

July 14, 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 06/09/04.

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 07/14/04 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 37304 through 37417 in the total amount of \$120,097.79 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 21541 through 21589 in the total amount of \$76,202.27.

OKANOGAN COUNTY JAIL FEE ARBITRATION

Mayor House discussed the Okanogan County Jail Fee meeting that she, Council Member Fateley and Police Chief Brent Pfundheller attended in regards to the jail fee arbitration issue. Mayor House reported that Judge Thomas, acting arbitrator, made his ruling and the county decided they were not in favor of the Judge's decision. Mick Howe, Cities Attorney, recommended that all cities pay their 2003 jail fees according to Judge Thomas's ruling. Council Member Fateley explained that the City at this point could either allow Mick Howe to see this issue to the end and advise the city or we could bring our attorney's in. Council agreed to have Mick Howe continue representing the City on the Jail Fee issue for now.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to approve payment of the 2003 Jail Fees to Okanogan County in the amount of \$23,981 from Fund 115. Seconded by Council Member Dewey. Motion carried unanimously.

FIREWORKS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Mayor House reported on the fireworks rules and regulations that Chelan and Douglas Counties are working on which restricts the use and sale of fireworks. Mayor House explained that the rules would be more stringent with higher penalties because of the increasing fire danger and dry conditions. Mayor House asked the Public Safety Committee members Council Member Fateley and Council Member Dewey to work with Fire Chief Mike Webster to develop rules and regulation for 4th of July 2005. Also, Mayor House requested that Fire Chief Webster work with the other Fire Districts in the county to propose a similar plan to Okanogan County. Council Member Dewey pointed out that with the influx of people we have coming in for our 4th of July festivities it is our responsibility for their safety.

BREWSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT – FIRE HALL LIGHTING

Fire Chief Webster reported back to the council as requested, regarding the bids he had received for the proposed lighting and electrical issues pointed out by Canfield and Associates during their safety inspection. Webster stated that the only bid that he had received this time was from Easter Electric in the amount of \$9,117.23.

MOTION:

Council Member Dewey moved to approve the electrical bid for lighting at the Fire Hall from Easter Electric in the amount of \$9,117.23. Seconded by Council Member Fateley. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #754 – AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 15 OF THE BREWSTER MUNICIPAL CODE – BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

Public Works Director Mike Shenyer discussed Ordinance #754 regarding the amendment of portions of Title 15 of the Brewster Municipal Code – Building and Construction. Shenyer reported that as of July 14, 2004, anyone using the Uniform Building Code is required to switch to the International Building Code guidelines.

Public Works Director Shenyer reported that Doug Buchanan is training to take over the building inspector position and that Buchanan will be attending a week long workshop in Seattle soon. Council Member Dewey voiced his concern regarding training people for positions and then having them leave. Mayor House stated that our turn over is minimal and it's a chance we take with all departments.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to approve Ordinance #754 as presented. Seconded by Council Member Dewey. Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION #04-04 – SETTING FEES FOR BUILDING PERMITS

Public Works Director Shenyer discussed Resolution #04-04 regarding setting building permit fees. Shenyer recommended to council to adopt the same building fee codes we have been using. Shenyer explained that the fees are more reasonable for our area and income levels.

MOTION:

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

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SIX YEAR STREET PLAN - RESOLUTION #04-05

Mayor House opened the public hearing to discuss the 2005 – 2010 Six Year Street Plan/Resolution #04-05. Public Works Director Shenyer stated that the plan was the same as last years plan and that he left the Main Avenue project on as number one so that we would still be eligible to apply for grant money if necessary. Mayor House closed the public hearing. There was no public input.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to approve Resolution #04-05 as presented. Seconded by Council Member Dewey. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Brent Pfundheller discussed the monthly stats and reports.

Chief Pfundheller reported on the success of the Annual DARE Golf Tournament at the Alta Lake Golf Course. Pfundheller reported that there were approximately 50 golfers at this year's tournament, tremendous support from the local businesses and a great effort put forth by his complete department.

Chief Pfundheller discussed the upcoming assessment interviews that were going to begin on July 19, 2004. Pfundheller invited the Mayor, Council and Department Heads to a reception on July 18, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. to meet the interviewers.

Chief Pfundheller reported to council that the department had received an award from the Criminal Justice Department for their participation in the Chief for the Day Program.

PATEROS INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Chief Pfundheller reported that the Pateros City Council wanted a more specific definition in regards to the section in the agreement relating to the exceptional costs for investigations. Pfundheller stated that the definition has been added and that the agreement has been sent back to Pateros for a signature.

FISHING SEASON

Council Member Fateley discussed the upcoming opening of salmon season on July 16, 2004. Fateley suggested that there be a police officer and public works employee at the public docks to direct traffic and to alleviate parking issues. Public Works Director Shenyer stated that the Pool and Community Center parking lots will be barricaded off. Fateley suggested some parking signage so it is clear where they should park.

FOLK DANCE

Public Works Director Shenyer discussed an upcoming folk dance scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2004 at the Brewster Library at 7:00 p.m. Fire Chief Webster discussed the fire training that night and suggested an alternate location be suggested to the organizers. Fire Chief Webster requested that they are reminded not to block the fire doors if they choose to have the dance at the library.

ADJOURNMENT

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