

09/14/2005

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

Minutes were approved as sent.

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 42.24.909, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the City Council.

As of this date 09/14/05 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 #38686 through #38783 in the total amount of \$408,959.53; Payroll Fund voucher # 22131 through #22189 in the total amount of \$55,959.00.

ORDINANCE #773 – AMENDING SECTION 5.36.010, 5.36.020 AND 5.36.030 OF CHAPTER 5.36 OF THE BREWSTER MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO YARD SALES

City Clerk Pam Olsen reviewed Ordinance #773 with council. One of the main concerns of some yard sales was that they were selling new goods and were in direct competition with local businesses that pay taxes and support the community.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to approve Ordinance #773 as presented. Council Member Lehrman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #774 – SETTING UP AN AIRPORT COMMISSION

At the August City Council Meeting Jerry Tretwold, who will be a new Council Member in January, 2006, was asked by Mayor House to work on an ordinance setting up an Airport Commission, with the help of City Clerk Olsen. Because of the complexity of the Ordinance, the adoption will be held over until the October meeting.

Tretwold did say that he would like the commission to consist of 5 members, 2 Council Members and 3 citizens. His recommendation was JD Smith – 4 year term, Jeff Spurgeon – 3 years and Tretwold – 2 years. He also recommended that JD Smith be chair and Jeff Spurgeon vice chair.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to form an Airport Commission, with members as follows:

JD Smith – 4 years; Jeff Spurgeon – 3 years; Jerry Tretwold – 2 years and the two council members that serve on the Airport Committee, with Smith serving as chair and Spurgeon serving as vice chair. Council Member Webster seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #775 – ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.72 TO THE BMC CONTAINING GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATED TO ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL IN THE CITY.

Council discussed Ordinance #775 which continues the city council policy of requiring city council confirmation of all appointments of officers and employees of the city.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to pass Ordinance #775 as presented. Council Member Dewey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #05-08 – REPEALING CITY RESOLUTION #05-04 CONCERNING CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT RELATED CITY POLICIES.

City Clerk Olsen discussed the reason for repealing Resolution #05-04.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to approve Resolution #05-08 as presented. Council Member Lehrman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #05-09 – AMENDING RESOLUTION #03-08, ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL APPLICATION FEE, INVESTIGATION FEE AND A MONTHLY LICENSE FEE FOR ITINERANT VENDORS AND MERCHANTS

City Clerk Olsen reviewed Resolution #05-08 and answered questions by the council.

MOTION:

Council Member Dewey moved to approve Resolution #05-09 as presented. Council Member Freels seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT ALONG HWY 97

Public Works Director Mike Shenyer reported to council that he had been approached by the Brewster Chamber of Commerce acting President Carolyn Byrd and Gebbers Farms representative Tory Wulf about a beautification project along Hwy 97 between McDonalds and the Triangle Shell. Shenyer stated that they plan to plant trees, shrubs and grass in that area and have asked if the City would be willing to provide the water necessary for the project.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to approve the City of Brewster furnishing the water for the proposed beautification project on Hwy 97 between McDonalds and the Triangle Shell. Seconded by Council Member Lehrman. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #05-07 – REGARDING THE CITY PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) LOAN

Public Works Director Mike Shenyer discussed the city's participation in the state revolving fund loan program for the treatment plant.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to pass Resolution #05-07 as presented. Council Member Dewey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPT. UPDATE

Lieutenant Kelly Hook reported to council that the Traffic Safety Grant regarding the use of seatbelts started Monday, Sept. 12th.

The Police Department has been using the automated speed sign on 7th Street by the high school and Council Member Webster felt that they had it set too close to the intersection and he felt that if it was moved to the middle of the block they would get better results. Lieutenant Hook stated that he would take care of it Thursday morning.

City Council received a letter from school Superintendent Jim Kelly requesting that the city change the speed limit from 20 miles per hour back to 15 miles per hour. He felt with that change it would make the speed limit uniform through the city park and the cove and would make it less confusing to drivers. Council Member Freels will go down and talk to Mr. Kelly and report back to council in October.

OKANOGAN COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL

Mayor House received a memo from the tourism council inviting the Mayor and Council to their next quarterly dinner meeting on Thursday, September 22 at the Columbia Steak House in Brewster. Mayor House stated that they need a head count so whoever is interested to call Carolyn at 509-826-5107.

WELLS PROJECT RE-LICENSING PROCESS – STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

Mayor House stated she received a letter from Douglas County PUD inviting mayor, council and staff to participate in a series of voluntary, pre-NOI meetings to discuss re-licensing goals, details about the Wells Hydroelectric Project and potential study needs. Mayor House felt that these meetings could be pretty important to determine and convey the needs of Brewster. The first informal meeting, entitled “ILP 101” will take place at 10:00 am, October 18, 2005 at the Douglas PUD headquarters building.

Council thought we could use Highland Associates to attend these re-licensing meetings. Public Works Director Shenyer will contact Kurt Danison and talk to him regarding this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

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