

MINUTES OF 10/9/08 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Harper; Councilmembers Cooney, Greenfield, Morse, Morehouse, Papé-Miller; Acting City Administrator/Public Works Director VanEpps; Attorney Galbraith; City Clerk Liles.
EXCUSED ABSENCES: Mayor Goedde and Councilmember Weldy.

Harper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Morehouse moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Payroll Warrants No. 29725 through 29833 totaling \$170,136.87 and Claims Warrants No. 71050 through 71141 totaling \$285,906.36;
2. Excuse Councilmember Weldy's absence from the October 9, 2008 City Council meeting; and
3. Excuse Mayor Goedde's absence from the October 9, 2008 City Council meeting.

Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.

VISITORS/PUBLIC INPUT

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY REQUEST: Officers of the Chelan Valley Genealogical Society (CVGS) provided information about genealogy and about the local Genealogical Society. They reported that the Society was forced to move from their at Chelan Public Library to make room for library computers and has since been using inadequate temporary quarters because they cannot afford to rent space. They asked the City to help them find a permanent home, preferably in the basement of the library or in another City owned building. Following brief Council discussion, Harper said Council would have Administration look into the matter.

PROPERTY TAXES: Local property owner Courtney Cox said she is concerned because people in Chelan are being taxed out of their homes. Cox said she is working with "Washington Voters for Fair Property Assessment" to change that. Cox provided information about the problem and efforts to reform the property tax system, and she invited Chelan elected officials to get involved in the effort.

REGULAR AGENDA

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT: Councilmembers were provided a copy of a proposed contract with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for design services on Phase 2 of the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade. Van Epps reminded Council that the City had received a Public Works Trust Fund pre-construction loan to pay for these services, and he recommended Council approval of the proposed contract. Engineers Jeff Stevens and Nancy Morton, representing Gray & Osborne, provided both oral and written information concerning the project and answered Council questions. **Morehouse moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign the "Proposal and Contract for Professional Engineering Services" with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for design services on the Phase 2 Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade. Seconded by Greenfield, motion passed unanimously.**

PROSECUTION SERVICES: Councilmembers were provided a copy of a proposed agreement with Chelan County for the provision of prosecution services in 2009 and 2010. VanEpps explained as follows: The Chelan County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has been providing these services to the City since 2004. The current service agreement expires on 12/31/08. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed renewal agreement, which is identical to the current agreement except for the term and the annual fee, which would increase by \$3,000 to \$36,000 per year. **Morse moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign the agreement with Chelan County for 2009 and 2010 Prosecution Services. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT: VanEpps briefly reviewed the process used to interview the top candidates for the City Administrator position, and he asked Council to confirm Mayor Goedde's selection of James Reinbold for the position.

Cooney noted the following information provided on the agenda bill for this item: "The scope of the City Administrator's duties is established by CMC 2.08.060, and the terms of the City Administrator's employment are also established largely within the Chelan Municipal Code and the City's Personnel Policies. Notwithstanding, as is typical with positions such as the City Administrator, the Mayor has negotiated additional provisions governing the terms of Mr. Reinbold's employment ...". Cooney questioned the negotiation of additional terms. Galbraith responded, assuring Cooney that the Municipal Code allows for the Mayor's negotiation of the employment contract.

Papé-Miller said that it was her understanding that the City Administrator would be required to give thirty days notice when resigning, but the proposed agreement requires only two week's notice. Galbraith responded, saying he'd prepared the agreement, wasn't aware that Council intended the notice period to be thirty days, and had no objection to its being changed. Reinbold indicated that he had no objection to the change. **Morehouse moved to confirm the appointment of James Reinbold as City Administrator and to authorize Mayor Goedde to execute the Employment Agreement with Reinbold, as amended to change Section 5 of the Agreement entitled "Resignation" to read as follows: "The Administrator reserves the right to resign from employment at any time with or without cause. The Administrator agrees to give the City thirty (30) days notice prior to the effective date of any such resignation."** Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.

UTILITY EASEMENT: VanEpps explained that the PUD was required to install underground electrical conduits across City owned property near Lakeview Drive-in as part of the Section B Trail sidewalk project. In exchange for electrical service, the PUD requires a utility easement. There being no discussion, **Morehouse moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign the agreement granting Chelan County Public Utility District an underground easement on Parcel Number 27 22 13 525 413, as presented. Seconded by Greenfield, motion passed unanimously.**

KUNZ DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT: VanEpps reported that the City will conduct water and sewer capacity analysis to determine the impacts of the Blue Water Terrace project, a 41 lot subdivision on the north shore, and resulting mitigation measures. VanEpps asked Council to approve an agreement with John Kunz, the developer, to assure that the City is reimbursed for the engineering and legal services it will incur in the process. There being no discussion, **Cooney moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign the Development Agreement for Project Review Services with John Kunts, developer of the Blue Water Terrace project, as presented. Seconded by Papé-Miller, motion passed unanimously.**

At 8:10 p.m., Council meeting adjourned to allow the Mayor and Councilmembers to participate in the regular meeting of the Lake Chelan Airport Board. Council meeting reconvened at 8:11 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

TRANSPORTATION: Papé-Miller reported that Tim Iman is promoting a new transportation initiative, and she offered to provide Councilmembers with a copy.

COUNCIL RETREAT: Cooney recommended holding a “mini-retreat” once Jim Reinbold, the new City Administrator is on the job. Papé-Miller asked that the date for this retreat be set before the end of the year.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: Morehouse said he looks forward to helping the Genealogical Society find a permanent space to meet and house research materials.

COUNCIL CONDUCT: Morehouse said he attended a CTED Short Course in Planning recently and learned that Council may attend planning meetings with the possible exception of those on quasi-judicial matters. He said the City’s Planning Director will let Councilmembers know which meetings they should and shouldn’t attend.

BUILDING MORATORIUM: Morehouse recommended a moratorium on building until the City’s Comprehensive Plan is incorporated into the Municipal Code.

LAKESIDE TRAIL: Papé-Miller reminded Council that there will be a public meeting on the Lakeside Trail at City Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 on 10/13/08.

JOINT CITY/HOSPITAL/SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING: Papé-Miller reminded Council that there would be a joint meeting of the City Council, Lake Chelan Hospital Board of Directors, and Lake Chelan School District Board on 10/14 at the School District office.

ECONOMY: Morse said he expects the current economic crises to get worse, but feels it will present local opportunities as well as challenges. For instance, Chelan can offer affordable small town vacations to people who in this economy don’t want to spend money on expensive trips.

Papé-Miller noted that the economic crisis presents an opportunity to promote sustainability.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested to:

Approved by Council:
