

**CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON
REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED
MAYOR STEVEN C. LACY, PRESIDING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

Councilmember's Present: Councilmember Hendricks, Councilmember McCourt, Councilmember Bremmer, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Buckner, Councilmember Raab, and Mayor Lacy.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Buckner, second by Councilmember Johnson, to excuse Councilmember Barnhart from this meeting. The motion carried, 6-0.

Staff Present: Catalina Garibay, Devin Poulson, Brandon Mauseth, Dawn Collings, and Nick Gerde.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION

Sandy Morrison, Coordinator, Chelan-Douglas Community Network (CDCN), reviewed the CDCN total budget for 2007-2008 in the amount of \$111,540. She said the Network receives money from the State on a biannual basis to support programs that help to reduce at risk youth. The CDCN awarded grants to five local programs through the 2008-2009 school year which included the Civil Air Patrol, Solomon's Porch, Newspapers in Education, Lake Chelan High School's "After School Tutoring", and Catholic Family and Child Service "Play and Learn" program.

BUDGET ISSUES

Mayor Lacy said there will be a Budget Workshop meeting held at City Hall on September 29, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., to work through preliminary budget issues.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

East Wenatchee Events Board (EWEB)

Events Board Coordinator, Dawn Collings, gave an update of previously held and upcoming community events which include: the "Taste of Harvest" held in September in Downtown Wenatchee; the "Wings & Wheels" festival event to be held October 1st – 4th; "Make a Difference Day" which will be held on October 24, 2009, we will be working on 3 beautification projects within the City; "Christmas Tree Lighting" event for 2010; the Easter Egg Hunt for 2010, which will include beeper eggs for the visual impaired kids; the 25th Anniversary of the "Classy Chassis" will be celebrated in 2010, and the City's "75th Birthday Celebration" with a 1930's theme will be held on July 4, 2010, from 4-10 p.m. at the Eastmont Community Park.

Ms. Collings said she represents the City on the Escape, Explore, Enjoy, North Central Washington (E3) regional tourism group which promotes this area in preparation for the 2010 Olympics. She said they are inviting people who will be attending the Olympics and asking to be part of the group to report back and connect with the Valley. She invited Councilmembers to attend the Wenatchee Wild Hockey Game on October 30, 2009, the E3 group will be the sponsor.

Finance Department

City Treasurer/Finance Director, Nick Gerde, said part of the process outlined in the RCW's for the budget process is for the Finance Director and the Mayor to let the Council know officially what to expect for the remainder of the current year and what is coming up in the following year. This included a letter from Mayor Lacy and an outline of the Budget Process.

Mayor Lacy read a portion of the letter which read; "I want to thank the Budget Committee members and participants who have provided their time and talents so far in this 2010 Budget Process, and look forward to the discussion and decisions that will take place between now and eventual approval of the Budget prior to the end of 2009". He said he sincerely means that because he knows that everyone who has been involved has given a significant amount of time and thought to our budget situation of this year's budget as well as a plan we have going forward for an additional five years.

City Treasurer/Finance Director, Nick Gerde submitted an outline for the September 29, 2009, Financial Planning and Budget workshop which will be an open public meeting. He said this workshop will provide the Council with a preliminary look at how 2009 will end and what each department has projected for 2010. Mr. Gerde reviewed the Financial Planning Cash Flow Forecasts, the Capital Project cash flows for 2009-2015, and the Capital Project Funding Estimates for 2010-2015.

Street Department

Mayor Lacy asked if Council had reviewed the letter received from Douglas County Commissioners regarding a waiver of fees. Street Superintendent, Brandon Mauseth said the permit fee is \$79.50.

