

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

Council Member Fateley moved to approve the minutes for 04/19/06 as sent. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smyth 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 05/17/06 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 39365 through 39440 in the total amount of \$88,711.40 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 22477 through 22526 in the total amount of \$65,350.00.

FOYLE PROPERTY – DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD

Gordon Brett, Douglas PUD, stated that the Douglas County PUD will take a proactive approach to future possible mitigation for the relicensing of Wells Dam. We bought the Foyle property to keep in the bank for mitigation. This mitigation will happen after study plans are completed – in a couple years. The Pre Application Document goes in December of '06, then to settlement negotiations. The City needs to come into settlement negotiations with preferably water-based projects that have ties to the project, and enhance access to project lands and waters. These things should be based on study plans that identify needs. Implementations of these projects usually occur after relicensing, unless everybody agrees that you can start early. Douglas PUD will start projects in 2009. The City needs to come prepared with projects to the Recreation Action Plan, which is due 2007, will start early Spring, maybe as early as January. In a response to a question from David Freels, Mr. Brett replied that if Douglas PUD wanted to put a project in, FERC would probably approve it.

Regarding the launch widening and dock replacement project, Mr. Brett replied that their work window is July 1 through October, but everyone agreed that the Salmon season should be avoided as much as possible because of the amount of use the launch receives.

Mr. Brett indicated that the Wells Pool will be drawn down up to 8-9 feet by Friday to help offset near flood stage waters in the Okanogan and Methow Rivers, and also to assist in cleaning out silt and debris. When asked about preventing future large draw downs during festival weekends and Salmon season, Mr. Brett indicated that Wells Dam will provide a cushion for these times and is working with their power sales office to prevent these draw downs.

FARMERS MARKET PUBLIC EVENTS APPLICATION

Eunice D. Farrington filed an application for a public event for a Farmer's Market to be held on week-ends during the summer and to be open 5pm to 8pm. Discussion was held. The council felt that the week-end of June 16th thru 18th needed to be dealt with through the Chamber.

MOTION:

Councilman Freels moved to approve the application with the exception that the week-end of June 16th through 18th is not valid and that they needed to deal with the Brewster Chamber on that week-end. Councilmember Smyth seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Admin Assistant Debbie Minick will contact Eunice Farrington regarding the council's decision

NEW COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Council discussed changing the council meeting back to the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Council packets will go out the Friday before council and the Finance Committee will review the accounts payable Tuesday before council and make their recommendation to council. All pre-pays will have to be approved by at least one of the Finance Committee members before it can be paid.

MOTION:

Councilmember Smyth moved to change council back to the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Councilmember Fateley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Finance Director Pam Olsen will set up a special council meeting for Tuesday May 23rd at Noon to pass an ordinance for the change.

MOTION:

Councilmember Freels moved to have the Finance Committee sign off on ALL bills before any are paid. Councilmember Tretwold seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT COMMISSION UPDATE

Airport Commission Chairman JD Smith was present to give council an update on what's been happening at the airport.

He received a quote on running power out to the sign on the highway of \$4757.00. He will be checking on some other alternatives.

He received an insurance quote from Regal Aviation in the amount of \$2068.

With regards to the boy scout hut, they found out it had a steel frame instead of wood which makes it possible for the commission to move the hut out to the airport by cutting it into sections.

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX

Rebecca Meadows, representing the Brewster Chamber, was present to ask Council for some of the Hotel/Motel Tax monies for advertising. She presented 3 options of \$2700, \$3600 and \$5000. Rebecca and Finance Director Olsen will work together on this as they have for the past 5 years.

MOTION:

Councilmember Webster moved to spend \$3600 for advertising for 2006. Councilmember Freels seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & DUTIES

Mayor Lee Webster passed out the revised Council Committee Assignments and asked council to review the changes. There were no comments from council.

Action: Finance Director Olsen will have committee descriptions for the next council meeting.

KIWANIS FIREWORKS STAND

Mayor Webster received a letter from the Kiwanis requesting to sell fireworks again this year from July 1st through July 4th.

MOTION:

Councilmember Tretwold moved to allow the Kiwanis to sell fireworks July 1st through July 4th as long as they work with the Fire Dept. Councilmember Webster seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Staff will provide Fire Chief Webster with a copy of the letter and the council's decision.

ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES CONFERENCE

Finance Director Olsen asked council if anyone is interested in going to the AWC Conference in Spokane June 20th through 23rd.

No interest was expressed by the Council to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE – 622 SOUTH 1ST STREET – STAFF REPORT

Mayor Webster opened the Public Hearing regarding a variance request by Tom Helmick asking to replace a flat roof carport with a pitch roof and widen the carport to match the existing house.

Finance Director Olsen presented the staff report from Public Works Director Mike Shenyer.

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

MOTION:

Councilmember Fateley moved to approve the Helmick variance as presented. Councilmember Tretwold seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT UPDATE

Finance Director Olsen gave council an update on the additional financing needed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Phase II.

Olsen stated that the City has received a letter from Karen Beatty-Lee, Financial Manager with DOE Water Quality Program, stating that DOE will have additional funds available because she is currently working on deobligations and repayments and should have those funds in the next few months, at which time the city's project will be eligible for the increase of \$250,000.

Olsen talked to Bill Prentice, Project Manager for Community Development Block Grant Program, and he has committed to increasing the city's current grant by \$150,000.

Olsen stated that with these two additional pieces in place we now have all the money for the total project.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Ron Oules gave council a copy of the stats for the month of April.

Chief Oules discussed the grants he has received so far. \$3500 for vests and \$2000 for Traffic Safety.

Councilmember George Webster stated that he had gone through some Meth Training with Sheriff Frank Rogers.

Councilmember Freels told council about Councilmember Tretwold, Mayor Webster and himself going through the CIAW Police and Fire Simulator. He stated that it was quite an eye opener.

ECONOMIC ALLIANCE PROJECT LIST

Mayor Webster told council that he had seen the Economic Alliance Project List and Brewster was #7 for finishing Main Street to Highway 97 and #11 for the airport well upgrade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES

Mayor Webster adjourned into executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss personnel issues at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Webster reconvened into regular session at 8:15 p.m.

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS

Chief Oules discussed with council offering employees 2 medical plans. If an employee wants to upgrade to Plan A, the employee would have to pay the difference between Plan B and Plan A.

MOTION:

Councilmember Tretwold moved to offer Plan A and Plan B to all full time employees and the employees who opt for Plan A will pay the difference between Plan A and Plan B. Councilmember Webster seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Finance Director Olsen will work on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Public Works Department Union members and Chief Oules will do the same with the Police Department Union members.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Lee Webster

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Finance Director Pamela Olsen, MMC