

ect expenditures are down.
Austin also asked about dispatch services and how they could put the city into deep trouble if it has to pay for those services. Lt. Ben Rhines, Chelan Police Department, stated that the new dispatch center would be charging by the call or by radio traffic and hasn't yet figured out how much to charge. Mayor At-

a budget, it can be changed with a budget amendment... that's what the budget amendment process is about."
Councilman Steve Olsen remarked that it is a great thing to get the budget balanced. Kollmeyer said, "It's going to be tough because costs keep rising."
Councilman Bob Goedde's con-

cerns. Olsen agreed that the process was smooth.
Mayor Atkinson added that many councilmen came in and asked questions and got their questions answered. Atkinson reminded the council that it is the mayor's operating budget and by law it was his job to present a balanced budget.

Power back on at Mill Bay Resort

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The struggle for the Mill Bay Resort may be turning a corner. For two years, the future of the land has been in dispute. Chief Evans Incorporated (CEI) has claimed that operating the park is costing the firm a loss of over \$100,000 annually, and must be shut down. The resort members, however, have several years left on their contracts and have taken legal action to keep the park open.

Much of this dispute has sprung from the Colville Tribes plans for a massive casino resort to be built on the contested land. It is now reported, however, that these plans have been scrapped.

On November 20, all utilities to the resort were

shut off. Soon after, CEI promised that the utilities would be reactivated by November 27. It took until December 2 for this to happen, but CEI made good on its promise. Currently, power, water and sewer services are fully operational at Mill Bay Resort.

It is hoped these new developments represent a spirit of compromise and cooperation that this controversy has sorely needed. The resort members have filed a lawsuit with the Chelan County Superior Court, but have not served it yet. CEI and the resort members are in the midst of negotiations to settle this matter without litigation. These negotiations are taking place under an agreement by both sides to keep statements in the media to a minimum. The goal is to reach a compromise by the end of January.

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