

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2013 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. ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Goedde, Councilmembers Cooney, Harper, Higgins, Isenhardt, McCardle, Morehouse, and Steele.

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Schmidt, City Attorney Galbraith, City Clerk/Administrative Assistant Gallucci, Parks & Recreation Director Sablan, Planning Director Gildroy, and Public Works Director Van Epps.

STAFF PRESENT REPRESENTING THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE: Patricia Lingle, Eric Schultz, and Chris Zimmerman.

3. AGENDA CHANGES

- A. Add Remove February 28, 2013 Minutes from the Agenda
- B. Add Agenda Bill No. 07-034J

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- A. YARD WASTE DISPOSAL: Mike Harris, 420 North Navarre Street, asked Councilmembers how the City planned on handling yard waste since yard debris section of the recycle center is now closed. Mr. Van Epps stated the program was now going to be a County sponsored program. Ms. Brenda Harn is in the process of hiring a staff person who will be in charge of accepting yard debris three days a week. The county is planning on charging a fee for this service which is in line with other cities in the area. The goal is to generate enough revenue to pay for the cost of the grinding.

5. MINUTES

- A. Removed from the Agenda

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Isenhardt moved to approve the consent agenda as follows. Second by Mr. Harper. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Approve Claim Warrant No.'s 80755 -80831 totaling \$601,872.21 and Payroll Warrant No.'s 40262 – 40338 totaling \$169,656.28.
- B. Approve Void Claim Warrant No. 80740 for \$272,286.38 and replace with Claim Warrant No. 80754 for \$270,786.38.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JULIA MERCHANT: Mr. Goedde read the Proclamation for Julia Merchant. Mr. Van Epps presented a plaque to the Mayor in appreciation for her outstanding service to the City of Chelan for twenty six years. Mr. Van Epps stated Ms. Merchant was the heart and soul of Public Works and she will be missed. Members of the 2012 Wellness Committee presented a representation of a check to the Mayor in the amount of \$11,916.16 which is the amount the City saved on insurance premiums in 2012 due to the City's participation in the Wellness Program. Ms. Merchant was the one who spearheaded the program since its inception and was instrumental in keeping it going.

None. Presentation only.

- B. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WASHINGTON STATE PARKS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Mr. Goedde read Resolution 2013-1254 recognizing the Washington State Parks Centennial Celebration. Mr. Dwight Keegan and Steve Milner from the Washington State Parks were present and Mr. Keegan presented the Mayor with a Washington State Parks Centennial Flag and asked it be flown on March 19, 2013.

Ms. McCardle moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-1254 recognizing and celebrating the 100th birthday of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. Second by Ms. Isenhardt. Motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

9. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS

- A. STATUS REPORT OF WATER AND SEWER GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGE: Mr. Van Epps reminded Council in March of 2012, Council voted to reduce Water and Sewer General Facilities Charges. At that time, Council indicated the rates be revisited in one year to determine if any adjustments are to be made. Councilmembers asked questions including how many more building permits were issued, how City rates compare to other Cities, and if there are any planned monthly rate increases. Through Council consensus, the general facility charges will remain the same as they are now but the rates will be reconsidered in six months. Council directed staff to establish a procedure where applicants can spread the costs out over a period of time instead of requiring the entire amount at once.

None. Information only.

- B. RESOLUTION DECLARING LAKE CHELAN AS UNIQUE AND EXTRAORDINARY BODY OF WATER: Mr. Schmidt reported to Council the panel has been preparing to provide testimony to the Washington State Senate Natural Resources and Parks Committee. The panel's intent is to show the Committee Lake Chelan is a unique lake and the proposed regulations are not relevant to Lake Chelan. This Resolution emphasizes Councilmembers support this action. Chelan County will be providing a letter of in support of the City's position.

Mr. Steele moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-1255 declaring Lake Chelan as a unique and extraordinary body of water in the State of Washington which requires a special and prudent management approach to protect and preserve Lake Chelan as it is today. Second by Mr. Morehouse. Motion passed unanimously.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. WASHINGTON STATE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Steele said he had hoped to attend session in Olympia. He reiterated how important this project is in relation to Lake Chelan and the Lake's future. He stated the message to the Senate should be how unique and extraordinary Lake Chelan is and the City is asking for special consideration from Department of Ecology and the scientific documentation they will utilize to impose the proposed regulations. He hopes Department of Ecology will work more cooperatively with the City and he wished the panel good luck.

Mr. Morehouse stated he is going to Olympia to participate on the panel.

Ms. Isenhardt stated she was nervous about speaking in front of the Senate but does not see how they can deny the Lake Chelan is a beautiful body of water which needs to be protected.

Ms. McCardle wished the Mayor and the panel good luck.

- B. JULIE MERCHANT: Mr. Morehouse acknowledged Ms. Merchant's contributions.

Mr. Harper feels the City and Public Works will have a big hole to fill.

Mr. Schmidt extended his appreciation to Ms. Merchant for all of her hard work and for leading the charge in the Wellness Program.

- C. COUNCIL MEETINGS: Mr. Cooney likes the process of the Council meetings and likes they are open for discussion. He asked the Mayor to state his thoughts at the end of the discussion and not while Council was still in their discussion.

Ms. Isenhardt enjoys the discussions and serving on Council. She stated Councilmembers are the problem solvers who are trying to do the best for Chelan. Everyone has the same goal even if they disagree on the issue.

- D. PUBLIC APPRECIATION: Ms. Isenhardt thanked the members of the audience for attending the Council meeting.

- E. BOY SCOUT TROOP 34: Mr. Higgins thanked Troop 34 for attending the meeting as they are the City's future leaders.

Ms. McCardle thanked them for attending the meeting and stated she hoped they learned a lot.

- F. ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS: Mr. Goedde and Ms. Isenhardt attended the Economic Development District meeting and learned of some funding being available. He suggested the City put in a request to help implement electric car charging stations in Chelan.
- G. BRANDING OF WENATCHEE: Mr. Goedde attended a presentation on the branding of Wenatchee. He thought it was an interesting situation especially since the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce is currently working on a brand for Lake Chelan.

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT: Mr. Schmidt thanked Council for attending the Strategic Planning Retreat. He stated he was compiling a report which will be provided to Council upon completion.

12. RECESS

Council meeting was recessed at 6:56 p.m. to allow the Mayor and Councilmembers to participate in the Airport Board meeting. The Council meeting reconvened at 6:57 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

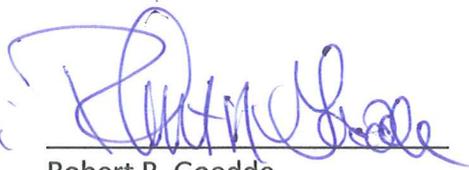
None

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Peri S. Gallucci
City Clerk



Robert R. Goedde
Mayor

DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

March 28, 2013