

October 08, 2003

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

Minutes were approved as sent for 09/10/03.

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 10/08/03 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 36387 through 36482 in the total amount of \$78103.49 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 21056 through 21116 in the total amount of \$70,365.53.

PHASE II OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Steve James, JUB Engineers, was present to discuss Phase IB, II and III of the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Steve stated that Mountain States, the contractor working on Phase I, was doing a great job, providing both quality work as well as coming in approximately \$50,000 under budget. Steve explained that Phase II will involve installing equipment that will cut down on maintenance and operation costs and Phase III will involve upgrading and replacing aging sewer pipes throughout the city.

Public Works Director Mike Shenyer reported to council that the city had obtained a \$250,000 loan from the Department of Ecology's Centennial Clean Water Act for a portion of the engineer design costs for the remaining phases of the project.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to approve Phase IB, II and III as presented by Steve James, JUB Engineers, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. Seconded by Council Member Webster. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING STOUT STREET VACATION – ORDINANCE #745

Mayor House opened the public hearing regarding the Stout Street Vacation. Dr. LuWayne Stout stated that if the vacation was approved it would make it easier to sell the property in the future. Mayor House closed the public hearing.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to approve Ordinance #745 regarding the Stout Street Vacation as presented. Seconded by Council Member Lehrman. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING HEAD START CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Mayor House opened the public hearing to consider the proposed conditional use permit for the property at 820 S Bridge Street for the Okanogan County Child Development Head Start

and Early Head Start Program. Council was presented with a staff report from Building Inspector Dave Godfrey recommending to the council that the conditional use permit be granted with the stipulation that if parking becomes an issue in the future the City has the option to review the permit. Tami Miller, OCCED Director, was present and stated to council that parking would not be an issue with the type of service they would be providing and that there would be an average of only 8 – 10 people using the building at any given time. Mayor House closed the public hearing.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to grant the Conditional Use Permit to the Okanogan County Child Development Head Start and Early Head Start for the property at 820 S Bridge Street with the provision that if parking becomes an issue the permit will be reconsidered. Seconded by Council Member Freels. Motion carried unanimously.

WEEK OF REMEMBRANCE/VIETNAM MOVING WALL

Mayor House announced to the council that during the dates of October 25 – 31, 2003 the Vietnam Moving Wall will be set up in Bridgeport for viewing. Mayor House encouraged everyone to go and see the display. Cheryl Switzer, Quad City Herald, announced that organizers are looking for volunteers to read aloud the names of those lost in the war. Names will be read 24 hours a day while the display is up and there is no charge of admittance.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sgt. Kelly Hook was present to pass out the monthly stats and police report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mayor House adjourned into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss personnel at 6:35 pm.

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 6:50 pm.

There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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