

02/11/2009

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 Jerry Tretwold. A quorum was present. Also present were Public Works Director Smith, Chief of Police Ron Oules, Finance Director Pamela Olsen and Administrative Assistant Sandra Miranda.

Council Member Freels moved to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on 01/14/09 with corrections/as submitted. 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 02/11/2009 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 #42359 through #42447 in the total amount of \$309,647.97.

Payroll Fund voucher numbers #11389 through #11431 in the total amount of \$77,121.22.

TOM HANSON/WSDOT

The process of creation of a Public Transportation System group has begun in Okanogan County and Mayor Lee Webster is part of it, this group is called Public Transportation Improvement Conference (PTIC). They are conducting a study looking at what the transportation needs are in the County and in some additional areas beyond the County, Bridgeport, the Tribe (entire reservation) and Republic.

Mr. Tom Hanson is here to explain how information is gathered and they have a form that they go by. He would like advice on this project and would like all the Council members to complete the survey and he would like input from the public if we have a way of getting the survey to all the residents.

He is planning to meet with the Senior Center and the Chamber of Commerce and would like to know what other workplaces would be a good source to meet with. It was mentioned to him that a good source of information would be the Hospital, Brewster Heights Packing, Chelan Fruit and Crane & Crane.

Councilman Fateley asked what type of transportation you are planning. Mr. Tom Hanson replied that he is not sure at this time.

Councilman Fateley stated because we have three busses that already go through the Shell station in Brewster. These are commercial busses (NWL) Northwest Lines, Okanogan County Transportation and Okanogan County buss that goes by at 7:00 am and people can ride to Okanogan and Omak but this one is different than the senior buss. He also stated that the ridership is low now.

Mr. Hanson stated that this is seasonally and tends to increase around the holidays. They are recommending that not necessarily has to be a bus route, it can be subsidize car pooling, volunteer pool or van pool.

They are looking at other programs to see at what level base they need to start to be able to provide all the services, one of them being the Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition program.

Councilman Fateley mentioned that Tran-care already exists and if it is the same program. Mr. Hanson replied no and that some of the programs like Tran-care are funded by subsidizing state competitive grants.

Councilman Tretwold asked what are the funding sources going to be.

Mr. Hanson replied that once they know what an effective system would be and they cost it out, they will look at different mechanisms that State Statue aloud for funding. Primarily in the State of Washington has been done through increments of sales tax increase, they would look at what level this might take. Then they will go to PTIC and take their recommendation to the group and it will include what type of service they will be able to provide.

Mayor Webster stated that Mr. Hanson had said that there would not be a reduction or duplication in current services.

Councilman Fateley stated that there would need to fit everybody needs. Like making two trips per day to Okanogan or Omak.

Mr. Hanson stated that they can look at working with the employers in the area.

Councilman Tretwold asked where the sales tax will go.

Mr. Hanson replied that they would go to the treasurer's office and they would base it on what the agreement had been.

Councilman Tretwold asked if they would have a problem do to the entire budget cutting.

Mr. Hanson explained that regarding the transportation for people with special needs there has not been a problem with the State budget. They also have a member of the Oroville board and this might help bring extra funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public comment was brought forth.

MAYOR WEBSTER

GEBBERS EASEMENT EXCHANGE:

Mayor Lee Webster signed the documents on Tuesday February 10, 2009 with penalty provisions.

GEBBERS WATER AGREEMENT:

Mayor Lee Webster signed the documents today Wednesday February 11, 2009.

ORDINANCE #813

Ordinance #813 is for information only it was already presented at last council meeting

TITLE 17/PUBLIC HEARING

PWD Smith has been working on it with Kurt Danison to make sure all the paperwork is ready. Councilman Freels made a motion to set the public hearing date for next meeting, councilman Fateley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE DIRECTOR PAMELA OLSEN:

MONTHLY TREASURERS REPORT:

No report available for this month. City Clerk Pam Olsen has been working on closing the books for the year. She will have the report ready for March.

