

February 9, 2005

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

Minutes were approved as sent for 01/12/05 & 02/02/05.

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 02/09/05 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 38001 through 38088 in the total amount of \$100,738.84 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 21859 through 21894 in the total amount of \$62,439.19.

ORDINANCE #767 – ESTABLISHING A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION #05-01

City Clerk Pam Olsen discussed Ordinance #767 establishing a Local Improvement District in accordance with Resolution #05-01. Dale Baune and Brad Neimeyer, engineers for JUB Engineering were present to display an updated map of the Main Avenue Project and to answer questions. There was discussion held between property owners, staff and council. The major concerns brought forward by property owners were; loss of parking spaces; liability for public safety; and access to businesses during construction.

Following the public hearing held on February 2, 2005 letters of support for the Main Avenue Reconstruction Project were received by: Pedro DeLaCerde, Dr. Linda Niehaus, Kevin P. Skirko, CPA, Ron Anderson, Rick and Wendy Witt, Robert and Pamela Umberger, Charlie Ballard, George J. Chapman, Ernesto Santos, Roy and Terri McHugo, Dr. Lloyd W. White, Joy Lewis, most of whom were withdrawing their previous objections and supporting a Local Improvement District with a cap of \$161,480.

MOTION:

Council Member Fateley moved to approve Ordinance #767 as presented. Seconded by Council Member Dewey. Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Mayor House presented Pedro DeLaCerde with a certificate of appreciation for his participation in bringing the Main Avenue property owners together to embrace the Main Avenue Reconstruction Project Local Improvement District. Mayor House thanked him for "going the extra mile".

MILLENNIUM DIGITAL MEDIA – WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS

Public Works Director Mike Shenyer reported to the Council that he had just received on February 7, 2005 the information needed for the Planning Commission to proceed with drafting an ordinance to address placement of wireless telecommunication towers. Shenyer stated that directly after the council's direction to draft standards pertaining to wireless

towers within five weeks, he contacted Bob Lam, Manager of Millennium Digital Media for specific tower dimensions. City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman explained that if the City intends to allow these uses on property other than city property that the City should have its own regulations. Zimmerman also explained that Millennium Digital Media and other companies have a choice to place towers on city property and it would just consist of an amendment to their current franchise. Council Member Webster stated that the PUD has a joint use program that may be a consideration for this type of media equipment. The media equipment could be placed directly on a power pole.

MOTION:

Council Member Fateley moved to rescind the motion made at the January 12, 2005 council meeting in which the Planning Commission was given a five week time period to prepare a draft ordinance for council to consider and changed the time period to as soon as possible. Seconded by Council Member Freels. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Brent Pfundheller passed out monthly and annual police department stats.

Council Member Webster stated that there would be a District Basketball Tournament February 17 – 26, 2005 and requested that there be an officer at the door.

Chief Pfundheller reported to the council that the police department had obtained two grants. One was in the amount of \$1,600 for the purchase of two new digital cameras and two field sobriety machines and the second in the amount of \$2,400 was to purchase hazmat equipment. Council Member Fateley asked if our officers would be trained how to use the hazmat equipment. Chief Pfundheller stated that officers would receive minimal training. City Attorney Zimmerman stated that the City would be setting their selves up for a serious liability if officers were not trained sufficiently. Council Member Fateley also pointed out that the Fire Department had hazmat equipment and was trained to use it. Council denied the request to purchase hazmat equipment for the Police Department.

MOTION:

Council Member Fateley moved to approve the purchase of two digital cameras and two field sobriety machines through the grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,600. Seconded by Council Member Dewey. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Mayor House announced the receipt of a letter of resignation from Police Chief Pfundheller on February 7, 2005 and effective April 7, 2005. Mayor House then announced the letter of acceptance from herself and the City Council dated February 8, 2005.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mayor House adjourned into executive session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss personnel at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 7:35 p.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Council Member Dewey moved to direct the Mayor with the assistance of the City Finance Director/City Clerk and the City Attorney to enter into negotiations with Okanogan County for the provision of law enforcement and court services for the City. Seconded by Council Member Freels. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed various issues and possible options.

City Attorney Zimmerman stated that the recent directive presented to Chief Pfundheller by the Mayor and Police Department Committee should be presented to Lt. Kelly Hook.

ADJOURNMENT

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