

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 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, Isenhardt, Morehouse, and Steele. ABSENT/EXCUSED: McCardle.

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

3. AGENDA CHANGES

- A. None

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- A. Michael Harris, 420 North Navarre Street, representing VFW 6853, invited the citizens of Chelan and the surrounding area to the retirement and replacement of the Senior Center Flag on September 30, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. This will be a formal Flag Disposal Ceremony. Flag disposal normally occurs yearly on June 14 which is Flag Day. Anyone with an unserviceable flag such as tattered or torn can give any VFW member the flag and it will be disposed of properly. Proper disposal is usually accomplished by burning the flag although it can be done in any way as long as it is respectful.
- B. John Zimmerman, 2445 West Woodin Avenue discussed his concerns with City Council regarding the 50 MPH speed limit leaving Chelan. He is concerned about the possibility of an accident with the summer parking along the highway. He would like to get the sign repositioned so the 50 MPH speed zone is actually at the city limits leaving Chelan. He also inquired about moving the electric speed limit sign or obtaining another one. Mr. Van Epps responded he had been in contact with DOT and they are discussing different options including possibly eliminating parking on the highway, lowering the speed limit, and ways to get electricity to another electric sign on the other side of the highway. Mr. Goedde asked Mr. Van Epps to keep Mr. Zimmerman in the loop.
- C. Anna Kelly 329 South First Street, stated she is the ASB President of Chelan High School. She said they would like to have their Homecoming dance on the Woodin Avenue Bridge on October 19, 2013 and they are asking for Council's support.
- D. Ben Higgins, 141 West Woodin, said Get Fit Chelan will be starting. Weigh-ins will be conducted at Valley Fitness and the program will include healthy cooking classes. The program is not just about weight loss but about living a healthy lifestyle.

E. Gary Sterner, 280 Godfrey Springs Lane, gave a brief report on the library renovation stating Construction should be complete by October 1, 2013. He thanked Council, the City, and the community for making this project happen. The grand opening for the new library will begin with a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 1, 2013 but the library will have grand opening activities from November 1 through November 9, 2013 with programs and classes throughout the week.

5. MINUTES

Ms. Isenhart moved to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Harper. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Steele moved to approve the consent agenda as follows. Second by Mr. Morehouse. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Claims Warrants No. 81856 - 81965 totaling \$600,013.27 and Payroll Warrants No. 41546 to 41671 totaling \$233,782.02.
- B. Excuse Councilmember Isenhart from the August 22, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting
- C. Excuse Councilmember McCardle from the September 12, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting
- D. Resolution No. 2013-1262 Temporarily Suspending Cruising Ban for "Fall in Lake Chelan"

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. LAKE CHELAN SAILING ASSOCIATION REPORT: Mr. Sablan informed Council as part of the contractual agreement with the City, the Lake Chelan Sailing Association (LCSA) must give a report of their activities. Mr. Russ Jones and Mr. Randy Brooks from the Lake Chelan Sailing Association were present. Mr. Jones gave a brief history on the LCSA, stated they have a budget of \$2500 per year with \$1500 of it going to insurance. He discussed projects they have completed including cleaning graffiti, shelters, and extension of a rock wall as well as projects they would like to complete. The LCSA conducts presentations at schools, offer the Certified Mandatory Boater Course and offers free sailing lessons. Students are asked to join the club so they can use the facility boats. Mr. Jones discussed the need for improvements to the current location as there have been boats which have damaged. He said the Sailing Regatta stating it was a great success which brings in many people from out of town. He said the LCSA greatly appreciates the use of City grounds as it would be impossible to have these events without the City space.

No action required.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None.

9. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS

- A. RH2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 FOR BRADLEY STREET NORTH: Mr. Van Epps reported RH2 had completed the design work for the Sidewalk Project for Bradley Street North. The project is now moving into the construction phase with construction scheduled to begin in the spring of 2014.

Mr. Cooney moved to authorize Supplemental Agreement No.2 with RH2 for \$31,320.30 for the Bradley Street North Sidewalk Project. Second by Ms. Isenhart. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. REVIEW ANALYSIS OF GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGES & OPERATIONAL RATES: Mr. Van Epps stated per Council direction in March, it was time to revisit the general facilities charges and operational rates. He explained the City needs to maintain water and sewer infrastructure to accommodate growth in the future and the only two sources of revenue for this are the connection charges and monthly utility rates. It is staff's recommendation Council hire a consultant to analyze rates and operational charges for water, sewer and garbage for the next five years. Council will have the final decision on how the analysis will be applied.

Mr. Cooney moved to authorize staff to bring forward a proposal to update utility user fees and general facility charges that includes various options for City Council consideration. Second by Ms. Isenhart. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. BRADLEY STREET BUILDING LEASE DIRECTION: Mr. Schmidt gave a brief description of the Bradley Street Building. He then discussed four different options for Council considerations which included:

1. Lease to a private for-profit party for full market return on investment.
2. Lease to non-profit party for a cost neutral arrangement.
3. Lease to non-profit party for partial subsidized arrangement that recognizes partial credit for social service benefits delivered back to the community.
4. Lease to non-profit party for total subsidized arrangement that recognizes full credit for social service benefits delivered back to the community.

Councilmembers discussed the purchase versus lease, expressed concern regarding trading for non-cash items and stated the need for clear deliverables. Discussion also included what will be best for the community regarding monetary return versus services to the community, the length of lease, repairs and maintenance on the building, and the possibility of a lease with option to buy.

Leanne Uttech, 2353 West High Street, stated she is fully behind the Food Bank and Chelan Valley Hope but she doesn't feel they need a big open space like she does. She said it was hard for her to find affordable available space to operate her preschool. When asked about sharing the space by Councilmembers she stated she did not think parents would be comfortable bringing their children into an environment where they didn't know the people who would be around their children. She feels her preschool provides a needed service to the community.

