

11/16/05

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

Minutes were approved as sent for 10/12/05.

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 11/16/05 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 38875 through 38954 in the total amount of \$466,263.91; Payroll Fund voucher numbers 22265 through 22300 in the total amount of \$43,765.82.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor House discussed the appointment of Roy Westerdahl to position #4 of the Brewster Planning Commission.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to approve Roy Westerdahl's appointment to position #4 of the Brewster Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lehrman and passed unanimously.

AIRPORT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor House discussed the appointment of John Wyss to position #4 of the Brewster Airport Commission. Mayor House stated that she had been approached by Mr. Wyss and he was interested in getting involved in the community when he and his wife Melanie Thompson-Wyss relocate to Brewster. Airport Commission Chairperson J.D. Smith stated that he had a recommendation from the Airport Commission to appoint Dan Smith to the vacant position. Smith stated that he was expecting to present his recommendation during his report.

MOTION:

Mayor House moved to appoint John Wyss to position #4 of the Brewster Airport Commission. Council Member Tretwold seconded the motion and the motion failed.

APPOINTMENT OF LEE WEBSTER TO MAYOR HOUSE'S UN-EXPIRED TERM

Mayor House stated that it has been both a pleasure and a privilege to serve as the Mayor of the City of Brewster for the last 13 years. Mayor House then thanked her staff for their support and stated that she was stepping down as Mayor to allow Lee Webster to participate in the budget process and begin his term as Mayor.

There was a short recess called.

The meeting reconvened and City Clerk Pam Olsen swore Lee Webster in as Mayor at 7:40 p.m. City Clerk Olsen then swore in Jerry Tretwold as Council Member for position #2 at 7:42 p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Webster discussed the appointment of the following people to the Civil Service Commission: 1) John Gelstin to position #1 with an expiration date of 12/31/06; 2) Ernie Moran to position #2 with an expiration date of 12/31/07, and 3) Dianne Stanley to position #3 with an expiration date of 12/31/08. Council agreed with these appointments.

AIRPORT COMMISSION UPDATE

J.D. Smith, Airport Commission Chairman, started off by recommending to the council the appointment of Dan Smith to position #4 on the Airport Commission.

MOTION:

Council Member Tretwold moved to appoint Dan Smith to position #4 on the Airport Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels and passed unanimously.

Chairman Smith read into record the mission statement and goals that the airport commission had developed at their last meeting. Smith stated his surprise and excitement that the taxiway had been expanded from 25 ft. to 40 ft. and funded by the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division. Smith stated that this will make Anderson Field an even more appealing airport for MedStar to consider as their stop over location. Smith reported that he is still working with Gebbers on achieving the clear zone at the west end of the airport that is necessary. Council Member Webster thanked Mr. Smith for his hard work on the airport commission and for all he did for the fly-in breakfast.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #776 REGARDING PROPERTY TAXES AND ORDINANCE #777 REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Mayor Webster opened the public hearing to discuss Ordinance #776 regarding property taxes and Ordinance #777 regarding emergency medical services. City Clerk Olsen explained to council that these ordinance are required to be passed in order for the City of Brewster to receive the portion of property taxes the City is entitled to.

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

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to approve Ordinance #776 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fateley and passed unanimously.

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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY LOAN/GRANT

Public Works Director Mike Shenyer requested authorization be given to the Mayor to sign the applicable documents for the Washington State Department of Ecology grant for \$610,000 and for the loan \$390,000. Shenyer reported the interest rate for the loan is .5%.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the applicable documents for the Washington State Department of Ecology grant and loan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Webster and passed unanimously.

1ST STREET "CHILDREN AT PLAY" SIGNS

Mayor Webster read into record a letter from Rich and Val Burgett and signed by various neighbors on 1st Street asking that "Children At Play" signs be placed on each end of 1st Street and on Ester Avenue. Police Chief Ron Oules stated his support for the signage placement.

Council Member Tretwold stated that "Children At Play" signs should be placed on Plaza Way as well.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to approve the placement of "Children At Play" signs at each end of 1st Street and on Ester Avenue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tretwold and passed unanimously.

SNOW PLOWING COMPLAINT

Public Works Director Shenyer explained that Gary and Rose Holder have had a problem with Ernie Moran plowing his excess snow across the road to their side of the street on Indian Avenue. Mr. Moran explained to council that for years he has been plowing the snow over there and has worked with the City crew to make sure he was not causing them any extra work. Mr. Moran stated that he has to keep his driveway and parking area clear for his business patrons. Mr. & Mrs. Holder accused him of knocking over a portion of their fence last year and after the police investigated it appeared to have been a car that slid into the fence not Mr. Moran.

City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman advised the Mayor and Council Members to be cautious with any involvement in this situation because it is a civil dispute. Zimmerman stated that the City should only get involved if there is an official police report submitted.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Oules passed out the monthly stats and his report to the council. Chief Oules reported that the overtime is up because of call outs and shift coverage due to Jerry Neumann's resignation. Oules stated that the cost to the City for the badge and flashlight would be approximately \$180.

Chief Oules presented the letter for signatures that the council requested him to prepare to the prosecutor's office in regards to stricter penalties for juveniles involved in the spreading of graffiti.

OFFICER'S REQUEST

Chief Oules shared with council a request from Jerry Neumann that he be allowed to keep his badge and flashlight after his resignation. Oules explained that it is typical that an officer keep these items after they leave a department especially with the amount of years Neumann served.

MOTION:

Council Member Fateley moved to approve Jerry Neumann's request to keep his badge and flashlight. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tretwold and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council Member Tretwold requested that the Mayor place him on both the airport and police department committees stating that is where his interests lie. Tretwold also asked for an accounts payable report that showed bars numbers for each expense.

Council Member Fateley suggested that these requests be made at the budget meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LITIGATION

Mayor Webster adjourned into executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss possible litigation at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Webster reconvened into regular session at 9:05 p.m.

There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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