

Mayor Lee Webster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Kris Dawson, Bob Fateley, Dave Freels, Art Smyth and John Scheller. A quorum was present. Also present were Public Works Director Smith, Chief of Police Ron Oules, Finance Director Pamela Olsen and Deputy Clerk Desha Dawson.

Council Member Fateley moved to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on 07/08/09 as submitted. 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 08/12/2009 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 #42854 through #42930 in the total amount of \$116,975.06. Payroll Fund voucher numbers #11681 through #11728 in the total amount of \$90,319.32.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Webster asked that items 2a and 2b, under "Mayor Lee Webster" be removed from the agenda for discussion as these issues will not need further review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Webster stated he had received a letter from the Brewster Chamber of Commerce thanking the Mayor and the City of Brewster for all of their cooperation and hard work in making all of the community events in Brewster such a great success. They also stated they enjoy working in conjunction with the City and their employees on community events and hope the partnership can continue and grow.

PROPOSED EVENT CENTER – BREWSTER FLAT:

Mayor Lee Webster stated he had just learned of a proposed "event center" that may be going in on the Brewster Flat, old Highway 97. This event center would be located on the Medrano property, near their auto repair shop. They have sought a permit to begin the process.

Mayor Webster stated that he is strongly opposed to this going in and feels it will take revenue away from our Rec Center, which hosts many of these events. The Brewster Police Department is also adamantly against this primarily due to the fact it will be outside of the City limits, with limited to no security coverage. The PD is also concerned that because this event center may allow alcohol on the premises, that this will create problems in itself as well.

Mayor Lee Webster stated many residents in the area have strongly expressed their disapproval of such a facility going in. Mayor Lee Webster stated he will be submitting a letter to the County expressing his disapproval as well and has encouraged the PD to do the same. The County cannot legally deny permitting for such a facility, but hopes that the strong community voice can make them think twice about it and how it will affect the neighbors and the community of Brewster. Mayor Webster will keep everyone informed of when the Public Hearing for this will take place.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-SALMON DERBY LETTER:

Mayor Lee Webster reviewed the letter the City had received from JD Smith, Brewster Chamber Salmon Derby Director with respect to the 4th Annual Budweiser Lowrance Salmon Derby. Mr. Smith thanked the City and the numerous people who volunteered for the Derby and helped

make it such a huge success. There were over two-hundred and forty (240) entrants in the Derby this year, with the Chamber giving away of \$20,000 worth of cash and prizes.

MAYOR WEBSTER:

ANGLE TRAILER PARK – ORDINANCE NO. 726

Public Works Director Smith stated that a letter was sent with the July 2009 billing to each tenant at the Angle Trailer Park regarding Ordinance No. 726, regarding “no dogs allowed” in the trailer park. Public Works Director Smith states that he knows that some of the residents do have dogs and feels it would not be in the City’s best interest to try and enforce this. He believes it would be best for the City Council to consider amending the ordinance to allow dogs at the Angle Trailer Park, with specific rules in place. He also stated that the City is now seeking support from the Angle Trailer Park tenants so they can change the ordinance to allow those who have dogs to keep them, and for those who may want to get one.

Tenant Grace Cavazos stated that she has had her dogs, her “babies” for years and would be devastated if she had to give them up. Linda Riggan, another ATP tenant, stated she also has a dog – a very small dog – and has her yard fenced in order to control and contain her pet. She recommended that if the ordinance were amended to allow dogs in the trailer park, that there indeed be specific rule to accompany the change. She also stated that there were many feral cats in the trailer park and was there anything the City could do to remedy the problem? Mayor Webster stated that it is extremely hard to enforce cat control as we have no means to house them if they were caught. (The City dog pound cages are too large for cats, and even some small dogs for that matter). He also stated that it is hard to trap them, as well as differentiate a feral cat from a scared house cat, as when the cats are in the traps, they do become agitated.

Mayor Webster does recommend at this time that Ordinance No. 726 be amended to allow the tenants at the Angle Trailer Park to have dogs. Police Chief Ron Oules also recommended that specific boundaries be set for the dogs to “operate” in as well as enforcing the same requirements as other City residents to include yearly licensing and keeping the animal fenced (confined within the property) as well as having the animal on a leash when out in public. The current City ordinance for all residents states that you can have no more than three (3) dogs per household and absolutely no pit bulls. The same would apply to the ATP residents. Some Tenants asked if they could fence their property to either keep dogs in, or out of their yards. Public Works Director Smith stated yes, they could fence their property but would need permission from the City, and so the City could go down and properly mark their lot.

