

02/15/06

Mayor Lee Webster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Bob Fateley, Art Smyth, George Webster, and Jerry Tretwold.

Council Member Fateley moved to approve the minutes of 01/18/06 as sent. The motion was seconded by Council Member Webster and passed unanimously.

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 02/15/06 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 39129 and 39205 through 39280 in the total amount of \$186,442.63 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 22370 through 22403 in the total amount of \$58,478.31.

GAMBLING TAX

Monte Butler, a representative from the American Legion, gave a recent history of the Legion activities and stated that they are just trying to keep the doors open at this point. Mr. Butler requested from council a one year relief in paying their 2% gambling tax. Mayor Webster discussed the conversation he had with City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman regarding the issue of the fairness of charging a for-profit business gambling tax and not a non-profit business. The non-profit business is after all in competition with the for-profit businesses. Mayor Webster stated that he could have Zimmerman dig deeper if need be.

MOTION:

Council Member Tretwold moved to obtain a formal opinion of the issue from City Attorney Zimmerman. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smyth and passed unanimously.

2006 SWIM TEAM

Mark Miller was present to speak to the council about the Brewster Swim Team. Mr. Miller stated that he understood that the charge for using the pool for the swim team would be \$600 again this year. Mr. Miller requested that the payment be deferred until June 30, 2006 to give him a chance to identify his team members and collect their share of the money. Miller reported that tentatively there would be five swim meets here this year.

Mr. Miller complimented both Gary Knowlton for his work at the pool and Jerald Aldridge for his work at the Community Center. Miller stated that some members of the swim team took advantage of the Schools Out Lunch Program that's held at the Community Center. Other ideas Mr. Miller had of bringing recreational opportunities into Brewster were swim camps and water ski tournaments.

MOTION:

Council Member Smyth moved to approve the payment of \$600 for use of the swimming pool by the Brewster Swim Team be due by June 30, 2006. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tretwold and passed unanimously.

COLUMBIA COVE COMMUNITY CENTER ISSUES

Jerald Aldridge, Park and Rec Director, was present to discuss the Columbia Cove Community Center Facilities Lease. Aldridge gave council a brief history of the Community Center from the very beginning to present time. Aldridge reported that he had checked with the City's insurance company and the city currently has the coverage needed to insure a private function at the Community Center. Aldridge explained that he had met with members of the Police Department and the Park Committee and they had agreed on the following things: 1) There will be one police officer and three security people at each event; the security people will work at the

direction of the police officer; 2) Anyone applying for an event with music will need to allow for a three week agreement processing period and anyone applying for non-music events need only to give 3 days notice; 3) Noise complaints will be strictly enforced; and 4) the capacity issue will continue to be a priority.

MOTION:

Council Member Tretwold moved to approve the Columbia Cove Community Center Facilities Lease as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Webster and passed unanimously.

SUPPORT LETTERS

Mayor Webster discussed the process he should take when being asked to write support letters. Mayor Webster's most recent request was from the Okanogan County Health Department for kids safety.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to grant permission for Mayor Webster to write support letters on behalf of the City for issues that would contribute and benefit our community. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smyth and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE #782 REGARDING THE 2006 BUDGET

Council Member Tretwold went over the current budget that City Clerk Pam Olsen had provided the council and pointed out the discrepancies he found between the previous copy and the current copy. Tretwold requested a narrative explaining the changes that were made be presented at the next council meeting for clarification.

Council Member Fateley requested an updated pie chart of the budget and an updated wage breakdown sheet be brought to the next council meeting.

MOTION:

Council Member Smyth moved to approve Ordinance #782 as presented and to have City Clerk Olsen present a narrative whenever there are changes to the budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Webster and passed unanimously.

AIRPORT COMMISSION UPDATE

No report was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Interim Police Chief Ron Oules reported that a letter of commendation was received from Douglas County Sheriff Dan LaRoche thanking Officer Tim Rieb for his assistance in the apprehension of a suspect they were searching for. Oules stated that it was a great example of mutual aid among departments.

Oules stated that he and his officers are about a quarter the way through the City in regards to making contacts with people that have junk cars on their property. Oules stated that there has been great cooperation.

ORDINANCE #783 - REGARDING PARKING

Interim Chief Oules discussed Ordinance # 783 regarding parking. Oules explained to council that we need to put into place a parking ordinance in order to issue warnings, parking tickets and do enforcement. Oules pointed out that the initial ticket would be for \$20 and if the ticket was not paid within 15 days it would double to \$40. The council discussed informing the public that this will be beginning before tickets are issues. Oules stated that he has no way of tracking warnings given out.

MOTION:

Council Member Smyth moved to approve Ordinance #783 as presented with the stipulations that publications go out letting people know of the new ordinance and that no tickets are issued prior to May 1, 2006. The motion was seconded by Council Member Webster and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE #784 – REGARDING JUNK VEHICLES

Interim Chief Oules discussed Ordinance #784 regarding junk vehicles. Oules stated that the only change to the present ordinance is in making the police department responsible for enforcement instead of the Clerk's Office.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to approve Ordinance #784 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fateley and passed unanimously.

POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT

Mayor Webster began discussion of the Chief of Police Contract. Mayor Webster discussed amending the minimum job qualifications for the Chief of Police position. Mayor Webster pointed out two parts of the contract in Exhibit "A" under the Qualification Required section to discuss. The first #3 stating "Minimum of eight years of progressively responsible supervisory and managerial experience" and the second # 4 stating "Shall have achieved at a minimum Middle Management Certification and have the ability to achieve Executive Management Certification from Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission".

MOTION:

Council Member Smyth moved to approve the Chief of Police Contract between the City of Brewster and Ron Oules with the following changes to Exhibit "A" – Qualifications Required : 1) #3 be stricken from the contract; and 2) #4 read as follows: Shall be able to achieve a minimum Middle Management Certification and have the ability to achieve Executive Management Certification from Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission". The motion was seconded by Council Member Tretwold. Council Member Fateley abstained from voting. The motion passed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

Mayor Webster congratulated Chief Ron Oules on his appointment as the new Chief of Police for the City of Brewster, council concurred. Mayor Webster suggested writing a thank you letter as a goodwill gesture and to promote a continued good working relationship to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office for letting Oules work as Interim Chief for Brewster while still working for them. Also, a letter to the Okanogan County's Sheriff's Office announcing Oules' appointment.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

Mayor Webster discussed the way that the hotel/motel fund money is being used. Mayor Webster suggested having a liaison between the City Council and the Chamber Board.

ADJOURNMENT

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