

March 10, 2004

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

Minutes were approved as sent for 02/11/04

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 03/10/04 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 36870 through 36973 and 36978 & 36979 in the total amount of \$190,141.92 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 21319 through 21359 in the total amount of \$62,496.09.

BY-WAY CORRIDOR PROJECT

Chris Branch, Scenic By-Way Project Coordinator, was present to discuss the By-Way Corridor project that will run from Pateros to Oroville along Highway 97. Mr. Branch stated that being designated a scenic by-way would open up doors to State and Federal grant money to develop and promote the area. Branch stated that the committee had already received a grant to develop a Management Plan. The City of Tonasket is the sponsor of the grant currently and between Tonasket and Oroville they have come up with the \$2,800 matching funds. Mr. Branch encouraged the City of Brewster's participation in the project and asked for \$500 to assist in the matching money already put forth. Mayor House asked about what the criteria is for choosing locations along Highway 97 as points of interest. Mr. Branch explained that approximately 120 travel writers recently came through our corridor to write about us and that their observations would be taken into consideration when developing areas of interest.

MOTION:

Councilmember Freels moved to donate \$500 to the Scenic By-Ways Corridor Project from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund. Seconded by Councilmember Webster. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKING ISSUE – BRIDGE STREET

Councilmember Fateley discussed an issue brought to him by Roy McHugo owner of the building located at the corner of Bridge Street and Main Avenue and the new location of the Washington State Liquor Store. Mr. McHugo requested an approximate space of 50 feet of parking along the Bridge Street side of the building be designated 15 minute parking for liquor store patrons. Public Works Director Shenyer stated that the Senior Center events may cause a problem, because the seniors rely on parking up and down Bridge Street in that area for social events. Police Chief Brent Pfundheller volunteered to visit the senior center and answer questions. Mayor House stated that she would be sending a letter explaining the action taken.

MOTION:

Councilmember Freels moved to approve that a 15 minute parking sign be placed in front of the Washington State Liquor Store and that a 30 foot section be designated for patron parking, effective immediately and to be passed by Ordinance at the May 2004 meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Fateley. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #752 – AMENDING ORDINANCE #750 ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE YEAR OF 2004

City Clerk Pam Olsen discussed Ordinance #752 amending Ordinance # 750 adopting a budget for the year of 2004. Olsen explained that she had finished closing out the 2003 books and that she was now asking for Ordinance #752 to be passed showing the adjusted figures for the 2004 budget.

MOTION:

Councilmember Lehrman moved to approve Ordinance #752 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Webster. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #04-02 – ADOPTING POLICIES AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF BREWSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Mike Webster was present to answer any questions regarding the adoption of Resolution #04-02 adopting the Policies and Standard Operating Procedures for the City of Brewster Fire Department. Councilmember Fateley asked if the Manual had been reviewed by Canfield and Associates for accuracy. Webster stated it had. Webster reported that they are working on their to do list of repair and maintenance to the fire hall and then Canfield and Associates will come back up and do another assessment.

MOTION:

Councilmember Fateley moved to approve Resolution #04-02 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Lehrman. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PHASE I PROJECT CLOSEOUT

Mayor House opened the public hearing regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase I Project closeout. Public Works Director Shenyer stated that the public hearing was part of the Community Development Block Grant process and essential to receiving the final payment of the grant. There was no public input. Mayor House closed the public hearing.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Pfundheller went over the monthly stats. Mayor House stated her delight in the way that the police officers monthly time management was reported to her and the council.

Chief Pfundheller stated that a 1995 S10 Chevy pickup had been purchased for Zach Anderson, the animal control officer. Anderson started in his position on March 9, 2004.

Chief Pfundheller reported that Anderson will go through a 3 day training session in Wenatchee and that further training will be provided if needed.

Chief Pfundheller reported that a community committee was going to be formed to discuss gang issues. The committee will focus on coming up with solutions to gang issues as an alternative to just making arrests. Pfundheller invited the Mayor and Councilmembers to join the committee.

ABANDONED BICYCLES

Chief Pfundheller reported that there are approximately 20 abandoned bicycles, all found property, stored in Public Works Department storage. He proposed donating 3 or 4 of the bicycles that are in relatively good condition to community children and donate the remaining bicycles to Calvin Mathews a citizen that takes used bicycles and fixes them up for children in need.

MOTION:

Councilmember Webster moved to grant Police Chief Pfundheller the right to dispose of the bicycles as he sees fit. Seconded by Councilmember Fateley. Motioned carried unanimously.

AIRPORT

Councilmember Freels reported that a meeting will be held April 3, 2004 to discuss grants available for the purpose of making airports all weather airports allowing planes to land using instrument landing equipment.

Councilmember Webster stated that he had checked out the cleanup process out at the airport and stated that it looks better then he has ever seen it. Public Works Director Shenyer reported that he has assessed the airport water usage and was currently fixing leaks.

ADJOURNMENT

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