

Mayor Lee Webster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Art Smyth, Kris Dawson, Dave Freels and John Scheller. Dan Smith was absent. Also present were City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman, Public Works Director JD Smith, City Clerk Misty Ruiz, Police Chief Ron Oules and Deputy Clerk Desha Dawson.

❖ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –**

**ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

Mayor Webster asked that items d. and e. on the agenda be moved before item a.

**MOTION:** Council Member Freels made the motion to approve the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 City Council Final Agenda with the above request. Council Member Scheller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Scheller moved to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2012 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 05-09-2012 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 #1949 (Court), #47290, #47291, #47293-#47296, #47323 and #47329 - #47385 in the total amount of \$153,418.52.

Payroll Fund voucher numbers #173 - #180, #193 – #214, #47201-#47205, #47297-#47310, #47312-#47322 in the total amount of \$101,929.43.

**MOTION:** Council Member Freels made the motion to approve the above noted bills and payroll for payment. Council Member Scheller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**MIKE HASSING – FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS:**

Mike Hassing, Family Health Centers, and Dr. Keith Hanson of Community Medical Center presented to discuss the merger between the two clinics. Tentatively, FHC will take over CMC to help solidify the healthcare community. Dr. Hanson and Mr. Hassing both stated that there will not be any disruption in patient care and patient services whatsoever. Both stated that if there are any questions, we or any member of the public can contact them directly.

**DON MCIVOR – UPPER COLUMBIA SALMON RECOVERY:**

Don McIvor, Ken Bevis and Bud Hover presented to Council to review the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board project. A power point presentation was given, along with discussion throughout regarding the recovery plan for this area, the project itself and the benefits to our community. Mr. McIvor stated that he would like to have a letter from the City showing its support of this Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Project.

**MOTION:** Council Member Smyth made the motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Project. Council Member Freels seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**MAYOR WEBSTER:**

**AMERICORPS/SCHOOL PAINTING PROJECT:**

Mayor Webster reviewed a letter he received from Anthony Ruiz. Mr. Ruiz is a member of the Americorps and is currently serving at the Brewster Elementary School. He submitted a project in which he and a group of volunteers would like to paint Bear Paw Prints to represent the pathway to the Brewster School from the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street to school parking lot. There is no need for Council approval for this; they will only need assistance with blocking that section of the street off while they paint.

**ACTION LIST FOLLOW UP:**

The action item list from the April Council meeting was reviewed (see attached). The following requests, notes and discussions are outlined on the action item list for April.

**MISTY RUIZ – CITY CLERK TREASURER:**

**MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT:**

Clerk Ruiz presented the monthly finance report. She stated that these reports will always be one month behind, as what the Council is approving currently is for the previous month. Council Member Dawson asked about the outstanding loans. Ruiz stated that she will try to get this report in their packets for next month's Council meeting.

**15-MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION:**

At 6:55 pm, Mayor Webster announced that Council will now convene into a 15-minute executive session to discuss Potential Litigation.

**MOTION:** Council Member Freels made the motion to convene into a 15-minute Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Council Member Scheller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7:10 – Mayor Webster announced a 10-minute extension of the Executive Session.

7:20 – Mayor Webster announced a 5-minute extension of the Executive Session.

7:25 – Mayor Webster announced a 5-minute extension of the Executive Session.

7:30 – Mayor Webster announced a 10-minute extension of the Executive Session.

7:40 – Mayor Webster announced a 10-minute extension of the Executive Session.

7:50 – Mayor Webster announced a 10-minute extension of the Executive Session.

8:00 – Mayor Webster announced a 5-minute extension of the Executive Session.

At 8:05, Mayor Webster announced the closing of the Executive Session, and reconvened into the regular session. The following action was taken:

**MOTION:** Council Member Smyth made the motion to set a Special Meeting date for Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for further discussion regarding Airport Leases. Council Member Freels seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

AIRPORT LEASES:

Meeting date regarding this as noted above.

JD SMITH – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:

Public Works Director Smith noted there have been issues with vandalism at the park restrooms. His crews are spending many hours cleaning them and he is working on a solution that will hopefully curb the vandalism without having to close the restrooms at night and on the weekends.

Public Works Director Smith and his crew had to perform an irrigation line repair at the cemetery. Lines repair for this will be around \$1,898.00. This is necessary for irrigation at the cemetery.

State Road Crews will begin working on sections of the highway between Pateros and Brewster. The State will also be replacing nine (9) ADA wheel chair ramps that are the incorrect width. There will be no total closures of the highway or any of the streets; however, the City will be assisting them with any closures if needed.

DCPUD/FERC licensing is in place and near completed. If approved, the City of Brewster will begin to receive the \$62K per year as agreed upon in the relicensing project.

GRAFFITI ORDINANCE NO. 843 (NEW CHAPTER TO 8.40):

Council has received and reviewed Ordinance No. 843 regarding Graffiti.

**MOTION:** Council Member Smyth made the motion to approve Ordinance #843, declaring graffiti a public nuisance and prohibiting possession of graffiti implements with intent to deface; requiring removal of graffiti, imposing civil penalties and establishing an appeals procedure. Council Member Dawson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

KURT DANISON – HIGHLANDS ASSOCIATES:

Kurt Danison of Highlands Associates (City Planner) presented to request Council authorization to begin the following projects:

Gamble Ranch Development  
Airport Zoning

Comp Plan – regarding Park & Recreation  
Shoreline Master Plan

**MOTION:** Council Member Smyth made the motion to approve Kurt Danison and Highlands Associates to begin working on the above subject for the City of Brewster. Council Member Scheller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**POLICE CHIEF RON OULES:**

**NCW TASK FORCE AGREEMENT:**

Police Chief Ron Oules presented and reviewed the 2012-2013 North Central Washington Narcotics Task Force operation agreement and request for annual fee. The fee this year is \$2000. Council and Police Chief Ron Oules all agree that this is money well spent in respect to the services we receive from them.

**MOTION:** Council Member Smyth made the motion to authorize the Mayor and Police Chief Ron Oules to sign and enter into the operations agreement for the NCWTF, as well as paying the \$2000 participation fee. Council Member Dawson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**STATS AND UPDATES:**

Police Chief Ron Oules stated that the stats are 10% higher this year when compared to last year. Overtime is within normal limits.

Police Chief Ron Oules stated that the Civil Service Oral Boards portion of the new hire interviews have been completed. He had ten new applicants; six showed up. He has had one lateral apply for the position. In two weeks, he should have a solid answer on who the department will be hiring.

Oules went on to state that he would still like to know where the Council stands on replacing Officer Rieb's position. Council Member Scheller and Dawson are not comfortable with filling the position (financially) at this time. Council Member Smyth does not agree. Freels stated that our numbers are not good enough yet to make that decision. Scheller would like to see definitive, sound financials before he makes his decision. He needs *sound* numbers. Freels stated we need to take care of our infrastructure. Dawson would like to see a street repair done as well as the Plaza Way repair done. Police Chief Ron Oules stated he would like an idea of where we have to get in order to be good enough (financially) to consider hiring an officer to replace Rieb. Freels answered we are not good enough yet. Oules then asked when he should revisit this request to replace Officer Rieb. Dawson and Freels both stated when a street is done. Council Member Smyth asked if we don't have money to hire an officer, how can we fix a street?

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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Mayor Lee Webster

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Treasurer, Misty Ruiz