

07/12/06

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 Tretwold moved to approve the minutes for 06/21/06 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 07/12/06 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 22599 through 22655 in the total amount of \$??????.

DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD

Mayor Webster discussed a letter that was drafted formally requesting that Douglas County PUD maintain an appropriate pool elevation of the Wells Dam Pool on the Columbia River during the weekend of the salmon derby August 4 – 6, 2006.

MOTION:

Council Member Smyth moved to approve sending a letter to the Douglas County PUD requesting that the level of the Wells Pool be kept up for the weekend of August 4 – 6, 2006 and to have the Mayor and all Council Members sign it. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE #787 – ESTABLISHING A PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Webster discussed Ordinance #787 establishing a park advisory committee. Mayor Webster stated that the structure of the committee would be three members at large and the two council members that make up the park committee which are currently Council Members Webster and Smyth. Council Member Webster suggested that names for the three citizens that will serve on the committee be submitted to Mayor Webster.

MOTION:

Council Member Tretwold moved to approve Ordinance #787 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels and passed unanimously.

JUDGE HARMON'S RETIREMENT PARTY

Mayor Webster discussed the invitation the City had received for a retirement party planned to honor Judge John Harmon on July 17, 2006 at 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm in Bridgeport at the Bridgeport High School. Mayor Webster suggested sending a letter thanking Judge Harmon for all of his years of service.

Action: A letter of congratulations and thanks will be prepared for Judge Harmon.

MAIN AVENUE STREET PROJECT

Finance Director Pam Olsen reported to Council that Tom Hinger, Okanogan County contact for the Department of Transportation Surface Transportation Program (STP), felt quite confident that their regional committee would approve Public Works Director Mike Shenyer's request for the \$40,000 shortfall for the Main Avenue Project.

SWIMMING POOL

Finance Director Olsen reported that she had been in contact with Cashmere Valley Bank in regards to obtaining a \$25,000 loan to purchase a thermal pool cover, several solar panels and a pump. Council Member Smyth asked if any other bank or the PUD had been contacted in pursuit of a loan.

Action: Finance Director Olsen will do some more checking on loan possibilities.

DISPATCH FEES

Mayor Webster excused himself for reasons of personal involvement. Council discussed the Okanogan County dispatch fees. Finance Director Olsen explained that currently the Brewster Police Department pays for all of the dispatch fees for the City of Brewster which includes the Brewster Fire Department and Fire District #15 Fire and Ambulance. Olsen explained that it states in the Inter-Local Agreement with Fire District # 15 that they are responsible for paying dispatch fees. Police Chief Ron Oules reported that in talking to Okanogan County Sheriff Frank Rogers that the county will only issue the City of Brewster a bill based per capita and will not send the individual agencies a bill. Council Member Tretwold discussed the conversation that he and Finance Director Olsen had with Commission Ike Vallance and stated that he would like to have a meeting with the Commissions to resolve the issue. Council Member Fateley voiced his concern regarding the position that the City is being put in by paying other agencies fees. Council Member Fateley requested the State Auditor's be contacted for their input.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to approve a letter to be sent to each of the Fire District #15 Commissioners to resolve the conflict. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels. Council Member Smyth abstained from voting. The motion passed.

Action: Finance Director Olsen will prepare and send a letter to each Fire District #15 Commissioner stating the City's position and requesting swift resolution to the issue.

HIGHWAY 97 CURB EXTENSION

Council Member Tretwold discussed the curbing project on the corner of Hwy 97 and Plaza Way. Tretwold explained that the project was a combined effort between (his business) Harmony House and the City. Tretwold explained that he was responsible for 25 feet of the curbing done and the Public Works Director Shenyer agreed that the City would pay for the other 175 feet of curbing. A bill payable to Harmony House was presented to Council for approval for the City's portion of the project.

MOTION:

Council Member Fateley moved to approve payment in the amount of \$2,212.50 to

Harmony House as reimbursement for the City's portion of the curbing project on the corner of Hwy 97 and Plaza Way. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels. Council Member Tretwold abstained from voting. The motion passed.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT UPGRADE GRANT

Finance Director Olsen reported to the council that the City had received an additional \$150,000 from the State of Washington Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development for the Wastewater Treatment Project Upgrade. Olsen stated that this changes our original grant award from \$610,600 to \$760,600.

