

April 9, 2003

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

Minutes were approved as sent for 03/12/03.

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 04/09/03 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 35778 through 35864 in the total amount of \$170,477.85 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 20748 through 20833 in the total amount of \$74,858.28.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PROPERTY

Mayor House adjourned into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss property at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 6:20 p.m.

There was no action taken.

POLICY #03-001 – REGARDING COMMERCIAL UTILITY BILLING

City Clerk Pam Olsen discussed policy #03-001 regarding commercial utility billing. At the March City Council meeting council asked Olsen to prepare a policy outlining the conditions under which a business owner that does not own the building that houses their business can be billed directly for utility services. The proposed policy states that two of the following conditions would have to be met in order for the utility statement to go to the business owner: Owned business for at least five (5) years; Excellent payment history; or Owner of the property in agreement and said owner agrees to sign an application for utility service. Owner agrees that if his/her tenant does not pay the bill it is their responsibility to do so in a timely manner.

MOTION:

Councilmember Lehrman moved to approve Policy #03-001 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Fateley. Motion carried unanimously.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Deputy City Clerk Jackie Moriarty took pictures of the Mayor and Council and discussed how they would like the public to be able to contact them. Council agreed to use the brewster@kozi.com email address for all of their emails and to use the City Hall phone number for messages.

WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION

Mayor House announced to council that Deputy City Clerk Moriarty had been installed as President of the Washington Municipal Clerks Association for 2003-2004 at their recent conference in March. Council congratulated Moriarty.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Rick Balam passed out the monthly police report and stats.

Public Works Director Mike Shenyer discussed property cleanup efforts. Shenyer along with the police department have been working on the removal of hulk vehicles and yard cleanup. Shenyer stated that people have been very cooperative this year about complying with the violation notices he has sent out.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT – PATEROS

Chief Balam reported back to council regarding their concern over increased insurance costs associated with providing Pateros police protection. Balam stated that our covering Pateros does not increase our insurance premiums. Balam provided the council with a cost breakdown to provide service to Pateros, Balam stated that because we are no longer providing a set amount of hours to Pateros the costs have gone down.

Councilmember Webster stated that because of our Mutual Aid Agreement with the Okanogan County Sheriff's Department we would be covering Pateros anyway, we might as well be getting paid for the service.

MOTION:

Councilmember Webster moved to authorize Mayor House to sign a one year Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement with the City of Pateros. Seconded by Councilmember Lehrman. Opposed by Councilmember Freels. Motion carried

AIRPORT CLEANUP

Public Works Director Shenyer reported that he had checked on the progress of the airport cleanup. Councilmembers Dewey and Webster stated that they too would make another trip out to the airport to check the progress.

MAIN AVENUE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Dewey reported that he had announced at the Brewster Chamber of Commerce meeting that anyone interested in serving on the Main Avenue Improvement Committee should contact City Hall. Dewey stated that Pedro DeLaCerde voiced his interest in being a member of the committee. Councilmembers Dewey and Webster volunteered to serve as members of the committee. Public Works Director Shenyer suggested Planning Commissioner Roger Erlandsen as a possible member too. Shenyer reported that the construction would probably not start until the spring of 2005.

HOTEL/MOTEL (2%) MONEY

City Clerk Olsen shared with council a proposed advertising budget for 2003 in regards to hotel/motel (2%) money. Olsen stated that it was just a guideline and could be revisited as events were scheduled.

RESOLUTION #03-04 – REGARDING SWIMMING POOL RATES

City Clerk Olsen discussed Resolution #03-04 regarding swimming pool rates. Council discussed the practicality of having the pool open on the weekends and it was decided that the pool would be open for general open swim Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:30 pm and during the months of June and July the pool would also be open on Saturdays 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Opening day will be June 13, 2003, the last day of school.

MOTION:

Councilmember Freels moved to approve Resolution #-03-04 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Lehrman. Motion carried unanimously.

OKANOGAN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE MONEY

Public Works Director Shenyer discussed the current issue regarding Okanogan County's proposed use of what is referred to as .08 money. This money is 8% of the sales tax revenue collected in Okanogan County and returned to the county and is suppose to be used for infrastructure and economic development within the county. Shenyer stated that the list of projects the county is proposing do not fall into the correct categories laid out by legislators. Mayor House stated that she would like to meet with county commissioners regarding the issue. City Clerk Olsen will contact the commissioners and set up a meeting as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY AGENCY PLANNED SIMULATED DISASTER

Chief Balam announced that there would be two simulated anhydrous ammonia spill disasters at Magi, scheduled for April 21st & 24th that involved several area emergency agencies working together. The agencies that will be involved are: Brewster Police Department; Washington State Patrol; Brewster and Pateros Fire Departments; Brewster Ambulance; and Brewster Public Works.

SIGNAGE IN THE ALLEY BETWEEN 1ST AND 3RD STREET FOR SPEEDING

George Wilson addressed council regarding the traffic in the alley by his house between 1st and 3rd Street on Hanson Avenue. Mr. Wilson stated that he has witnessed several cars speeding through and out of this alley and that he is concerned for the neighborhood children's safety and would like signage placed there to warn drivers. Mayor House asked Public Works Director Shenyer to take a look at placing signage in the alley.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mayor House adjourned into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss personnel at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 7:55 p.m.

There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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