

06/21/06

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

Council Member Webster moved to approve the minutes for 05/17/06 as revised and 05/23/06 & 05/31/06 as sent. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels 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 06/21/06 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 39526 through 39622 in the total amount of \$127,026.48 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 22528 through 22581 in the total amount of \$77,799.98.

ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES MUNICIPAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mayor Webster showed council the Association of Washington Cities Municipal Achievement Gold Award that the City received for the Main Avenue Street Project. Finance Director Pam Olsen reported that former Mayor Bonnie House, Administrative Assistant Debbie Minick and herself had attended the luncheon to receive the award. Minick prepared and submitted the nomination paperwork that led to the award.

DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD PARK PLAN

Discussion was held in regards to the Douglas County PUD Park Plan. Council Member Freels suggested that a park committee be formed to come up with a plan for future recreational riverfront use. Council Member Tretwold suggested hiring a consultant to assist the City in coming up with a plan. It was suggested that the City prepare a Request For Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant.

MOTION:

Council Member Tretwold moved to form a park committee which will include the council park committee consisting of Council Members Webster and Smyth and to prepare for publication a Request For Proposals to hire a consultant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Webster and passed unanimously.

Action: Finance Director Pam Olsen will prepare an RFP to hire a consultant to aid in the preparation of a recreation plan.

AIRPORT COMMISSION UPDATE

JD Smith, Airport Commission Chairperson, was present to give the council an airport update. Mr. Smith reported that at the 2nd Annual Fly-In Breakfast 67 breakfasts were served; the event was rained out and was considerably smaller than last year. The Boy Scout Hut had been successfully moved to the airport and will eventually serve as the pilots lounge. Smith thanked Dave Reynolds and the other public works guys and Dave Freels for the help and the use of his equipment. Smith stated that Tory Wulf has prepared a plan regarding the clear zone at the west end of the airport runway and intends on presenting it at the June 28, 2006 airport commission meeting. Smith reported that the commission is still trying to obtain the money needed to install the

PAPI lights. And last, he reported that Deputy City Clerk Jackie Moriarty mailed out the 2006/2007 airport lease statements.

1ST ANNUAL BUDWEISER SALMON DERBY/BREWSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

JD Smith, Brewster Chamber of Commerce President, was present to request permission to allow the fisherman who come in August 4 -6, 2006 for the salmon derby to dry camp free of charge on the soccer field and the soccer field parking lot. Mr. Smith also requested the use of the basketball court and/or the west cove park area for derby sign-in, fish weigh-in and to hang signs. Council Member Tretwold discussed clean up, the watering schedule and the policing of the camping area.

Council discussed briefly the upcoming opening day of fishing on July 1, 2006. Council Member Freels stated that he would like to see free dry camping offered on both weekends (July 1-2 & August 4-6, 2006) in the soccer field areas. Council Member Webster suggested placing two portable toilets in the soccer field parking lot for the opening weekend.

MOTION:

Council Member Smyth moved to allow free dry camping in the soccer field parking lot and on the soccer field for the weekends of July 1-2 and August 4-6, 2006 only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels and passed unanimously.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to provide two portable toilets for the opening weekend of the fishing season (July 1-2, 2006) to be placed in the soccer field parking lot. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels and passed unanimously.

Action: Provide Park and Recreation Director Jerald Aldridge with the dates and watering schedule. Chief Oules will work with JD Smith regarding policing issue. JD Smith will provide the City with a Public Events Application.

GARBAGE RATES

Jim Gotti, owner of Sunrise Disposal, and Dick Howe, Manager, were present to discuss a cost of living raise for garbage services. Mr. Gotti requested a 3% cost of living raise based on the US and Seattle Consumer Pricing Index (CPI) as of April 2006. Gotti stated that the raise in gas prices and the labor and industries costs have hit his business hard. Council Member Webster asked if the damaged carts were being replaced. Gotti stated that 40 containers were changed out this spring.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to approve a 3% cost of living raise for Sunrise Disposal for garbage service effective July 1, 2006. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tretwold and passed unanimously.

Action: Deputy City Clerk Moriarty will begin charging for the 3% increase on the July 2006 statements.

BRIDGE STREET APARTMENT SEWER ADJUSTMENT

Deputy City Clerk Moriarty explained that Doug Anderson, owner of the Bridge Street Apartments, was requesting a reduction in his April 2006 sewer bill. Moriarty stated that Mr. Anderson had suffered a severe water leak during the winter and since the sewer is based on the water usage, Mr. Anderson was being charged for excess sewer. Moriarty explained that she had spoken to Dave Reynolds and he confirmed that the water had gone out on the ground from the leak and not into the sewer. Moriarty stated that Mr. Anderson was asking for all of the excess sewer to be credited off.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to approve the credit of all excess sewer for the month of April 2006 for the Bridge Street Apartments. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smyth and passed unanimously.

Action: Deputy City Clerk Moriarty will credit the Bridge Street Apartments utility bill for all excess sewer usage in April 2006.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Ron Oules discussed the monthly stats, reports and overtime. Oules stated that more loud music citations were being written and that the municipal court was now in better shape financially than it had been.

Chief Oules announced that Reserve Officer Concho Guzman had received the Reserve Officer of the Year Award from the State of Washington Reserve Officers Association.

Chief Oules reported that he had received a \$22,000 Traffic Safety Grant for solar powered dual flashing safety lights to be placed near the school. Oules stated that he had spoken to public works and they will install the lighting. Oules discussed the issue of the 15 mph signs in the park. Mayor Webster stated that those signs should be changed to 20 mph according to a previous council meeting. Oules stated that he would contact the Okanogan County Road Department regarding moving the sign on Sunset Drive.

Chief Oules announced that their yearly physical training test would be conducted on June 22, 2006 and the DARE Golf Tournament would be held on June 23, 2006. Oules commended Officer Natalie Carriker on the job she has done planning the golf tournament.

Action: Chief Oules will contact the Okanogan County Road Department regarding moving the speed sign on Sunset Drive. Public Works will replace the 15 m.p.h. signs in the park with 20 m.p.h. signs.

SWIMMING POOL COVER

Pool Manager Gary Knowlton provided the council with two bids for a new swimming pool thermal cover. Council Member Tretwold questioned where the money would come for the cover and suggested that the City look for a low or zero percent loan at one of the local banks or through the PUD energy program.

Action: Finance Director Olsen will research a low interest or zero percent interest loan for the swimming pool cover.

MAIN AVENUE STREET PROJECT

Finance Director Olsen reported to the council that there is a \$40,000 shortfall for the Main Avenue Street Project. Olsen stated that even though a Local Improvement District (LID) was approved it would be too costly for that small of an amount. Olsen asked council if she could take the money out of arterial streets and then research a low interest loan.

MOTION:

Council Member Tretwold moved to allow Finance Director Olsen to pay \$40,000 out of the Arterial Street Fund and then obtain a low interest loan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Webster and passed unanimously.

Action: Finance Director Olsen to research a low interest loan for the \$40,000 shortfall for the Main Avenue Street Project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PROPERTY

Mayor Webster adjourned into executive session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss property at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Webster reconvened into regular session at 7:35 p.m.

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