Kyle Plew, 480 Somerset Vista, is the Pastor of Real Life Lake Chelan and a board member of the Food Bank and Chelan Valley Hope. He thanked Council for the workshop held in August. He stated the Bradley Building is a perfect fit for the two organizations to work together. He said there is always a need to assist people with basic needs and allow them to retain their dignity. He said having services in the community are of enormous value stating a community is at its best when it helps those who can't take care of themselves. He feels people should propagate hope. He said the two entities would love to expand their hours and services and if they had a facility of their own, they would be able to. He also said there are many clients who use their services who would give back to the community by taking care of the maintenance and repairs of the building.

Mark Tesch, Manson, said it is not only the people who receive the services from the Food Bank and Chelan Valley Hope that benefit. The volunteers benefit by providing opportunities with dignity and this is an overall community benefit. He said how a community responds to those in need is a reflection of the community.

Dr. Rob Manahan, Morgan Owen Elementary, 420 Highway 150, said as a school system they are looking at building partnerships with communities and the City. He said there are 75% of the children at the grade school who live at or below the poverty line. He would rather eradicate poverty but whether there is a food bank or not, the poverty will continue. He understands Council's moral dilemma embracing those in need and trying to be fiscally responsible.

Sara Barnes, Manson, Manson School and Community Liaison, stated her job is to connect those in need with services which can assist them. Chelan Valley Hope works to move people out of poverty, they have a long term plan and have only been restricted by space. She counts on the community resources, stating it is a comfort to have community resources and she is afraid to have that day when those resources aren't available to a family in need. Value cannot be measured when people feel good and know there are resources to assist them.

No formal action taken. By consensus, Council formed a committee including Councilmembers Cooney, McCardle and Steele to develop an application process for potential lessees.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. FOOD BANK: Mr. Steele appreciates the work and struggle the Food Bank has been through but said there is no easy solution. He appreciates all who attended tonight's meeting.
- B. LAKE CHELAN MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE: Mr. Morehouse stated he had the chance to play golf and the course is looking good. Golfers as well as employees have very positive comments regarding the course and the new superintendent.
- C. SAILING ASSOCIATION: Mr. Morehouse said the Sailing Association does a great service for the community.
- D. COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE: Mr. Harper stated it does Council a lot of good to see a large citizen turnout for Council meetings and he appreciates the citizen's input.
- E. NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY: Mr. Cooney wants to look in depth at the rate the North Central Regional Library is paying for the library when the lease is being renegotiated.
- F. ERADICATE NOT PROPOGATE COMMENT CLARIFICATION: Mr. Cooney wanted to clarify his comment "eradicate not propogate" stating everyone should work in their own way to eradicate poverty. He said the Food Bank and the Chelan Valley Hope are safety nets and the community should develop ways to help them stand on their own.

Mr. Harper agrees with Dr. Manahan and said the 75% poverty rate in our community is real and if anyone wants to see what it looks like they can stop by the grade school.

Ms. Isenhart agrees with Mr. Cooney.

- G. BRADLEY STREET BUILDING: Ms. Isenhart would like community based drop in clinics but feels things need to be clarified and solidified after her experience with the Regional Support Network. She stated it is better for everyone to be exactly clear on what is expected of all parties involved.
- H. ELECTRIC CARS/CHARGING STATION: Ms. Isenhart had the opportunity to ride in a Tesla and thinks Chelan will be receiving funding for charging stations.
- I. MR. HIGGINS: Agrees with everyone and had no additional comments.
- J. VETERANS STANDOWN: Mr. Goedde stated a Veteran's Stand Down will be held in Wenatchee on September 27th & 28th, 2013. These events provide various needed services to Veterans.
- K. CITY WELLNESS PICNIC: Mr. Goedde invited Council to the City Wellness Picnic being held on September 26, 2013 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Don Morse Park.
- L. FESTIVAL OF THE GRAPE: Mr. Goedde informed Councilmembers they had been invited by Chelan's Sister City to the Festival of the Grape on October 6, 2013 in Oliver B.C.

- M. AN EVENING WITH MAURY FORMAN: Mr. Goedde invited Council to a funding seminar for Rural Economic Development presented by Maury Forman being held on October 16, 2013 in Council Chambers.

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES: Mr. Schmidt reminded Council of the special offer for the National League of Cities being held in Seattle. He stated this was an excellent opportunity for Council to attend as these events are usually held back east.
- B. EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PICNIC: Mr. Schmidt encouraged all Councilmembers to come and informed them the City's successful participation in the Wellness Program reduces the insurance premiums by 2%.
- C. MAURY FORMAN: Mr. Schmidt reiterated Mr. Goedde's comments regarding Maury Forman stating he is a high end presenter and a noted expert in economic development.

12. RECESS

Council meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m. to allow the Mayor and Councilmembers to participate in the Airport Board meeting. The Council meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REAL ESTATE - RCW 42.30.110(1)(c): At 8:01 p.m. Mayor Goedde stated there would be an executive session lasting fifteen minutes with possible action to be taken. At 8:16 p.m. City Administrator Schmidt extended the Executive Session for ten minutes. At 8:26 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for an additional five minutes. At 8:31 p.m. the Executive Session adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

Ms. Isenhardt moved to approve Resolution 2013-1263 authorizing the Mayor to present a purchase offer to the Chelan County Public Utility District for the property generally described as the PUD property located at the southeast corner of Johnson Avenue and Columbia Street. Second by Mr. Higgins. Motion passed unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



Peri Gallucci
City Clerk



Robert R. Goedde
Mayor

DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

September 26, 2013