

April 13, 2005

Mayor Bonnie House called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Bob Fateley, Wayne Lehrman, George Webster and Dave Freels.

Minutes were approved as sent for 03/09/05 & 03/17/05.

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 on a listing, which has been made available to the City Council.

As of this date 04/13/05 the Council, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the voucher payment list and further described as follows: Claims Fund voucher numbers 38178 through 38293 in the total amount of \$93,446.48 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 21927 through 21964 in the total amount of \$57,081.73.

OKANOGAN COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED SPRAY PROGRAM

Ramona Phitezer and Anna Lyon, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board (OCNWCB), presented to the Council a program to provide up to \$500 matching funds to fight noxious weeds. Ms. Phitezer explained that each City that spends up to \$500 on chemicals/application needs to send a letter requesting funding to the OCNWCB. Then the City must send copies of invoices and/or timesheets showing the total amount spent on weed control. Ms. Phitezer stated that community service may be available for weed control and other projects by contacting the Okanogan County Juvenile Service. Ms. Lyon explained to council that the section of Highway 97 within the city limits of Brewster will now be the city's responsibility for weed control. Ms. Lyons also stated that the OCNWCB and the Okanogan County Public Works Department have teamed up to do a bulk bid on chemicals, which will reduce the rates on some herbicides so they may pass that savings on.

ORDINANCE #768 – AMENDING THE 2005 CITY OF BREWSTER BUDGET

City Clerk Pam Olsen discussed Ordinance #768 amending the 2005 City of Brewster budget. City Clerk Olsen stated that the 2004 budget has been closed and the ending figures have been moved into the 2005 budget. Olsen stated that the budget is smaller than initially thought. Council Member Freels questioned the city's stability. City Clerk Olsen will report back to Council in June when the city is half-way through the year for a mid-year analysis.

MOTION:

Council Member Lehrman moved to approve Ordinance #768 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Webster and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #769 – AMENDING THE EXISTING MILLENNIUM DIGITAL CABLE FRANCHISE

Public Works Director Mike Shenyer discussed Ordinance #769 amending the existing Millennium Digital Cable Franchise. Shenyer explained that by amending Millennium Digital's current franchise, this project would be unique to this company therefore not

allowing any other towers to be placed in the City limits of Brewster at this time. Shenyer stated that the Brewster Planning Commission is currently working on developing an ordinance to cover the placement of future wireless media projects.

Public Works Director Shenyer stated that a check for \$1,000 was paid by Millennium Digital to partially cover the City's administration fees and attorney fees associated with the project.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to approve Ordinance #769 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lehrman and carried unanimously.

JUB ENGINEERING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

Public Works Director Shenyer reported to council that JUB Engineers have prepared a supplemental agreement for the Department of Transportation (DOT) in regards to the work they are doing in conjunction with the Main Avenue Project. Shenyer explained that the supplemental agreement adds an additional cost of \$10,000 to the Main Avenue Project and that the DOT will reimburse the City for the cost of widening a portion of Highway 173 from Jay Avenue to Highway 97; there will be no curbs or sidewalks installed at this time. This work will take place at the same time as the Main Avenue Project so the DOT had JUB Engineering do the design.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to authorize Mayor House to sign the supplemental agreement prepared by JUB Engineers for the Department of Transportation for the purpose of widening a portion of Highway 173. The motion was seconded by Council Member Webster and carried unanimously.

MAIN AVENUE PROJECT UPDATE

Public Works Director Shenyer reported that the Department of Transportation and Transportation Improvement Board grant money is in place and the Main Avenue Project bids should be out next week. Shenyer stated that the bids would be published for three weeks, at the end of that time a bid opening would be scheduled, and after the bids are tabulated and checked for accuracy they would go before council for their final decision.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Lt. Kelly Hook went over the monthly report and stats.

Lt. Hook reported to council that Zach Anderson, the Animal Control Officer, resigned his position as of April 12, 2005. Hook stated that he was currently looking for a replacement for Mr. Anderson and that he is also working with Pateros to find someone to cover both cities.

Lt. Hook reported that the Pateros Law Enforcement contract would be effective through May 31, 2005 and then Pateros would officially start contracting with the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office for police services.

PARKING ISSUES

Police Clerk Darlene Gregg, Municipal Court Clerk Juana Escobar and Officer Nattalie Cariker were present to discuss parking issues. Gregg stated the unfairness of not being allowed to park in the parking spaces located on the West side of South 3rd Street from the alley to Main Avenue. Council Member Webster stated that he was approached some time ago by the owner of the property at 301 E Main Avenue regarding employees parking all day in spaces that could be used by patrons to the restaurant. Webster stated that it was his understanding that when the IOOF Building was torn down that area would be used for City employee parking. Council Member Fateley stated that everyone should try harder to make parking available to patrons of Brewster businesses. A concern of Gregg, Escobar, Cariker and Hook is that the Fire Department volunteers have blocked them in while they are parked in the parking lot when they are responding to a fire. City Clerk Olsen stated that she had sent a memo to Fire Chief Webster and personally spoke to him about the way that the volunteers are parking. Lt. Hook will also speak to the volunteers at their next Thursday night meeting. Public Works Director Shenyer stated that a street light will be installed in the parking lot and he hopes to have the lot paved during the Main Avenue Street Project.

NOISE PROBLEMS

Ernie Moran and Lee Webster were present to complain about the loud music coming from passing cars near their homes on Bridge Street and South 7th Street. They both stated that the police department has worked hard to help them when they call in a complaint. Webster stated that the Vista Park Home Apartments have been a problem for playing loud music. City Clerk Olsen stated that she would talk to the manager of the apartments. Council Member Fateley stated that more tickets need to be written by the police department. Moran asked if signage could be put up prohibiting loud music, Mayor House agreed to research the possibility.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATUS

Officer Cariker asked council if her position as a Brewster Police Officer was in jeopardy given that the contract with Pateros will be ending on May 31st and her job was contingent on that contract. Council Member Fateley stated to her that there would be no changes made in the police department until a final decision was made by council regarding the fate of the police department. Council Member Fateley stated that he and fellow police department committee member Council Member Dewey will have a contract next week ready to present to the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES TO DISCUSS LITIGATION

Mayor House adjourned into executive session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss litigation at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 7:00 p.m.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned.