

**May 12, 2004**

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 04/14/04.

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 05/12/04 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 37088 through 37201 in the total amount of \$107,350.16 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 20834 through 20882 in the total amount of \$63,474.12.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Sheriff Frank Rogers and Scott Miller were present to discuss the Okanogan County Emergency Management Comprehensive Plan Update and what it means to the City of Brewster. Mr. Miller explained that the Okanogan County Sheriff's Department has been tasked with producing an Emergency Management Comprehensive Plan by November 1, 2004. Mr. Miller explained that the plan has three main components that are being looked at; the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the Okanogan County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Cities are eligible to identify their specific trouble areas and tag on to the county program which is funded by the Emergency Response money cities already pay to the county. Mr. Miller stated that if an area in Okanogan County or a specific participating city was to have a disaster occur they would be eligible for FEMA money, without the plan it is very unlikely that any aid would be received.

### **WATER CONSUMPTION – JESUS APARICIO**

Jesus Aparicio was present to discuss his excess water consumption. Mr. Aparicio claimed that his meter did not have a leak and that his bill was too high. Deputy City Clerk Jackie Moriarty explained to him and council that two of our public works employees had been out on two different occasions and both confirmed that there was a leak. Mr. Aparicio admitted to council that he had fixed a leaky toilet. Council agreed to have Moriarty average his water consumption for the past three years and adjust his bill accordingly.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Chief Brent Pfundheller passed out stats and the monthly report to council. Chief Pfundheller stated that his officers made a total of 1,365 positive police contacts in the month of April. Pfundheller explained that those contacts were made throughout the community both during routine drop-ins and community events.

Chief Pfundheller reported on the "Chief for a Day" event our Police Department participated in on May 11, 2004 in Burien. Pfundheller stated that our chief for a day was 10 year-old Wesley Symonds. During the opening ceremonies Wesley was presented with certificate, a

badge and then sworn in as Chief of Brewster for the day. The Police Department also set up a booth and promoted Brewster by giving out City pins, apples and brochures.

### **BREWSTER/PATEROS INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

Chief Pfundheller discussed the Brewster/Pateros Inter-Local Agreement for Law Enforcement Services. Pfundheller stated that the Pateros City Council had agreed to a \$70,000 contract for 2004 and had already agreed to a cost of living raise for 2005. They also agreed to pay half of the animal control officer costs at approximately \$5,642 per year. Chief Pfundheller discussed the clause that had been added to the contract stating that Pateros is responsible to pay for any costs for extra investigations. Council Member Webster stated that he is most comfortable with a year-to-year contract for police services and he thinks that it is a definite advantage to the City to keep the contract so we can keep our police services in Brewster as is.

#### **MOTION:**

Council Member Fateley moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Brewster/Pateros Inter-Local for Law Enforcement Services. Seconded by Council Member Dewey. Opposed by Council Member Freels. Motion carried.

### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT**

Chief Pfundheller discussed participation in an upcoming grant process to obtain a School Resource Officer. Pfundheller explained that the grant is for \$125,000 for a three year position, with approximately \$3,500 per year required by the City and funds for a vehicle. The Brewster School District would pay for an additional year. The officer would need to be a veteran officer and would serve 75% of his/her working time at the school or school related activities. This officer would be a mentor/teacher and would provide students with guidance all the while building a relationship between students and the police department. Jim Kelly, Brewster School Superintendent, was present to discuss the proactive approach to gang related issues and student problems with the council. Mr. Kelly stated that the gang issues start as early as in the third grade classes. Mr. Kelly stated that guidelines for the officer would be set by the police department and the school. Mr. Kelly added that they would like to set up a payment schedule to pay into a City fund for 4 years to pay for the officer's 4<sup>th</sup> year so that it would not be a huge burden on their budget all at once. The school will also provide an office and office equipment.

Mayor House discussed her concern for public safety and stated that this would be a good way to become proactive and part of the solution to our gang issues. Council Member Fateley stated that we should look into using the DARE van instead of purchasing a new vehicle to keep costs down. Council Member Freels stated that we should live within the budget and with the personnel we already have and not pour more money into the gang issue. Council Member Dewey stated that he felt it was good to build relationships with the students.

## **MOTION:**

Council Member Dewey moved to approve participation in the grant process for a School Resource Officer and to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant. Seconded by Council Member Webster. Opposed by Council Member Freels. Motion carried.

## **EVIDENCE CLERK POSITION**

Chief Pfundheller requested that his part-time evidence clerk position be salaried with benefits. Pfundheller explained that Evidence Clerk Ernestina Bobadilla was needed on a full time bases to also help out with the municipal court and miscellaneous police department work. Pfundheller proposed a salary of \$1,300 per month with benefits. His plan was to work with City Clerk/Finance Director Pam Olsen to rearrange his current budget to accommodate the change. Mayor House stated that if the money is in the Police budget already to go ahead and make the change.

## **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

Mayor House stated that she and the entire council had been invited to participate in the upcoming Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 29, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

## **LULAC MARCH**

Mayor House commended Chief Pfundheller and his department for their preparation of public safety for the LULAC march.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

Mayor House adjourned into executive session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss personnel at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 7:45 p.m.

No action was taken

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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