

November 10, 2004

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

Minutes were approved as sent for 09/15/04 and 10/27/04.

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 11/10/04 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 37738 through 37832 in the total amount of \$101,902.62 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 21758 through 21788 in the total amount of \$55,986.69.

ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

Terry Knapton, the Director of the Economic Alliance and Gail Howe, City of Pateros Mayor, were present to discuss the Economic Alliance 2005 dues. Dues are based on per capita, \$1 per citizen. Mayor House asked Mr. Knapton, what the alliance had actually done for Brewster or what was being discussed at this point. Mr. Knapton stated that the City had been awarded \$155,000 in the last .08 Funding process. Knapton questioned why the City had not used that money yet. Public Works Director Shenyer stated that the Main Street Avenue Project was scheduled for the Spring of 2005 and that time frame was reported on the initial application at the time it was submitted to the Funding Board.

In regards to the second award process, Mr. Knapton stated that there was approximately \$150,000 left in the fund and that he was going to urge the Funding Board to consider awarding one or two more City's projects; Brewster being next on the list. Council Member Freels stated that he feels that bringing economic growth into Okanogan County is very important regardless of what City it benefits.

Mr. Knapton also discussed the City of Brewster becoming a member of the North Central Washington Economic District comprised of communities within Okanogan, Douglas, and Chelan Counties. The dues are \$250 per year.

Council Member Fateley suggested that the Council make a decision after budget time. Council agreed.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #758 – REGARDING PROPERTY TAXES AND ORDINANCE #759 REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Mayor House opened the public hearing to discuss Ordinance #758 regarding Property Taxes and Ordinance #759 regarding Emergency Medical Services. City Clerk Pam Olsen explained that we have to pass Ordinance #758 in order to request the City of Brewster's monetary share of property taxes.

City Clerk Olsen stated that there would be no increase in the amount of taxes collected for Emergency Medical Service; it would stay at .46 per \$1,000 of a homeowners house value.

Mayor House closed the public hearing. There was no public input.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to approve Ordinance #758 as presented. Seconded by Council Member Lehrman. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION:

Council Member Dewey moved to approve Ordinance #759 as presented. Seconded by Council Member Lehrman. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT ISSUES

Public Works Director Mike Shenyer provided a copy of documents to the City Council that were requested by Dave Smith's attorney Tom Benner in regards to several airport issues. Shenyer explained that neither the City nor Dave Smith have been able to find a lease for lots #76 and #77 currently being used by Smith for a double wide manufactured home and his repair shop. Shenyer stated that several issues are still unresolved but City staff is working on them.

RESOLUTION #04-08 – AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BREWSTER'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Public Works Director Shenyer requested that Resolution #04-08 be passed to authorize the City of Brewster's participation in the Washington State Community Development Block Grant Program. Shenyer explained that he was re-applying for \$750,000 for Phase II of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

Shenyer explained to Council that the City had received a \$2,600,000 Public Works Trust Fund Loan to complete Phase II of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project, but he has been working on outside funding sources to minimize the actual amount that the City has to borrow from the Public Works Trust Fund thus reducing any rate increases that will need to be passed on to the citizens.

MOTION:

Council Member Lehrman moved to authorize participation in the grant process and Mayor House's signing of all grant related documents. Seconded by Council Member Fateley. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Public Works Director Shenyer informed the council that Doug Buchanan had attended a building inspector training session and upon completion had successfully passed a 3 hour International Code Council test to become a building inspector. Mayor House commended Buchanan on his achievement.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Brent Pfundheller passed out the monthly stats and police report.

Chief Pfundheller discussed briefly the Brewster Police Departments involvement in a forgery case that involves several states.

Chief Pfundheller announced that Brewster Police Reserve Officer Concho Guzman has been nominated for a heroes award through the Red Cross for his October 17, 2004 rescue of a fire victim. Pfundheller stated that Guzman had come on to the scene and risked his life to enter a burning apartment to rescue a man.

ADJOURNMENT

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