

MINUTES OF 11/13/08 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Goedde; Councilmembers Cooney, Greenfield, Harper, Morehouse, Morse, Papé-Miller; Administrator Reinbold; Attorney Galbraith; Clerk Liles; Finance Director Grant; Planning & Community Development Director Gildroy. **EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Councilmember Weldy.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Papé-Miller moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Payroll Warrants No. 29936 through 30038 totaling \$156,278.93 and Claims Warrants No. 71246 through 71358 totaling \$\$576,453.18;
2. Approve Minutes of the 10/9/08 Regular City Council Meeting, as presented;
3. Approve Minutes of the 10/14/08 Special City Council/School Board/Hospital Board Meeting, as presented;
4. Approve Minutes of the 10/23/08 Regular and Special City Council Meetings, as presented;
5. Set 11/25/08 as the date for a public hearing to consider extending the Lord Acres Interim Zoning Control;
6. Excuse Mayor Goedde's absence from the 11/20/08 Special City Council Meeting;
7. Excuse Councilmember Cooney's absence from the 11/20/08 Special City Council Meeting;
8. Excuse Councilmember Weldy's Absence from the 11/13/08 Regular City Council Meeting; and
9. Excuse Councilmember Harper's Absence from the 11/6/08 Special City Council Meeting.

Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

COUNCIL POSITION #1: Bill Crego, 526 East Wapato Avenue, announced that he had submitted a letter of application for appointment to the City Council position to be vacated by Councilman Weldy on 12/31/08. Crego then described his experience and qualifications for the position.

Mayor Goedde noted as follows. So far there are four applicants for the position being vacated by Weldy. Anyone interested in applying should submit a letter of interest to the Mayor on or before 11/21/08. Unless there are too many candidates, interviews will take place during the Regular City Council Meeting on 11/25/08. A selection will be made on 12/11/08, and the new Councilmember will be sworn in on January 8, 2008.

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS: Bob Eier, 1076 East Johnson Avenue, asked that the City amend parking standards to require developers to provide off street parking for one boat trailer and its towing vehicle for each lakeside condominium and each condominium within the UGA. Eier also asked that Council declare a moratorium on private marina/condominium developments with moorage for more than one boat per condo residence. Eier urged Council to protect lake quality and provide for balanced community use by adopting the recommendations of the Transportation Improvement Plan, Shoreline Master Plan, Watershed Plan, Land Use Update and sub-area planning effort.

BOATING REGULATIONS: Tom Clark, 555 Antoine Creek Road, asked that the City amend boating regulations to allow boats powered by electric trolling motors to be launched at Lakeside Park during the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Mayor Goedde responded, asking Sablan to look into the matter and bring a recommendation to Council for consideration at the 11/25 City Council meeting.

At 7:15 p.m. Council meeting recessed to permit the Mayor and Councilmembers to participate in the regular meeting of the Lake Chelan Airport Board. Council meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m. following adjournment of the Airport Board meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

2009 LAKE CHELAN AIRPORT BUDGET: Grant presented the proposed 2009 Lake Chelan Airport Budget. At the recommendation of the Lake Chelan Airport Board, **Greenfield moved to adopt Resolution No. 2008-1187 approving the 2009 Lake Chelan Airport Budget, as presented. Seconded by Cooney, motion passed unanimously.**

2008 LAKE CHELAN AIRPORT BUDGET: Grant reminded Council that in 2008 the Federal Aviation Administration awarded the Lake Chelan Airport a grant of \$71,183 to purchase and install an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS). Grant reported that the total cost to purchase and install the system was \$76,550, and she explained that the Airport is responsible for paying the difference between that cost and the grant. At Grant's request, **Morehouse moved to adopt Resolution No. 2008-1188 amending the 2008 Lake Chelan Airport Budget to account for FAA grant revenue and the expenditure of funds for purchase and installation of an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS). Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.**

DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN: Gildroy proposed issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to develop the Downtown Master Plan and introduced Planning Consultant Shirley Berg, who reviewed the RFQ. Berg and Gildroy answered Council and audience questions concerning the Downtown Master Plan process and the RFQ. **Morse moved to instruct staff to proceed with the Downtown Master Plan Request for Qualifications, as presented. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

2009 BUDGET: Council conducted a workshop on the proposed 2009 Stadium Fund and Recreation Fund budgets, with Grant presenting the proposed Stadium Fund budget and Sablan presenting the proposed Recreation Fund budget.

2008 BUDGET: Grant proposed amending the 2008 Sanitation Fund budget to address significant increases in both garbage collection fee revenues and garbage disposal expenses. Grant reviewed the proposed adjustments and answered Council questions. **Harper moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-1372 amending the 2008 City Budget. Seconded by Greenfield, motion passed unanimously.**

RECEPTIONIST/CLERICAL ASSISTANT POSITION: Grant presented a proposed job description and salary grade for a new Receptionist/Clerical Assistant position, explaining how she arrived at the proposed pay rate and noting that the position would be part-time, year-around and non-union. **Cooney moved to approve the Receptionist/Clerical Assistant job description with a Salary Grade of 15. Seconded by Morse, motion passed unanimously.**

TEEN CENTER FUNDING: Reinbold presented a proposed agreement governing a grant of funds to the Chelan Teen Center and noted that the reporting requirements in the proposed agreement aren't as stringent as those in previous years when a full financial statement was required. Reinbold also noted that the \$9,000 requested by Teen Center Secretary Mary Murphy and approved by Council on 10/23/08 is \$3,000 less than that requested and granted in 2008. Reinbold said that when he contacted Paul Polombo, Teen Center President, to verify the amount, Polombo decided to meet with the Board to consider what might be accomplished with an additional \$3,000. Reinbold advised that if Council approves the \$9,000 request at this time and later receives and approves a request for additional funds, the funding agreement can be amended. **Harper moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign the agreement granting the Chelan Teen Center \$9,000 in 2009. Seconded by Greenfield, motion passed unanimously.**

SENIOR MEALS FUNDING: Reinbold presented a proposed agreement governing a grant to Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) to fund the provision of meals to Chelan senior citizens in 2009. Reinbold noted the following differences between the proposed agreement and the 2008 City/OCTN agreement: reporting requirements are less stringent as explained by Finance Director Grant during the 11/6 budget workshop and the funding amount is higher - \$1,800 compared to \$1,211 in 2008. There being no discussion, **Papé-Miller moved to authorize Mayor Goedde to sign the agreement granting Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition \$1800 for the 2009 "Senior Meals" program. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

INMATE HOUSING: Reinbold recommended postponing consideration of a proposed agreement with Chelan County for housing inmates at the Chelan County Regional Justice Center due to concerns brought forward by Councilman Harper. Harper explained that Section 20(b) of the proposed agreement doesn't seem reasonable in that it gives the County the right to refuse maximum security inmates. **Council consensus was to postpone consideration of the agreement with Chelan County for the housing of inmates in the Chelan County Regional Justice Center.** Reinbold said he would contact Justice Center Director Phil Stanley to discuss Harper's concern.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

HEALTH DISTRICT FUNDING: Morse said he was discouraged to learn that the City of East Wenatchee had denied the Chelan/Douglas Health District's funding request to cities for an additional \$1 per citizen in 2009.

BOATING REGULATIONS: Morehouse said he favors considering Tom Clark's request to amend the code governing boat launching at Lakeside Park.

HOUSING AUTHORITY FUNDING: Cooney said he'd talked to other jurisdictions regarding the Housing Authority's request for Housing Set-Aside (HB2060) funds to pay for rental assistance vouchers for low income housing. Cooney said he supports home ownership assistance for low income residents, but doesn't believe it's the City's place to subsidize landlords.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE: Cooney announced that the Sustainability Committee had prepared a list of budget requests with a total cost of \$152,000 to improve the City's recycling program and help get Chelan "on track for the next generation."

Greenfield reported that the Sustainability Committee has been working with the School District to promote recycling in the schools and will meet with faculty next week to implement the program. Papé-Miller displayed a recycling container like those that will be used in the schools and explained why that design was selected.

Papé-Miller noted that the Sustainability Committee's budget request includes purchase of new recycling containers for the downtown core, and she offered to save the City the cost of shipping the containers by transporting them herself.

Papé-Miller described a planned new program at the City's recycling center – computer recycling. Papé-Miller explained that the City would collect used computers at the center and can then sell them for seven cents a pound. Mayor Goedde said he intended to do a public announcement to inform citizens about the program. **Council consensus was to approve computer recycling provided recycling staff is ready and able to implement and run the program.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Cooney reported that the Finance Committee had discussed the need for Council to be prepared for developers who may “ask for passes in tough economic times.”

DOWNTOWN HALLOWEEN EVENT: Greenfield thanked everyone involved in this year's Trick-Or-Treat in Downtown Chelan event.

WILDERNESS SOCIETY'S NORTH CASCADES INITIATIVE: Papé-Miller announced the adoption of the Wilderness Society's North Cascades Initiative, which “envisions the North Cascades as a celebrated national treasure, where wilderness is preserved for future generations, where recreational opportunities are enhanced and well-planned, and where vibrant local communities realize the benefits of the wildlands surrounding them.”

IAC: Papé-Miller reported that the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) has reinstated its maintenance program for small cities.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD: Mayor Goedde reported that at the most recent Chamber Board meeting, discussion included how downtown parking would be impacted by the State's decision to no longer plow snow to the center of the street.

PARKING: Mayor Goedde reported that the Public Utility District is interested in helping to fund a study on the feasibility of building a parking garage on the PUD property at the corner of Columbia and Johnson.

FLAG DISPLAY: Mayor Goedde informed those present of the proper way to position the flags displayed on the Council dais. Goedde said someone keeps positioning them improperly and he keeps moving them back.

SNOW PLOWING POLICY: Reinbold distributed to Councilmembers copies of the City's snow plowing policy, explaining that they may need the information to respond to calls of complaint.

CITY OWNED PROPERTIES: Reinbold offered City Councilmembers a map showing City owned properties.

COUNCIL POSITION VACANCY: Reinbold reported that so far there are four applicants for the Council seat to be vacated by Weldy at the end of the year, and he predicted a difficult decision for Council in choosing whom to appoint.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:25 p.m. the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Administrator and City Attorney adjourned to executive session to discuss potential litigation. Regular meeting reconvened at 10:15 p.m. following adjournment of the executive session.

There being no further business, Council meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested to:

Approved by City Council:

Linda Allison-Liles, City Clerk

Robert R. Goedde, Mayor

11/25/08