

09/13/06

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

Council Member Freels moved to approve the minutes for 08/09/06, 08/24/06 and 08/30/06 as sent. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fateley 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 09/13/06 the Council, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the voucher payment list and further described as follows: Check number 39708 through 39712, 39726 through 39730 and 39927 for Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$247,484.71 and Payroll in the total amount of \$71,363.19.

SALMON DERBY LETTER OF THANKS

Mayor Webster read into record a letter from JD Smith thanking the City Staff for their help on the 1st Annual Budweiser/Lowrance Fishing Derby. Smith stated in his letter that he received comments on how beautiful our parks are maintained.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Mayor Webster reported that Pateros Mayor Gail Howe contacted him and is requesting a reimbursement for purchases made in 2004 and 2005 when Pateros was contracting with Brewster for animal control. The total cost for the actual dog catching equipment and a small pickup was approximately \$15,000. Mayor Howe is asking for the equipment and the pickup for compensation. Police Chief Ron Oules stated that Pateros does not have the correct figures for actual costs incurred. Oules suggests that we give them the pickup, as is, and that Brewster keeps the other equipment.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to send a letter to Pateros Mayor Gail Howe showing the exact itemized figures for the animal control equipment and vehicle and offer Pateros the vehicle as is. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smyth and passed unanimously.

Action: Chief Oules will work with Mayor Webster in drafting a letter including an itemized list of the actual equipment purchased and an offer to give them the vehicle as is.

EASTBAY TWO JOINT USE DOCKS/PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Roger Erlandsen, Eastbay Developer, was present to ask approval from the City Council for his proposed Shoreline Substantial Development Permit. Erlandsen explained that he plans to install two docks, grass and landscaping in the common use area of the Eastbay Development. Erlandsen stated that he is still working on permits from the Army Corp. of Engineers and the Fish and Wildlife Agency for the project. Erlandsen reported that when the development was complete the Eastbay Homeowners Association would take over the maintenance of the common use area.

MOTION:

Council Member Tretwold moved to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation and grant Roger Erlandsen a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for two docks and landscaping in the common use area of the Eastbay Development. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smyth and passed unanimously.

EASTBAY FINAL PLAT APPROVAL

Roger Erlandsen reported that Assistant Public Works Superintendent Dave Reynolds and Building Inspector (in training) Darren Moore inspected the Eastbay property to ascertain that the plans were followed and that the infrastructure was completed according to the plat. Reynolds and Moore submitted to council a letter recommending approval of the Final Plat of Eastbay. Council Member Tretwold stated his concern over the condition of both Douglas Avenue and 1st Street. Council briefly discussed the placement of Douglas Avenue and 1st Street on the Six Year Street Plan. Public Works Director Mike Shenyer will be asked to provide options for future improvement on those streets. Council Member Smyth discussed making the throughway in the Eastbay Development a continuance of 1st Street rather than naming it Pelican Drive for continuity for emergency vehicles.

MOTION:

Council Member Fateley moved to accept the recommendation of Assistant Public Works Superintendent Dave Reynolds and Building Inspector (in training) Darren Moore to approve the Eastbay Development Final Plat. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tretwold. Further discussion led to the following amendment to the previous motion by Council Member Fateley: with the stipulation that Pelican Drive be changed to 1st Street with all of the cul-de-sac's remaining as originally named. Council Member Tretwold seconded the amendment and the motion passed unanimously.

Action: Speak with PW Director Shenyer in regards to improvement options for Douglas Avenue and 1st Street.

PARK COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Webster appointed the following people to positions for the newly formed Park Committee: Position #1, Gary Reese, Chairperson; Position #2, Dylan Gamble; and Position #3, Jerrod Riggan. Park Committee council representatives are Council Members Webster and Smyth.

ORDINANCE # 789 – ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Finance Director Pam Olsen discussed Ordinance #789 regarding establishing compensation for the Municipal Court Judge and Pro-Tem Municipal Court Judge. Chief Oules stated that Judge Dave Ebenger took over for Judge John Harmon after his retirement. Oules stated that Judge Ebenger agreed to stay at the \$400 per month rate that Judge Harmon was receiving through December 31, 2006 and will be requesting \$700 per month starting in 2007. Oules felt that this salary could be negotiated.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to approve Ordinance #789 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tretwold and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #06-05 – AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT/VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES’ BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION

Finance Director Olsen discussed Resolution #06-05, stating that this resolution would establish a Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association Medical Expense Plan for Police Chief Oules as originally agreed to upon him being hired.

MOTION:

Council Member Tretwold moved to approve Resolution #06-05 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smyth. Council Member Fateley abstained from voting. The motion passed.

AIRPORT COMMISSION UPDATE

Airport Commission Chairperson JD Smith discussed the sale and lease transfer of Chuck Drakes current hangar. Smith reported that Scott Baker was purchasing the hangar for aviation use. Smith stated that Mr. Baker also is interested in installing a card system gas pump and building another hangar. Chuck Drake was present to request that Mr. Baker’s lease state that if he defaults in his payments to Mr. Drake that the hangar will revert back Mr. Drake and not to the City of Brewster. Smith stated that the Airport Commission approved the lease with a stipulation that protects Mr. Drakes interest in his hangar.

Chairperson Smith reported that Okanogan Air has paid for and renewed their lease for one year.

Council Member Tretwold shared with council that he had attended an Okanogan County PUD meeting to request the fee to install underground electricity to light the airport sign be waived. The PUD Commission stated that they would research the cost and revisit the issue at their next meeting.

CHAPMAN AIRPORT LEASE

Airport Commission Chairperson Smith reported that the Airport Commission initiated contact with the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Ecology (DOE) regarding the ongoing odor problem at the airport caused by Mike Chapman’s sewage lagoon. Airport Commission Secretary Debbie Minick spoke directly with Bob Stevens, DOH and Shelly Eisenbahr, DOE and the bottom line is that there is an evaporation/dehydration issues, there is not enough water to properly clean off the trucks after they dump and the lagoon is being over used for the present conditions. Mayor Webster read into record a portion of the minutes of a special meeting held when this lagoon was proposed to the council which stated that Chapman agreed to build a fence and plant trees around the lagoon and he also stated that he would be getting water from Gebbers Farms.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Oules discussed the stats and overtime. Oules reported that reimbursement for the overtime costs showing on this months report would be coming in November for the security his off duty officers provided during the recent fires.

Oules updated the council in current cases.

Oules reported that his fuel costs would probably go over the budgeted amount and that it was out of his control. Oules reported that he and his officers had spent some time on the Jake Brake issue, but with harvest their time has been limited. Oules stated that the school zone sign poles are up and that he is waiting for the light heads to be delivered for installation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public input.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mayor Webster adjourned into executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss personnel at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Webster reconvened into regular session at 7:55 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