

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 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, McCardle, Morehouse, and Steele.

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

3. RECESS

Council meeting was recessed at 6:01 p.m. to allow the Mayor and Councilmembers to participate in the Joint Airport Board Meeting with the Port of Chelan County. The Council meeting reconvened at 6:33 following adjournment of the Joint Airport Board Meeting.

4. AGENDA CHANGES

- A. None

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- A. Leslie Fichtner, 1501 West Main Street, thanked Councilmembers for reviewing her letter prior to the Council meeting. Ms. Fichtner explained to Council she was asking them to waive the GFC charges for the home she and her husband recently purchased because she did not feel she should have to pay for someone improperly converting the house years before. A former owner had converted the single family residence into a duplex without the proper building permits. She claimed the City had knowledge of the conversion because the PUD had installed a second meter. In the letters presented to Council, the City's position stated there was no knowledge of the property being converted. Ms. Fichtner stated she was not aware of the fees associated with the residence until two days before closing. She said she and her husband really wanted the house and decided to go ahead and close in hopes she could get the fees waived by the City. Mr. Gildroy said the zoning code is very clear in stating if a home has two kitchens it is classified as a duplex. Ms. Fichtner was given the option to remove the second kitchen but stated she and her husband did one day want to use it as a duplex although it was just her and her husband living in the home at this time. Councilmembers said they sympathize with her situation but she and her husband knew about these fees before the house closed. They stated this this was something which should have been handled between the buyer and the seller.
- B. Mary Signorelli, 205 East Allen, explained she was Ms. Fichtners realtor. She reiterated some details presented by Ms. Fichtner and stated she feels it is unfortunate the burden has to fall

on the current owner and she doesn't think it is right. She said there are some gray areas in this and she feels they need to be addressed.

- C. Mike Harris, 420 N. Navarre, invited City Council and the general public to attend the Flag Ceremony at the Senior Center. It begins at 12:00 p.m. and lunch will be served.

6. MINUTES

Ms. Isenhart moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Steele. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Claims Warrants No. 81969 to 82045 totaling \$522,125.67 and Payroll Warrants No. 41672 to 41784 totaling \$181,836.26. Cancelled Claims Warrant No. 81882 (81883 on Voucher Journal) due to a duplicate payment. Voided Claims Warrant No. 81964 due to printing error.
- B. Resolution No. 2013-1264 Adopting Interlocal Agreement with Association of Washington Cities.

8. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. None.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN AMENDMENT: Mr. Gildroy explained to Council this item was to amend the Capital Facilities Plan to include the municipal facility of the Public Utility District Parking Lot and Building for the potential purchase of the property to be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. Councilmembers ensured they were not committed to the purchase if the property was added to the Capital Facilities Plan.

The Public Hearing was opened 7:10 for public comment. No public comment was received. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

Mr. Higgins moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-1264. Second by Mr. Morehouse. Mr. Higgins withdrew the motion and Mr. Morehouse withdrew the second.

Mr. Higgins moved to approve the Capital Facilities Plan revision to include the Chelan County P.U.D. property as presented. Second by Mr. Morehouse. Motion passed unanimously.

10. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS

- A. BUDGET AMENDMENT: Ms. Grant reported to Council this was the second budget amendment of the year and it wouldn't be the last. She stated she had explained the changes in the attached memo. Councilmembers asked questions about the different funds and the amounts.

Ms. McCardle moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-1458 amending the 2013 budget and Ordinance No. 2012-1451. Second by Ms. Isenhart. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL ORDINANCE: Mr. Goedde explained this gives active military personnel who were away on military activities the ability to disconnect their services and not have to pay a reconnection fee upon return. There was no discussion.

Mr. Steele moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013-1459 providing for the exemption of utility reconnection fees for active military personnel while on military activities. Second by Ms. Isenhart. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. WOODIN AVENUE BRIDGE SURVEY RESULTS: Mr. Schmidt informed Councilmembers surveys were included with 1800 utility bills. The City received 422 responses which is a 24% return. Option No. 1 which included widening the sidewalks to six feet received 81 votes for 19.19% of the responses and Option No. 2 which included installation of pedestrian rails received 298 votes for 70.62% of the responses. He stated the bridge needs repairs regardless of the direction Council wants to pursue for the pedestrian safety. Mr. Schmidt discussed several different scenarios including different costs, funding sources, different bridge closure times for different types of construction, and necessary permitting requirements. Councilmembers discussed several different options including asking WSDOT for assistance with the turn lane on HWY 97A. Council consensus was for Mr. Van Epps to contact the consultant to determine how much conceptual designs would be. Council would like the consultant to complete 5 or 6 different design options and then hold an open house for the public to come in and provide their opinion. Mr. Van Epps will talk with the consultant to determine the cost for the conceptual designs and report back to Council.

No action required.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. CITY EXPENDITURES: Mr. Steele said he had reviewed the Claim Vouchers for approval at this meeting and the City had paid the 4th quarter installment to Chelan County for Law Enforcement Services for \$244,000 and \$94,000 to RiverCom.
- B. APPRECIATION FOR STAFF/COUNCILMEMBERS: Mr. Morehouse said it was good to see everyone and he appreciated all the hard work staff and Councilmembers do.
- C. LAKE CHELAN MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE: Mr. Cooney stated two golf courses closed on the other side and he wanted to say job well done here for the people in the Parks Department.

Ms. McCardle said she had attended the Park Board Meeting and the Golf Pro Jim Oscarson said it was the best August for revenue ever. She also stated the new Golf Course Superintendent, Jared Finch, was present and she was very impressed with him, his knowledge of the golf course and his financial understanding. She feels the City hired a real winner.

Mr. Goedde said he agrees and has had many citizens tell him the golf course looks the the best it has in years. He has had discussions with Mr. Finch regarding further improvements Mr. Finch would like to make for next year.

- D. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY STORE: Mr. Cooney wanted everyone to know everything he was wearing came from the Habitat for Humanity store and he purchased it all for \$18.00.
- E. TRICOMMISSION MEETING: Mr. Goedde said he and Mr. Schmidt had attended the Tri-Commission meeting and one of the programs the City is being asked to participate in is a cable suspension bridge across the Columbia River to tie into the City's trail system. At this time, the towers are being inspected for serviceability. Senator Parlette is working with the property owners and she says there is funding available for the project.

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. UPCOMING MEETINGS: Mr. Schmidt reminded Councilmembers of the following meetings:

- AWC Regional Meeting in Omak on October 2, 2013.
- Festival of the Grape in Oliver, B.C. on October 6, 2013
- Entrance Audit on October 9, 2013 (Correct date is October 2, 2013)
- An Evening with Maury Forman on October 16, 2013

B. NO COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Committee meetings will not be held in October because there will be three budget workshop meetings on October 8, 15, and 29, 2013.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

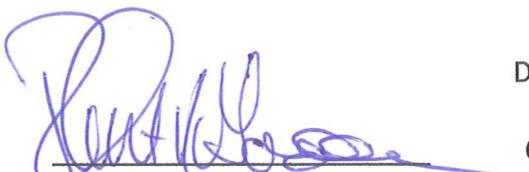
A. None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Peri Gallucci
City Clerk



Robert R. Goedde
Mayor

DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

October 10, 2013