MOTION: Council Member Freels made the motion to amend Ordinance #726, Section B, #13, to allow the tenants at the Angle Trailer Park to possess a dog, provided the tenants meet and follow the Brewster Municipal Code regarding dogs and that the owner install a fence capable of containing the animal. Council Member Scheller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Public Works Director Smith will have the Ordinance #726 amendment prepared for the September 9th City Council Meeting

SUNRISE DISPOSAL – 2009 RATES:

Mayor Webster reviewed the letter received from the President of Sunrise Disposal, James Gotti. In this letter, Mr. Gotti stated that the company will not be requesting a cost-of-living adjustment for garbage service on the anniversary date of July 1, 2009.

2010 CENSUS PARTNERSHIP PROCLAMATION:

Yuri Morales, representative from the Census Bureau, presented to discuss the 2010 Census. The census is performed every 10 years and is important to communities with respect to funding they may receive from census data that is collected. It also helps determine if certain cities will get more schools, healthcare facilities, translators and other special programs depending on the specific needs of that City. The questionnaires will go out in March of 2010 and can be completed and mailed back to the Census Bureau. The 2010 Census is the shortest in history.

Ms. Morales also reported that the Census Bureau will be conducting "complete census reporting" in which a "count committee" will be going door to door helping people fill out the questionnaires completely and accurately as well as informing them of the importance of the census and how it affects them. This will assure accurate census information as well as targeting the "hard to count" part of communities.

Police Chief Ron Oules stated that in our City, there are several homes where the owner indicates that only one or two families live in the home, when in reality is more like four to five families living in one residence. He stated that some of the people may not truthfully answer the questions on the census form when it comes to how many people/families actually live in the home, therefore making a true census count impossible to obtain. Ms. Morales stated that with the "complete count committee" this will be the primary focus – going to these particular residences and explaining what the census is and why it is so important for them to accurately and truthfully answer the questions on the form. She also explained that many people do not fill out the form, or do not tell the truth on the form because they believe they will get into trouble with the law. The "complete count committee" will be explaining to these individuals that this form is anonymous and that it is solely for the purpose of accurately counting the number of people in a community and their needs.

Ms. Morales asked if the Mayor would be willing to sign the "Proclamation of Partnership" which simply states that the City of Brewster supports the goals of the census, will encourage the residents of Brewster to participate, support the census takers and will seek opportunities to collaborate with like-minded groups, including the Complete Count Committee.

Ms. Morales would like to form a committee within Brewster to ensure that complete counts are being obtained. Police Chief Ron Oules, Building Inspector Darren Moore, BPD Staff and other City officials were encouraged to work with the Census Bureau to make sure we get a complete count of our City. Ms. Morales will be in contact with these individuals to set up meetings at a later date to discuss a plan.

MOTION: Council Member Freels made the motion to authorize Mayor Lee Webster to sign the 2010 Census Proclamation. Council Member Smyth seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD REC CENTER/STORAGE/BOXING RING:

Mayor Webster presented Council with a proposal for the old Recreation Center, which is currently being used for storage. His proposal is to tear down the old Rec Center building and use this site for the Goehry Memorial Basketball Court which is currently located at the corner of 7th and Bruce, at the boat launch entrance. The Goehry family is not opposed to the court being moved, as long as it is still available for use to the community.

Mayor Webster stated that if the building were to be demolished, possible the PUD could possibly put in the "play surface" while they are doing the other park repairs and improvements. Currently, the roof leaks on the building and is not being used for anything other than storage. Repairing the roof would be quite expensive. When asked, Public Works Director Smith stated it is his recommendation that the building be torn down. There is some boxing equipment being stored there now, but this could be sold as surplus or possibly

donated. Mayor Lee Webster stated by moving the basketball court away from the boat launch, this will decrease the amount of activity at the launch and RV Park, as well as putting the court closer to the Rec Center for more centralized sports activities.

MOTION: Council Member Freels made the motion to approve the demolition of the old Rec Center and the placement of the Goehry Memorial Basketball court the old Rec Center space. Council Member Smyth seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE DIRECTOR PAMELA OLSEN:

MONTHLY TREASURERS REPORT:

Finance Director Pamela Olsen stated that due to problems with the Springbrook software program, she was unable to finish and print the monthly treasurer's report for Council. She has a call into tech support, and will be contacting them again tomorrow to fix the problem. She did report, however, that Streets and the Airport are still in the red, with the pool, water, sewer and the Rec Center all in the black.

Police Chief Ron Oules asked when the departments will be receiving the yearly revenue reports. Finance Director Pamela Olsen stated that the report they received in June reflected the revenues for the first half of the year. Since the books do not close for the year until December, the revenues for the second half of the year are "projected" and the final numbers will not be available until year-end.

DAN SMITH – AIRPORT REPORT:

Airport Chairman Dan Smith reported that the Airport Commission did not hold a meeting in July. He did report, however, that during the June meeting Mr. John McNamara had expressed an interest in serving on the Airport Commission. Mr. McNamara's brother owns a hanger in which he subleases from him at the Brewster Airport.

