

December 8, 2004

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

Minutes were approved as sent for 11/10/04.

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 12/08/04 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 37834 through 37911 in the total amount of \$77,298.63 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 21789 through 21828 in the total amount of \$55,043.28.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Fire Chief Mike Webster stated that things were going well at the Fire Department. Webster reported that they have been working on ideas for fundraisers to purchase a new set of the jaws of life extracting equipment. Webster reported that Labor and Industries had done a courtesy inspection and found three minor infractions and that they were promptly corrected. The fire department meeting room has been under construction for some time and Webster reported that they had paid out of the association fund to have the sheet rock, taping and painting completed. Webster explained that he was going to go to Fire District #5 to ask for reimbursement, but stated that he may be back before council if his request is denied to ask for monetary assistance. Webster reported that they had applied for a FEMA Grant for new structure gear and 20 new radios but so far had not heard back.

OKANOGAN COUNTY ROAD LEVY TAX SHIFT

Deputy City Clerk Jackie Moriarty reported that the Okanogan County Commissioners had contacted City Clerk Pam Olsen asking if the City would agree to allow the county to do a Road Levy Tax Shift. Moriarty stated that the council had approved the proposal last year and that City Clerk Olsen had stated it would not cause the City any hardship by the delay in receiving the money.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to accept the Okanogan County Commissioners proposal of a Road Levy Tax Shift. Seconded by Council Member Lehrman. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #760 – REGARDING THE 2005 CITY OF BREWSTER BUDGET

Mayor House opened the public hearing to discuss Ordinance #760 regarding the 2005 City of Brewster budget. Mayor House stated that there was a 5% budget cut throughout the city budget this year. There was no public input. Mayor House closed the public hearing.

MOTION:

Council Member Lehrman moved to approve Ordinance #760 as presented. Seconded by Council Member Dewey. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE # 762 – AMENDING ORDINANCE #752 REGARDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FUNDING

Mayor House discussed Ordinance #762 amending the 2004 Budget required by Washington State RCW's with regards to expenditures.

MOTION:

Council Member Dewey moved to approve Ordinance #762 as presented. Seconded by Council Member Lehrman. Motion carried unanimously.

SUNRISE DISPOSAL CONTRACT

Public Works Director Mike Shenyer reported to council that the Sunrise Disposal contract was up in July 2005. Council Member Freels, a member of the Solid Waste Committee, requested a meeting with Jim Gotti, owner of Sunrise Disposal, to discuss contracted services.

MAIN AVENUE PROJECT UPDATE

Public Works Director Shenyer reported that the last Main Avenue Project meeting had taken place on November 9, 2004. Shenyer reported that the base construction cost will be \$1,070,000. Shenyer explained that he will take money for the new sewer line out of the W/S Construction Fund so that project money can go directly to the construction of Main Avenue. Shenyer suggested looking into an LID (Local Improvement District) to help pay for the difference between grants received and the total cost of the project. Council Member Dewey stated that the Chamber of Commerce should come up with some ideas to take advantage of the construction in a positive way that would bring people downtown to shop while the work is being done; something to make it fun and less stressful on business owners.

ORDINANCE #761 – REGARDING NEW CRITICAL AREAS REGULATIONS

Public Works Director Shenyer discussed Ordinance #761 regarding the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding critical areas regulations. Shenyer stated that this would be a new section in the City of Brewster zoning code that has not been addressed up until now. Shenyer reminded the council that they had already reviewed the proposed regulations at the June 2004 meeting and preparation of the ordinance was simply overlooked by staff until now. Mayor House interjected that the Planning Commission worked for several months on this project and that having our own regulations would be a benefit to the City.

MOTION:

Council member Lehrman moved to approve Ordinance #761 as presented. Seconded by Council member Freels. Motion carried unanimously.

OKANOGAN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AND NUTRITION PROGRAM

Mayor House read into record a letter from the Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition Program requesting the City of Brewster donate to their program. Mayor House reminded council that in the past they had donated to the Brewster Senior Center and left it up to the local seniors on how they would like to distribute the donation. It was agreed upon by the Council to put this on the January 12, 2005 agenda for discussion.

JAIL FEE ARBITRATION

Mayor House reported that she had received a letter from Attorney Mick Howe, which is handling the Okanogan County Jail Fee Arbitration for all of the Okanogan County cities. Mr. Howe reported that he was recently contacted by the Okanogan County Commissioners and they stated they were sending a revised cost proposal for jail fees, which he had not yet received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mayor House adjourned into executive session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss personnel at 6:55 pm.

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 7:05 pm.

No action was taken

ADJOURNMENT

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