AIRPORT COMMISSION UPDATE

JD Smith, Airport Commission Chairperson, was present to give the council an update on the Anderson Field Airport. Mr. Smith informed council of the aircraft that crash landed at the west end of the runway. Smith stated that the pilot had to make an emergency landing because of engine failure and when he landed he hit several apple trees. The Federal Aviation Agency ruled it as an incident, not an accident and the plane was towed in by Airport Manager Dave Smith.

Mr. Smith distributed the proposal developed by Gebbers Farms in regards to a land swap in the City's attempt to acquire the land necessary to comply with the clear zone at the west end of the runway. Smith stated that the commission would review the proposal and bring their recommendation to the council at their August meeting.

Finance Director Olsen asked if tie-down permits were being issued and Mr. Smith replied by stating there had not been any aircraft parked at the airport.

Mr. Smith reported that he currently has two parties interested in building at the airport. One is interested in building a hangar and one wants to build a commercial building for his current business but is not interested in relocating until the water situation is resolved.

COLUMBIA COVE PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

Park and Recreation Director Jerald Aldridge was present to update the council on park and community center issues. Mr. Aldridge reported that the overcrowding problem at the community center had been eliminated by opening up the game room during events, and that having a guest list and a responsible person with the party at the door has cut down on the unwanted guests and disturbances and that the noise level was being checked with the meter on a ½ hour bases. Aldridge reported that the rentals of the community center were down by half compared to last year, teen dances were no longer being held due to the cost and that several people had complained about the higher rates. Aldridge stated that membership is at around 200, the kids soccer league has 120 players in the program and the Schools Out Summer Lunch Program is going strong and serving approximately 175 kids under the age of 18 per day.

Mr. Aldridge asked that if there was a ban on fireworks in the park that it be enforced.

Mr. Aldridge brought up the issue of the proposed purchase for the swimming pool stating that there are more serious issues that need to be addressed at the pool such as the chlorination system and pool liner. Council Member Tretwold would like a need/wish list prepared for each department to be reviewed during the budget process. Tretwold stated that his fear is that if there are systems failing in the City they could all become an emergency at one time causing unforeseen debt to the City.

Council Member Webster asked when the new restrooms would be completed and the possibility of obtaining additional soccer goals for the fields. Mr. Aldridge stated that the restrooms would be complete by September 17, 2006 and that he was told that the men's soccer league was going to pitch in for another set of soccer goals. Aldridge mentioned that he and Public Works Director Shenyer had also discussed refurbishing a set they have in storage.

Chief Oules commended Park and Recreation Director Jerald Aldridge on the revisions that have been made at the Community Center to reduce the issues previously being faced by the Police Department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Oules went over the stats, report and overtime.

Chief Oules reported on the following Police Department issues: They are in the process of seizing a Grand Am; Bonanza Days and the 4th of July were quiet; all officers passed the physical test administered by Douglas County Deputy Kevin Morris; and the North Central Drug Task Force is getting their grant funding back and are in the process of drafting a new Inter-Local Agreement.

MOTION:

Council Member Smyth moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the North Central Drug Task Force Inter-Local Agreement when it is finalized. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tretwold and passed unanimously.

Chief Oules discussed some work being done in Okanogan County in regards to air traffic coming in from Canada. Oules explained that the amount of air traffic coming into Okanogan County without flight plans is staggering and the Sheriff's Office is hoping to get additional funding for equipment to further monitor this activity.

Action: Chief Oules will submit the North Central Drug Task Force Inter-Local Agreement to Mayor Webster for his signature upon receipt.

WATER ISSUES

Pete Fraley, Attorney with Ogden, Murphy, Wallace, was present to discuss water rights issues with the council. Mr. Fraley went over options currently being considered by other cities and discussed issues surrounding the Columbia River Initiative.

MOTION:

Council Member Tretwold moved to have the Public Works Committee consisting of Council Members Fateley and Smyth, study and develop a water rights ordinance for the City of Brewster. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels and passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS
PROPERTY**

Mayor Webster adjourned into executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss property at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Webster reconvened into regular session at 9:05 p.m.

There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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