Due to the City Representative vacancy on the Airport Commission – formerly held by Jerry Tretwold - Mayor Webster appointed Council Member John Scheller as the City representative to serve on the Airport Commission.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - J.D. SMITH

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE:

Public Works Director Smith stated the Planning Commission did not meet, as City Planner Kurt Danison was unable to attend. At the next meeting, they would like to discuss the UGA, and hopefully Mr. Danison will be able to attend this meeting.

EARLY HEAD START PROPOSAL AT CCCC:

Public Works Director Smith presented and reviewed a letter he had received from Tammy Miller, OCCDA. This letter outlined a proposal to implement another program with the Head Start Program which would now include an Early Head Start Program, and would run September through May. This program would use a portion of the game room. This would not interfere with the Summer Food Program, which also takes place in the same area. By allowing the Early Head Start Program to be held at the Rec Center, the rent for the program would go from \$760.00 per month (Head Start Program) to \$1,400.00 per month and would include both Head Start and Early Head Start Programs. There are several other items discussed in the proposal, to include, possible replacement of the kitchen stove, minor remodeling and other indoor/outdoor improvements – all of which would be performed by OCCDA.

MOTION: Council Member Scheller made the motion to move forward with discussion regarding the new lease negotiations with the OCCDA for the Head Start/Early Head Start Program. Council Member Dawson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Public Works Director Smith will be in contact with Ms. Miller regarding the negotiation, as well and contacting City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman to discuss the proposal as well.

SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; RESOLUTION 09-05:

Public Works Director JD Smith stated that the City of Brewster is required to submit a yearly update for our previously submitted Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program through the WSDOT. Public Works Director Smith stated he has made some changes that will be submitted with the new updated paperwork. In February of 2010, there will be grant monies available for curbs, sidewalks and drains. Public Works Director Smith has put together a new "identifier" list which is a listing of our priority streets. The yearly update - Resolution No. 09-05 - will need to be submitted should any money come available.

MOTION: Council Member Smyth made the motion to approve Resolution No. 09-05 regarding the City of Brewster Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for years 2010 through 2015. Council Member Freels seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DC PUD – JARPA (Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application):

Public Works Director Smith stated that the City is required to submit the JARPA application for SEPA review. Currently, the application (for a park improvements) is split between in-the-water construction and out-of-water construction projects. For the out-of-water projects, the City will need to submit as exemption as those particular projects do not require SEPA review. A public hearing is planned for next month.

HEADSTONE SETTING FEES – WAR VETERANS:

Public Works Director Smith informed Council of a headstone that the City had received for placement at the Locust Grove Cemetery. This headstone is for a local man who was also a War Veteran. Public Works Director Smith stated he does not believe there is a Resolution in place specifying that the City will place these particular headstones at no cost to the family, and has recommended to Council that one be entertained. Finance Director Olsen stated that this would be in the form of an amendment to the Rate Resolution. Council agreed. Finance Director Olsen will make the changes to the Rate Resolution with approval at the September 9th Council Meeting.

TRAINING:

Public Works Director Smith informed Council of a training course and an annual conference that he would like to attend. One is on August 27th, a grant writing seminar in Wenatchee sponsored by Evergreen Rural Water. There is no charge for attending.

The second is the Evergreen Rural Water Annual Conference in Ocean Shores, Washington, August 31st through September 4th. The total cost of attending this conference, including lodging, meals and travel expenses will total approximately \$700.00. Public Works Director Smith attended this conference last year and made some great contacts and learned valuable information. Council Member Fateley stated he was in favor of Public Works Director Smith attending both of these events, and the rest of Council agreed.

POLICE CHIEF RON OULES- POLICE DEPARTMENT:

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/STATS:

Police Chief Ron Oules stated that there have been no major incidents to report and feels fortunate to not have had any “big” events going on with respect to crime.

Overtime totaled eighty-seven (87) hours last month, with thirty (30) of them to be reimbursed.

Police Chief Ron Oules stated that after completing the first step of the COPS grant, which included submitting the application for funding, he has learned that the City of Brewster PD will not receive funding for additional officers. At this time, the City of East Wenatchee was the only agency to receive funding for a new officer. He has is hoping to learn more in September with respect to the Brewster PD. Many local agencies are down three to five officers, and Brewster may end up being down one officer, however, Police Chief Ron Oules will keep the Council informed of any changes.

The Department has been chipping away at the loud music through issuing tickets for this infraction. Mayor Webster stated he has personally noticed a decrease in the loud music from the traffic going by his home and thanked the Police Department for the extra emphasis patrols with respect to this issue.

Police Chief Ron Oules also wanted to take this time to personally thank Public Works Director JD Smith all of the time and effort he put into the 4th Annual Salmon Derby. Chief Oules stated that though there are many volunteers who help throughout the Derby and the preparation of the Derby, JD has put in many, many hours for this event each and every year and the Derby success is primarily due to his hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Lee Webster

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Finance Director Pamela Olsen, MMC