

**August 11, 2004**

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

Minutes were approved as sent for 07/14/04.

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 08/11/04 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 37202 through 37303 in the total amount of \$105,350.82 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 21590 through 21643 in the total amount of \$76,175.33.

#### **USE OF JAKE BRAKES IN THE CITY LIMITS**

John Houston, resident of the River Plaza, was present to discuss the noise caused by semi-truck drivers that use their compression brakes in the City limits. Public Works Director Mike Shenyer provided council with sample ordinances from other cities. Mr. Houston also pointed out that if a semi-truck is entering the City limits at a speed that requires the compression brakes to be used the driver is traveling too fast to rely on the compression brakes to slow them down to the 40 mph speed limit. Shenyer was directed by council to have our attorney draft an ordinance for the September council meeting.

#### **TRAFFIC, NOISE AND ILLEGAL BURNING ISSUES**

Mayor House stated that she had been receiving many complaints about traffic, in particular speeders, noise and illegal burning in the City limits. Mayor House strongly suggested that the police department concentrate more of their efforts deterring aggressive drivers, speeders in the park area and keeping our parks safe for family use. Sgt. Kelly Hook addressed the issues mentioned and stated that the concerns of the Mayor and Council would be directly relayed back to Chief Pfundheller and the Patrol Officers.

#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION**

Mayor House read into record a thank you from the Brewster Chamber of Commerce for the donation of \$750 towards the firework display.

#### **RESOLUTION #04-06 – REGARDING BREWSTER HOUSING AUTHORITY**

City Clerk Pam Olsen discussed Resolution #04-06 regarding the Brewster Housing Authority. Olsen explained that it is very difficult for the five member Housing Authority Board to effectively run the apartment complex. The board would like to turn the apartments over to the Okanogan County Housing Authority to manage. City Clerk Olsen explained that she had researched this process and the passage of this resolution would be the first step in a long process and has to be done before the board can proceed.

## **MOTION:**

Council Member Webster moved to approve Resolution #04-06 as presented. Seconded by Council Member Dewey. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PARK ISSUES**

Public Works Director Shenyer presented council with a list of suggested park improvements that the city staff had assembled: 1) The expansion of the RV Park on the vacant lawn on the west side of the pool; 2) Fencing the RV Park for patron privacy; 3) Provide a specific tent area with sand spaces to avoid lawn damage; 4) Move the fence out at the pool to provide lawn space for patrons and to provide space for lawn furniture; and 5) to provide a water area for small children.

Council Member Fateley suggested establishing a committee to come up with a list to present to the Douglas County PUD by January 1, 2005. Fateley pointed out that the Department of Wildlife is starting to look at the economics of the small communities and work with them on tourism.

Public Works Director Shenyer discussed relocating the Boy Scout Hut and using it for extra storage. Shenyer explained that it would free up space near the boat dock for more parking. Shenyer also discussed taking over the old school concession stand located on South 7<sup>th</sup> near the soccer field parking lot for the purpose of summer concessions.

Mayor House directed a letter be written to School Superintendent Jim Kelly regarding the City taking over possession of the concession stand.

## **MOTION:**

Council Member Fateley moved to relocate the Boy Scout Hut to a location to be determined to provide the City additional storage and to provide more parking down near the boat dock. Seconded by Council Member Webster. Motion carried unanimously.

## **AIRPORT ISSUES**

Public Works Director Shenyer discussed the \$150,000 grant the City received for the runway overlay and for creating a current airport plan for Anderson Airport. Shenyer reported that his public works crew had been working on removing weeds and filling cracks on the runway.

Council discussed various issues related to the upkeep and current condition of the airport and the hangars and businesses that are out there. It was the consensus of the council to have current leases reviewed and to have city staff make sure all of the provisions in the contracts are being followed. Public Works Director Shenyer suggested that we check into having separate leases for hangars and industrial businesses. Mayor House directed City staff to research these purposed changes and report back to council at the September meeting.

## **BOAT LAUNCH**

Council Member Fateley discussed the interference boaters were experiencing while trying to load and unload their boats in the boat dock area. Fateley stated that there are people (cruisers) driving into that parking area unnecessarily causing problems for those trying to maneuver their trucks and boat trailers. Council Member Fateley suggested that signage be placed in that area and that a regulation be added to our park rules and regulations regarding loitering.

There was a brief discussion regarding the blatantly disrespectful attitude by many people towards our police officers while they are trying to enforce the laws that have been put into place to protect our community.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Sgt. Hook went over the monthly stats and report.

## **FIRE DISTRICT #5 NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROJECT**

Tonya Vallance, Fire District #5 Ambulance representative, was present to request a donation from the City of \$1,500 for a Needs Assessment to be done for Districts 5, 6 & 7. Ms. Vallance explained that she had obtained a grant from the Washington Rural Health Improvement Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. However, Ms. Vallance stated that when the City of Bridgeport decided not to participate in the process the foundation rescinded on the grant. She then went to Kurt Danison, Highland Associates, and asked what the cost would be if she was to do some of the work. Danison would be able to do the job for approximately \$5,425 with Ms. Vallance's help. Ms. Vallance stated that if they have the Needs Assessment document in place it would make it easier to obtain future grants for equipment and insurance costs. City Clerk Pam Olsen stated that there just wasn't enough money at this point to allocate to her project. Mayor House suggested approaching the City closer to budget time. Mayor House and the Council all agreed to give their full support for any fund raisers.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LITIGATION**

Mayor House adjourned into executive session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss possible litigation at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 7:50 p.m.

No action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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