

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2012 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall, 135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Goedde, Councilmembers Cooney, Harper, Higgins, Isenhardt, McCardle, and Steele. ABSENT/EXCUSED: Morehouse.

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Schmidt, City Clerk/Administrative Assistant Gallucci, Finance Director Grant, Golf Pro Oscarson, and Parks & Recreation Director Sablan.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Goedde called to order a special City Council meeting to discuss alternative golf course management.

1. Meeting and Opening Remarks

Mayor Goedde stated the City was working on implementing performance measures throughout the City's departments and the golf course was the first department being reviewed.

2. Background Presentation

Mr. Schmidt began by clarifying no decisions regarding golf course management had been made. He said the purpose of the meeting was to gather information. He gave a power point presentation and discussed five different management models the City is considering stating the goal is to find the most cost effective and best fit for the community.

3. Historical & Current Operations

Mr. Oscarson reported on the history of the golf course discussing key issues to consider. He stated the golf course has previously been a viable stand-alone department and believes it can be again. He said the City has the staff and the tools to make it happen and all that is needed is the opportunity to return it to a place where locals and visitors can recreate and socialize.

4. Private Sector Presentation

Representatives of CourseCo, Tom Isaak and Michael Sharp, gave a presentation on the services they offered for golf course management. They stated their management model included good communication and collaboration with stakeholders. Their role is to be stewards and not owners.

5. City Council Questions & Comments

Councilmembers asked several questions of staff and of CourseCo. Council's goal is to have the golf course be self-sufficient with revenues covering expenditures. Councilmembers reiterated Council's role in this is budgetary. They want a healthy course managed well into the future with no subsidy from the General Fund.

6. Public Comment

Public comment was provided by the following:

- Don Mollet, 131 Bogey, Chelan
- Mike Talley, 33 Chestnut Street, Chelan
- Nat Bender, 2220 SR 150, Chelan
- Gary Searle, 715 Golf Course Drive, Chelan
- Elmira Forner, PO Box 237, Manson
- Luigi, PO Box in Chelan
- Dick Simonds, 275 W Manson Highway, Chelan
- Doug Storsely, Manson
- Mary Cushane, PO Box 215, Chelan
- Dennis Vogt, 138 Hillcrest Place, Chelan

Overall, the public would like see the golf course returned to its' former condition. They want to keep the management local and offered suggestions on ways to accomplish that. Financial accountability is a top priority and many requested budget sheets showing revenues and expenditures.

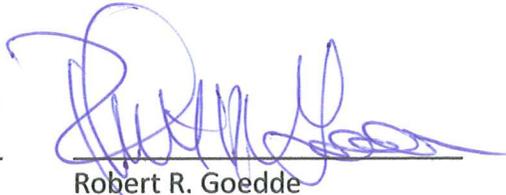
7. Closing Remarks

Mayor Goedde ended public comment. He stated there will be more workshops regarding the golf course. He encouraged citizens to sign up on the email list so they can be notified before the next workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Peri S. Gallucci
City Clerk



Robert R. Goedde
Mayor

DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

January 10, 2013