Also she has been looking at classes available for Council members and the Mayor through Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and has been working on creating different reports so they could be presented differently to the Council members, she would like to have it ready by March but it will be a work in progress. She explained to them that no matter what report they use, it has to follow the law.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - J.D. SMITH

WWTP UPDATE:

No Updates.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE:

Kurt Danison requested that the Public Hearing date be set for Title 17; there is a 60 day comment period.

AIRPORT REPORT – DAN SMITH, COMMISSION CHAIR:

Chairperson Dan Smith stated that they have located a beacon light and it is very similar to the previous one. It has been donated.

Also he has been working on redoing the Airport Layout Plan. The airport will be receiving more moneys depending on the airport needs.

PWD Smith has talked to Paul Johnson and Jeff Kavamme at DOT aviation, to submit plans to start receiving funding. In the past the funding has been \$150,000.00 per year but now it depends on the airport needs.

OUTSIDE WATER USE AGREEMENT:

PWD Smith met with Tory Wulf, Eric Smith and Scott Baker to discuss the new line drawings. They are not official yet they are still in draft mode. Also they talked about the entire system which includes our mainline extension to the private line up and around the new facility and crossing highway 97 extending out to Main Street and Indian. PWD Smith took a lot of notes from this meeting.

Also they discussed part of the agreement that when they cross highway 97 and extend in both directions part of the agreement is to add a 12" line to Indian and connect which is what the City originally wanted.

Mayor Webster stated the he met with Tory Wulf to confirm the above discussion and also discussed the South side of Highway 97 up to Main Street and connecting at Main Street as well. PWD Smith stated that per their conversation they would grant the City the 20' (Feet) easement to put in. Another issue is the contractor needs to install the mainline extension and they might want to have the person that is building the warehouse do it.

PWD Smith requested that when they have the contractor ready he would need to verify all the paperwork including actual Washington State permit, license and bonding to make sure everything is in order.

Councilman Fateley asked if the City brings a consultant in, who will be responsible for paying this. PWD Smith replied they are (meaning GFI, Gebbers Farms, Inc.) and that they would be paying for any engineering or consulting.

OTHER UPDATES:

PWD Smith requested the approval for two his employees to go to training in March. One is a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) class in Moses Lake for one day and the cost is \$125.00 and the other is a building inspector class in the Try-cities for two days and the cost is \$175.00.

Councilman Fateley made a motion to approve the training for both employees, Councilman Freels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

POLICE CHIEF RON OULES- POLICE DEPARTMENT:

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/STATS:

They are on track. Traffic infractions are a little higher do to traffic violations (speeding, suspended licenses); it also has to do with the policeman's being more aggressive and also dealing more with traffic complaints.

Everything else is about the same.

Chief Oules commended all the policeman's for doing a great job.

Four (4) hours of overtime have been paid out the rest is contractual.

Juana put a report together and it shows that out of seventy classifiable offenses 16 cases cleared by actual adult arrest. Juveniles do not fall in this category.

Chief Oules also presented an Interlocal agreement between the Police Department and the Okanogan County Special Response Team (SWAT).

We have one officer training one day for this, he is Marcos Ruiz.

What it is is the Sheriff's response team to come to critical instances where the local police would not be able to handle it.

This agreement is at no cost to us.

Chuck drew up the agreement, he is comfortable with it. Chief Oules will send it to Okanogan County for review. They requested that Mayor Lee Webster signs it first and then they will do it.

A motion was made by Art Smyth to have Mayor Webster sign the agreement, councilman Freels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Webster requested that all the Council members meet with all the Fire District #15 members to try to work out all the differences. If nothing gets resolved they might be going to a call system within one year.

Councilman Frees stated that he had been contacted by White Water Construction to see if the City would be interested in buying water rights.

RECESS: At 7:15 p.m., Mayor Webster adjourned the City Council Meeting for a five (5) minute recess, at the end of which, Council would convene into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation and collective bargaining.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – RCW 42.30.110 – POTENTIAL LITIGATION,
APPROXIMATELY 15 (Fifteen) MINUTES:**

Mayor Webster announced that Council would be adjourning into an executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss potential litigation for approximately 15 (fifteen) minutes.

At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Webster announced that the executive session had ended. He then reconvened into regular session at 7:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Lee Webster

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Finance Director Pamela Olsen, MMC