been seven suicides in Chelan County since January 1, compelling the Regional Support Network to step up its efforts to reach out. A course is being offered to teach mental health first aid so people will have the necessary skills when approached by someone needing help. If ten Chelan people sign up, a class will be held here.

WORLD BOOK NIGHT: Higgins – Thanked World Book Night “book givers” and shared a personal story about the importance of encouraging literacy and sharing the love of reading.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: McCardle – Asked that a strategic planning session be scheduled so Council can set its priorities before work begins on the 2013 budget. She offered to help organize and plan the session.

GENERAL FACILITY CHARGES: McCardle – Said she believes the 2006 GFC hike was too steep. She hopes Council can evaluate fees during the coming year so realistic fees can be set. She agrees with Morehouse concerning the need to change the way monthly charges are calculated.

SISTER CITY: Mayor Goedde – Reported that the Mayor of Oliver, British Columbia, had invited him to attend Oliver Council’s April 10, 2012 meeting to discuss the Oliver/Chelan Sister City relationship. However, he has a conflict and can’t attend that meeting. He suggested that interested Councilmembers join him in attending Oliver Council’s May 14 meeting.

ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: Mayor Goedde – Announced an AWC webinar to be held May 15 entitled “Social Media Marketing for Economic Development.” The Mayor also announced an AWC Small Cities Regional Connector will be held on May 22, 2012 in Tonasket. Anyone who wants to carpool should let him know.

CHELAN-DOUGLAS HOMELESS PLAN: Mayor Goedde – Noted that a letter from the City of Wenatchee was distributed to announce the start of the process of updating the Ten Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness in Chelan and Douglas Counties. The first meeting of the Homeless Plan Steering Committee will be on May 1, 2012. Each jurisdiction is asked to identify a representative to serve on the committee. If there is no objection, he would like to represent the City of Chelan.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

TRI-COMMISSION: There was a good turnout at the recent Tri-Commission meeting. Present were County Commissioners and representatives from the Port and Public Utility Districts. Everyone related what his/her organization had going on. Mayor Goedde spoke for City of Chelan. It appears Chelan has more going on than all the others put together.

AWC TRAINING: Mayor Goedde and department directors will be absent from the April 26, 2012 Council meeting as they will be in Yakima attending the Association of Washington Cities Labor Relations Institute. Councilmembers are also welcome to attend.

WCIA TRAINING: City of Chelan hosted a Washington Cities Insurance Authority training session yesterday entitled “Employment Law 101.”

HOLDEN MINE CLEANUP: Rio Tinto held a public meeting last night at Campbell's Resort to provide information about the Holden Mine cleanup project. Over 70 people attended. A lot of questions were answered and a lot of misinformation cleared up. He intends to invite Rio Tinto to speak to Council as well.

11. RECESS (AIRPORT BOARD MEETING)

Council meeting was recessed at 8:20 to allow the Mayor and Councilmembers to participate in the regular meeting of the Airport Board. Council meeting reconvened at 8:23 following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

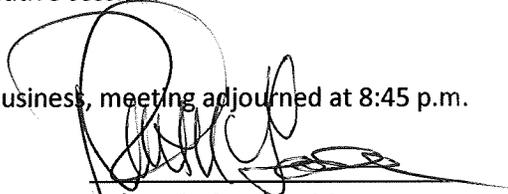
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Goedde announced an executive session to last fifteen minutes with no action to follow. At 8:24 p.m., Council adjourned to executive session. Regular meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m. following adjournment of the executive session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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


Linda Allison-Liles, City Clerk
City-Clerk


Robert R. Goedde, Mayor
Mayor

DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL: