

MINUTES OF March 12, 2009 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall, 134 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Goedde called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councilmembers Harper, Lingard, Morehouse, and Pape-Miller present. EXCUSED ABSENCES: Councilmembers Cooney, Greenfield and Morse.

City staff present: Administrator Reinbold, Attorney Galbraith, Clerk Liles, Finance Director Grant, Public Works Director Van Epps.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA CHANGES

At staff's request, the agenda was amended to add consideration of an ordinance to confirm the existence of the City's combined water and sewer system.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

SANITATION SERVICE: Richard McKinnon, 428 East Chelan Street, asked the City to return to its previous practice of collecting garbage in the alley rather. He said the streets of his neighborhood have become a "sea of garbage cans" because the City doesn't enforce its requirement that cans be returned to the alley after they are emptied. McKinnon said he'd written to Public Works with this and related concerns, but received no response.

Morehouse explained why the City implemented the new automated collection system and said the City had invested too much in new equipment to go back to manual collection. VanEpps explained that the new garbage truck can't operate efficiently or safely in the alleys. VanEpps acknowledged receiving McKinnon's letter and promised to respond. Mayor Goedde said the City needs to educate people concerning garbage cans left on the street.

CONSENT AGENDA

Morehouse moved to approve the consent agenda as follows. Seconded by Harper, motion passed unanimously.

- A. Approve minutes of February 26, 2009 regular City Council meeting;
- B. Approve Payroll Warrants No. 30550-30626 totaling \$146,683.78 and Claims Warrants No. 71896-71981 totaling \$147,669.11;
- C. Set special meetings: none;
- D. Adopt ordinances: none;
- E. Acknowledge receipt of 4th Quarter Financial Report; and
- F. Excuse absence of Morse and Cooney from 3/12/09 regular and special City Council meetings and Greenfield from 3/26/09 regular City Council meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCES

PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Reinbold reminded Council that on 2/12/09 it concurred with the Mayor's recommendation that the two hour parking restriction on East Woodin Avenue be rescinded. Reinbold reported that the recommendation was then reviewed by the Parking Committee, which concurred and added a recommendation that the two hour limit on both sides of Bradley Street also be rescinded. Reinbold presented a proposed ordinance to amend the Municipal Code as recommended by the Mayor and Parking Committee.

- 1382 **Lingard moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-1382 amending Section 10.36.040 of the Chelan Municipal Code regarding two hour parking restrictions. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

BOND ISSUE: Grant introduced Jeff Nave, Vice President/Senior Municipal Underwriter for Martin Nelson & Company. As discussed at the 2/12/09 City Council meeting, Nave presented an ordinance to authorize the issuance of bonds to refinance the 1998 USDA water/sewer loan.

Nave proposed adopting a second ordinance to resolve any questions that might arise concerning Ordinance No. 98-1131, which separated the City's Water/Sewer Fund into separate funds for accounting purposes. As explained by Nave, the proposed ordinance would confirm that the City's "system of sewerage" under RCW 35.67 consists of combined water and sewerage systems.

- 1383 There being no questions or discussion, **Morehouse moved to adopt Ordinance no. 2009-1383 confirming the existence of the City's combined water and sewer system and providing for other matters properly related thereto. Seconded by Harper, motion passed unanimously.**

- 1384 **Morehouse moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-1384 providing for the issuance of \$1,400,000 principal amount of Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds to provide the funds, together with other available money, with which to redeem the City's outstanding water and sewer revenue bond and pay related costs. Seconded by Lingard, motion passed unanimously.**

Morehouse moved to authorize the execution of the contract of purchase for bonds to be used to pay off the 1998 USDA loan in its entirety. Seconded by Lingard, motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1190 COMMUNITY RECREATION PROPERTY: Reinbold presented the School Board's recommendation for development of the "Community Recreation Property," reminding Council that the October 2007 Amendment to the City/School District Interlocal Agreement for Joint Use of Recreation Facilities requires that such development be both approved by the City and consistent with the City Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan. Reinbold reported that City staff participated in several public hearings held by the School District on the various alternatives for development and recommend Council's acceptance of the Board's choice of "Option 1."

There followed discussion about development of the ball fields, with Morehouse requesting assurance that there would be a sufficient number of fields for tournament play and Lingard recommending that both of the proposed soccer fields be regulation size. Reinbold agreed to pass those concerns along to the School District.

- 1190 **Harper moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-1190 approving the Lake Chelan School District approving development of the Community Recreation Property as recommended by the Lake Chelan School District #129 Board of Directors as "Option 1" and in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement for Joint Use of Recreational Facilities as amended in October 2007. Seconded by Morehouse, motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

TEEN CENTER FUNDING: Reinbold reminded Council that the Chelan Teen Center Executive Committee had requested \$9,000 in City funding support for 2009. Because this was \$3,000 less than the amount the City granted in 2008, Council budgeted \$12,000, with \$9,000 to be paid in response to the Board's request, and \$3,000 to be held in reserve in the event the Center needed additional funding.

Reinbold reported that the Board recently submitted an amended 2009 budget and a request for the additional \$3,000 to help pay the salary of a "Secondary Supervisor" at the Center. Reinbold provided Councilmembers with a copy of the amended budget and request. Also provided for Council consideration was an amended funding agreement.

Their being no discussion, **Pape-Miller moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the *Chelan Teen Center Funding Support Agreement Amendment*, as presented. Seconded by Lingard, motion passed unanimously.**

JOHNSON AVENUE LEASE: Reinbold proposed extending the Lake Chelan School District's lease of that portion of Johnson Avenue lying between Bradley and Navarre Streets. Reinbold explained that in 1988 the City leased the property to the School District so that the Morgan Owings Elementary School playground could be enlarged. The lease was for twenty years with an option to extend for successive periods of ten years following the initial term. Any extension was to be agreed upon by both parties in writing thirty days prior to the expiration of the initial agreement. In 2008 the City Clerk advised Administration that the lease was about to expire, but no action to renew was initiated. The present City Administrator contacted School Superintendent Busey, who advised that the District does wish to continue the lease.

There being no discussion, **Lingard moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement extending the Lake Chelan School District's lease of Johnson Avenue between Bradley and Navarre Streets, as presented. Seconded by Pape-Miller, motion passed unanimously.**

UTILITY EASEMENT: VanEpps asked that Council grant the PUD an easement to replace old and increasingly undependable utility lines running from the junction box at Lakeview Drive-In to the city marina.

Harper moved to grant Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County an underground utility easement for Parcel Number 272213525413 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Easement as presented. Seconded by Lingard, motion passed unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION: Reinbold reported that the Finance Committee had asked him to act on one of Council's Strategic Objectives, i.e., "City Council pay increases for 2012". In response he had prepared a chart comparing the pay received by Chelan's Mayor and Councilmembers with that paid to elected officials in other Eastern Washington cities with populations between 2000 and 5700. The Finance Committee had reviewed the chart and directed Reinbold to present it to full Council. Reinbold noted that he hadn't drawn conclusions and was making no recommendations, but would wait for council direction. Following brief discussion, Reinbold said he would provide Council with additional information.

RECESS At 8:10 p.m. meeting was recessed 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.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

STIMULUS PACKAGE: Pape-Miller reported that she'd attended the last Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council meeting where she learned that Chelan County's share of the government stimulus package will be \$3,000,000, with half going to Chelan County and half to the City of Wenatchee.

Mayor Goedde asked why no City of Chelan projects were listed among those receiving funding. VanEpps said that none met the "shovel ready" criterion. Pape-Miller recommended that staff look at projects that are close to ready as there may be future funding opportunities.

EDD AND RC&D: Pape-Miller commented on issues discussed at the last Economic Development District/Resource Conservation & Development meeting.

LIBRARY GRANT APPLICATION: Lingard noted that the City's application for a Public Library Innovation Grant was unsuccessful. Mayor Goedde said the City would keep trying.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Harper reported for the Public Works Committee.

PARK RESTROOMS: Morehouse said that some of the City's bonds will be paid off in the next few years, freeing money to replace park restrooms. He provided information about pre-fab restrooms that might serve the City's purposes.

SWAC: Morehouse reported for the Chelan County Solid Waste Advisory Council.

REET II: Mayor Goedde reported that there is a bill working its way through the State Legislature that would allow Real Estate Excise Tax II to be used in more ways than is currently permitted. The Mayor suggested that Councilmembers contact their legislatures in support of the bill.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

AQUATIC/COMMUNITY CENTER: ORB's schedule for the Aquatic/Community Center Feasibility Study has been distributed.

CITY WEBSITE: Councilmembers who haven't submitted a bio for the website need to do so.

Council photographs will be taken for the website once the proposal from the photographer is received and a schedule can be worked out.

AIRPORT MASTER PLAN: The Mayor received and signed the paperwork for the Airport Master Plan, and it has been sent on to the Port of Chelan County for signature.

PARKING COMMITTEE: The Parking Committee met the previous night and discussed signage and concerns relating to parking in residential areas. The next meeting will be 3/25/09.

CDBG FUNDING: The City has been invited to apply for Community Development Block Grant funding and will submit a letter of interest.

MINI-RETREAT: Reinbold reported difficulties in finding a Saturday when all members of Council are available to meet for a mini-retreat. After brief consideration, Council selected April 4, 2009, as the date for a mini council retreat.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Attested to:

Robert R. Goedde
Mayor

Date approved by Council: April 9, 2009