

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 2013 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, McCardle, and Morehouse. ABSENT/EXCUSED: Steele. (Isenhart was absent and submitted for an excused absence at the September 12, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting.)

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

3. AGENDA CHANGES

- A. Add Excuse Mr. Steele from the August 22, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- A. Tom Clark, 555 Antoine Creek Road, gave examples of times he believes the City Council has broken covenants with the citizens of Chelan. He called previous Councils a "den of snakes" and appealed to the Councilmembers to regain the trust of the people. He believes this can be accomplished by moving all offices out of the current City Hall building and move them to the Masonic Temple and use the current City Hall building for the new library.

5. MINUTES

**Mr. Higgins moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting including the correction to the spelling of RiverCom on Page 4 under Council Comments which had already been corrected. Second by Mr. Cooney. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Higgins moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2013 Special City Council Workshop. Second by Mr. Cooney. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Claims Warrants No. 81771 to 81855 totaling \$369,170.37 and Payroll Warrants No. 41426 to 41545 totaling \$196,882.28.  
B. 2014 City Budget Calendar

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. CHELANMAN REPORT: Mr. Sablan gave a brief explanation of the ChelanMan Multisport Event which occurs every year during the third weekend in July. Board members Julie Pittsinger, Bret Pittsinger, Tara Elsner, and Steve Bovingdon were in attendance. Ms. Pittsinger thanked Mr. Sablan, the Parks Department, the community, and the hundreds of volunteers. She discussed the inception and the evolution of the event which now has approximately 2400 participants and emphasized this event was developed to benefit the youth in the community. Mr. Pittsinger reported to Council the expenditures necessary to operate the event and informed Council one hundred percent of the profits stay in the community. Ms. Elsner gave an extensive listing of all the donations to youth programs made possible by this event which amounted to over \$50,000 in the last four years. Mr. Bovingdon reported on the various cultural events community youth have been able to attend due to proceeds from this event. Chelan High School Principal Barry DePaoli thanked the board members for their contributions to the community and told Council the school has never been denied a request. Councilmembers asked questions and complimented the foundation for their hard work and contributions to the community.

**No action required.**

- B. CHERYL GRANT, WASHINGTON FINANCE OFFICER ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONAL FINANCE OFFICER AWARD: Mr. Goedde read a letter from the Washington Finance Officers Association honoring Ms. Grant for earning the Professional Finance Officer award for the ninth year in a row.

**This item was not on the agenda. No action required.**

- C. PERI GALLUCCI, CERTIFICATION FROM IIMC: Mr. Goedde read a letter from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks stating Ms. Gallucci had fulfilled all the requirements and had earned the distinction of Certified Municipal Clerk.

**This item was not on the agenda. No action required.**

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. None.

9. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS

- A. CHELAN MUNICIPAL CODE UTILITY WAIVER MODIFICATIONS: Ms. Grant informed Council in 2007, staff was given the authority to work with customers to address charges for excessive water usage due to leaks in the customer's water system. It has been a successful program with approximately a half dozen requests. During the duration of this program, there have been unusual circumstances with unexplained excess water usage and staff does not have the authority to work with the customer to resolve the issue. Staff is requesting the authority to allow a one-time 50% relief for unexplained excess water charges during the winter months.

**Mr. Cooney moved to adopt the Ordinance 2013-1457 amending Ordinance No. 2007-1342 and provisions in Chapter 13 of the Chelan Municipal Code related to the waiver of utility fees and charges. Second by Ms. McCardle. Motion passed unanimously.**

- B. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTERING THE "AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL" SURCHARGE: Mr. Schmidt reported to Council this agreement allows Chelan County to collect and disburse the funds for the "Affordable Housing for All" surcharge. There is a ten dollar surcharge on all recorded documents set aside for this fund. This agreement has been in place for several years and has expired. The only change in the agreement is there is no termination date and now includes a 180 day termination clause.

**Ms. McCardle moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement for administering the "Affordable Housing for All" Surcharge. Second by Mr. Higgins. Motion passed unanimously.**

- C. WOODIN AVENUE BRIDGE DESIGN/FUNDING ALTERNATIVES: Mr. Schmidt explained to Council since the Public Works Trust Fund loan had been eliminated, staff needed direction on how to proceed with the Woodin Avenue Bridge Project. The two options include widening the sidewalks by two feet or leaving them the same width but installing a pedestrian wrought iron handrail. Additionally, there are minor repairs which need to be completed although the bridge's structural integrity was good. Mr. Schmidt gave a presentation with three different scenarios on funding sources and the cost to the City. Councilmembers discussed several options including installing an island on HWY 97A and Woodin so large vehicles are not allowed to turn, changing the current ordinance and fine amount, and installation of a pedestrian bridge. Councilmembers determined they wanted more input from the community. Mr. Schmidt stated staff would do an informal survey to obtain public opinion.

**Mr. Morehouse moved to direct the Mayor to bring back further information to the City Council for discussion to modify the current design proposal for a more affordable, equally effective and with less construction disturbance. Second by Mr. Cooney. Motion passed unanimously.**

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. CHELANMAN PRESENTATION: Mr. Morehouse said he liked the ChelanMan presentation and he could feel the energy from the presenters.

Mr. Harper agreed.

Mr. Higgins is very pleased with the presentation and very impressed with all the funds the ChelanMan donates to help the youth of the community.

- B. WOODIN AVENUE BRIDGE: Mr. Morehouse is happy with the direction the Woodin Avenue Bridge Project discussion is going and thought the visual presentation with the numbers was very helpful.

Mr. Harper stated he liked the pedestrian railings.

Ms. McCardle thanked Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Van Epps for the creativity regarding the Woodin Avenue Bridge Project and said it was exciting to see an affordable solution.

Mr. Goedde informed Council he forwarded the spreadsheets breaking out the costs for the three different scenarios for the Woodin Avenue Bridge to Senator Parlette so she could see the increase in the City's costs without the Public Works Trust Fund.

- C. LAKE CHELAN MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE: Mr. Cooney stated he believes the golf course is in the best shape it has been in years. He has heard no complaints and said it is nice to have that kind of follow up after the public outcry last year.
- D. COLUMBIA CORNER PARK (SAFEWAY): Mr. Higgins would like to see something prettier than the box of rocks placed to restrict cars from driving through park.
- E. GET FIT LAKE CHELAN: Mr. Higgins stated the adult fall session will begin in the middle of September and will be returning to the original format. The hospital is conducting a Get Fit Lake Chelan kid's session and will be working with the schools for implementation.
- F. FALL IN LAKE CHELAN: Mr. Goedde informed Council the "Fall in Lake Chelan" event was coming up in September. There will be classic cars and a bridge dance.
- G. SALES TAX REVENUE: Mr. Goedde stated Chelan sales tax revenue has increased 10% over this time period last year and sales tax is up overall in the County.

#### 11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS: Mr. Schmidt thanked Council for their patience and their work during the workshop and feels they were helpful in moving things in the right direction. Committee meeting will be resuming in September.
- B. 2014 BUDGET PREPARATION: Mr. Schmidt stated a budget workshop will be held every Tuesday in the month of October.

#### 12. RECESS

Council meeting was recessed at 7:48 p.m. to allow the Mayor and Councilmembers to participate in the Airport Board meeting. The Council meeting reconvened at 7:49 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Peri Gallucci  
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City Clerk



Robert R. Goedde  
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Mayor

DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

September 12, 2013