Mayor Lacy said there have been fees waived for other entities in the past.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, second by Councilmember Raab, to waive the fee of \$79.50, associated with the building of the restroom. The motion carried, 6-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lacy said he gave a welcome on behalf of the City of East Wenatchee at the Holy Apostles church where he was invited to attend a gathering on behalf of the Mexican Government. He said Mexico's President, Felipe Calderon, along with three to four Mayors of the State of Nayarit, and representatives from other cities in the U.S. were in attendance as well as a representative from the agency of the Mexican Government who said that the legislature has created a program that is specific to immigrants in our area, and all through the United States. It is called a "Three In One Program", in which they identify Mexican citizens living in the United States (U.S.), who want to get some benefits in Mexico for contributing back to their home communities. This program would basically match three to one, every contribution made. They said that to the extent that these people are willing to send money to their home town to support the local economy, and to prevent further immigration by contributing to projects at home which consists of everything from providing healthcare, to building bridges for local communities. The State then matches every dollar that is sent back, the Federal Government in Mexico matches it, as well as the Local Municipality where the money is spent. Therefore, they receive three dollars for every one dollar that is sent back to Mexico. He added they are hoping this program will curb some of the immigration that occurs because people continue to be unable to support themselves in their home community.

Mayor Lacy said the executive session regarding the union contract will be delayed one more council meeting. He said he had a meeting with the union and submitted to them the information of things they would not consider and things they would negotiate. The Union will review the information and send a

revised contract back to the City once those decisions have been made. He said we would then have an executive session to review the contract.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes – Regular Session, September 8, 2009
2. Consideration of Bills

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bremmer, second by Councilmember Raab, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried, 4-0. (Johnson and Buckner abstained).

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded in a listing, which has been made available to Council.

2009 Payables

As of this date, September 22, 2009, Council does approve warrant numbers 22089 through 22171 in the total amount of \$338,804.52. Warrants 22104 & 22105 were voided.

ACTION ITEMS

09-09-01 Amendment No. 1 to Trail Lease

Street Superintendent, Brandon Mauseth, said the City of East Wenatchee entered into a lease agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) in 1996 for the Apple Capital Loop Trail. The lease only covered the trail between Grant Road and 9th St. N.E. Annexations over the years have extended the City Limits to SE 3rd to the south, and 19th St. N.E. to the north. The lease with WSDOT was never revised to recognize this change in the City Limits. Douglas County continued to be the tenant for those areas. He said the proposed change would alter the lease to coincide with the existing City limits and change the tenant from Douglas County to the City of East Wenatchee.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bremmer, second by Councilmember Buckner, amending No. 1 to Trail Lease. The motion carried, 6-0.

09-09-02 Contract Amendment No. 3, Canyon A Flood Control – Phase 2 Supplemental Construction Services.

Street Superintendent, Brandon Mauseth, said this supplement to the original “Service During Construction Agreement” was needed as a result of additional night work for the utility repairs and reconnections after the installation of the pipe was completed. Also, to minimize traffic impacts, the contractor completed the asphalt prep work during an evening shift and completed paving work before peak a.m. traffic. This change from daytime to nighttime work required on-site inspection while maintaining project management and coordinating with utilities and the contractor during regular business hours. As well as covering additional inspection, this supplement allows for completion of project closeout paperwork and reporting to Public Works Trust Fund Loan for project completion. This supplement was presented to the Stormwater Utility Management Team on September 17, 2009, for approval. All costs associated with the Canyon A Project are covered by the Greater East Wenatchee Stormwater Utility.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, second by Councilmember McCourt, to approve Contract Amendment No.3, Canyon A Flood Control – Phase 2 Supplemental Construction Services. The motion carried, 5-1. (Bremmer)

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Johnson said that Link Transit was awarded \$2,925,000 in TIGGER (stimulus) grant funding for battery powered zero emission community buses. This grant will fund Phase 1 of the electric bus project which replaces five diesel powered trolley buses that are operating high frequency routes in downtown Wenatchee and East Wenatchee.

Mayor Lacy said he had spoken with Link Transit General Manger, Richard DeRock, who explained that they are working on this new lithium technology that allows them to recharge without a full discharge of the batteries, and they felt that even if they paid full market price of electricity, they would still save money over what they paid for diesel.

Councilmember McCourt submitted minutes from the Chelan-Douglas Health District, Board of Health meeting, held on August 17, 2009.

Councilmember Buckner submitted minutes from the North Central Washington Resource and Conservation and Development (RC&D) meeting, held on August 12, 2009, and from the Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council meeting, held on July 9, 2009.

Mayor Lacy said they are going to go look at the City owned rental property next door to decide whether the Council is in favor of moving the library to the rental house adjacent to City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 p.m.

Dana Barnard
City Clerk