

Mayor Lee Webster called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Council Members present were Kris Dawson, Dan Smith and Art Smyth. A quorum was present. Council Members Bob Fateley and John Scheller were absent (excused). Also present were Public Works Director Smith, Chief of Police Ron Oules and Deputy Clerk Desha Dawson. Finance Director/Clerk Pamela Olsen was absent.

Council Member Smyth moved to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on 9/22/10 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dawson 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 10/20/2010 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 #43961 through #44024, in the amount of \$102,166.76. Also verified was a void check from the 9/22/2010 Council Meeting in the amount of \$118.47, #43891 made out to Aquatic Specialties. This was a payment that had already been made. Payroll Fund voucher numbers #12275 through #12313 in the total amount of \$92,343.57.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

MOTION: Council Member Smyth made the motion to approve the October 20, 2010 City Council Final Agenda. Council Member Dawson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment was brought forth.

MAYOR WEBSTER:

HIGHLAND ASSOCIATES TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOLLOW-UP:

Mayor Webster stated he spoke with Kurt Danison, City Planner, regarding this issue. Mr. Danison stated that this is not a requirement of the City of Brewster to participate in this request as it has more to do with cities that have levies and dikes. Highland & Associates will be attending this training regardless. Therefore, Mayor Webster stated that City of Brewster will not be contributing to the cost of their personnel to attend this training.

PUD/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Webster stated that he and Pateros Mayor Gail Howe have a meeting set for the 25th of October with the County Commissioners to discuss the monies owed to the cities of Pateros and Brewster regarding the Privilege Tax.

Council Member Dawson asked if there would be any consideration given by the Commissioners to reduce or waive the jail fees owed by the City to the County in lieu of payment. The Mayor stated he would be asking this question of them. The Mayor believes that the City should take action to ensure payment otherwise. He is hopeful that this meeting will allow the City and the County to come to an agreement on this issue, and feels we should make every effort to get the money that is owed to us. Council Member Smith and Council Member Smyth agreed.

The Mayor stated that both the cities of Pateros and Brewster will be asking for a contract between the two entities from here on out, so that this does not become an issue in the future.

PUD – LAUNCH/DOCK UPDATE:

Mayor Webster stated that almost all of the out of water project is completed or near completion (parking lot, paving, lighting, power, etc.). The in water project (dock/launch) is still awaiting a response from the Corp of Engineers regarding the permits. He is hopeful that this permit will go through soon, however, it is not looking like it will. The project is slated for completion by October of 2011.

FINANCE DIRECTOR PAMELA OLSEN:

No report at this time, as Finance Director Pamela Olsen is out on medical leave.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - J.D. SMITH

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:

Public Works Director Smith stated that Rec Center Director Eddie Allen recently advertised and held a Community Dance. Despite efforts with advertising via radio and signs, not one person showed up at this event. The signs were originally done up in English, then a few days prior to the dance, signs were posted in Spanish. Total City cost for this event was \$350 (\$100 for half of the DJ fee, \$250 for the security fees). Public Works Director Smith stated that is becoming more obvious that there is a significant lack of community support for this facility. Although he does not want to see it happen, it is looking more and more like this facility may be in fear of shutting down. Simply – the facility cannot support itself and without community support and use to generate revenue, we cannot afford to keep it staffed and open.

We (City and Council) need to take a hard look at this subject and decide the best avenue to take. We need to focus on getting programs into the facility that the community will support and use, otherwise the outlook is not good. Mayor Webster agreed, stating that in order for the Rec Center to remain operational, there has to be community support.

STREETS:

Public Works Director Smith stated that the street line painting has been completed. City wide pothole repair is near completion. Currently, the crew is prepping for winter,

blowing out water lines, etc. The RV Park will have the water service discontinued for the winter as of Thursday, October 21st. The daily/weekly/monthly rates for the RV Park will be in effect that day as well (\$15 daily, \$75 weekly, \$225 monthly). The crew has also been doing some landscaping work at the Anderson Field Airport. They have also been clearing some areas out that have to do with snow removal preparations.

Public Works Director Smith has been in contact with Mary Vargas, FAA, regarding her recent onsite visit. She is currently reviewing the TIF and when the review is complete, she will send us her report regarding airport lease compliance.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09 – NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

Public Works Director Smith stated that Resolution 10-09, regarding designation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), is presented to Council for approval at this time. The City of Brewster has already adopted the County's plan, and adopting the NIMS plan is in the County guidelines as a requirement. This will designate the NIMS as the basis of all emergency/incident response and management in the City of Brewster.

MOTION: Council Member Smyth made the motion to adopt Resolution 10-09, designating the National Incident Management System as the basis for all emergency/incident response and management for the City of Brewster. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

POLICE CHIEF RON OULES:

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/STATS:

Police Chief Ron Oules stated there were 50 hours of overtime, most of which is contractual and reimbursed. He stated that the calls for service are down overall for this time of year. The stats for September are similar to those in August. The department is currently awaiting warrants on suspects in a recent burglary. It may take some time to receive these warrants, but they will stay on top it.

Police Chief Oules also stated that the department has received the 2011 Chevy Tahoe, which it received through grants from Homeland Security and the USDA. This vehicle is currently being outfitted for patrols. The reimbursement is in the works, and will take some time to get the funds, but it is in process.

The Chief then went on to discuss jail fees. He recently discovered a law that went into effect in 2005 that allows agencies to bill inmates for their jail time. This is a topic within the consortium at this time. Discussions have been held regarding the implementation of electronic home monitoring (EHM), but not all judges in the County are on board with this idea. Oules stated that EHM may be the key in helping to eliminate some of the cities debt with respect to jail fees. This program is already in place, it is just a matter of implementing it and fees, if applicable.

Police Chief Oules also stated that the calls for animal complaints have been handled equally between the Code Enforcement Officer and the PD, with both working in conjunction with one another on these calls.

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ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Lee Webster

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Finance Director Pamela Olsen, MMC