

Mayor Lee Webster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Dan Smith, Art Smyth, Kris Dawson, Dave Freels and John Scheller. Also present were City Clerk Misty Ruiz, Police Chief Ron Oules and Administrative Assistant Sandra Miranda.

❖ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –**

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Personnel Update and Public hearing for the Water Use Efficiency Plan.

MOTION: Council Member_Freels made the motion to approve the July 11th, 2012 City Council Final Agenda as is/with additions above. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and it 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, July 11, 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 #47492 - #47499 and #47535 - #47604 in the total amount of \$210,037.31.

Payroll Fund voucher numbers #242 - 249,252 - 272, #47426 - #47430, #47490 - #47491 and #47500 - #47535 in the total amount of \$114,956.88.

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:

JENNIFER PRICE – NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINT:

Jennifer Price from 408 S. 3rd St. is here concerned about a possible unlicensed daycare.

VIRGINIA TORRES -

Is here because she is residing at the following address: 416 ½ Jay Ave; and wants to know if the City will allow her to make payments on her delinquent utility account. Clerk/Treasurer Misty Ruiz will f/u with Virginia Torres on this matter.

PUBLIC HEARING – WATER USE EFFICIENCY PLAN UPDATE

Eric Smith from Erlandsen and Associates is here representing the firm and to give a detailed description about the public hearing. When the plan was submitted and reviewed by the State they requested that a few changes be made to meet the goals in a specific element.

Public hearing was declared open at 7:49 pm. No public present. Public hearing closed at 7:50 pm.

MAYOR WEBSTER:

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE:

Council Member Dan Smith made a motion to change the Council meeting date to August 15th, 2012; Council Member Smyth seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE MID YEAR FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Mayor Lee Webster stated that it will not be reviewed today and it will be postponed until August.

SUNRISE DISPOSAL RATE INCREASE REQUEST:

The rate increase was discussed by all the Council Members and a motion was made by Council Member Smith to accept the 2.75% increase, Council Member Scheller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Also manager Dick Howe is here representing Sunrise Disposal to thank the City for giving them the opportunity to work with us and also to introduce Jim Gotti son, he will be working with them.

ACTION LIST FOLLOW UP:

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

SHAN MILLER – POOL UPDATE:

The Health Department inspector came by the pool today and the inspection was good. Shan stated we have a Good Team!

PERSONNEL UPDATE:

There is one employee on sick leave right now and his status is on hold, he is waiting for surgery approval. Lynn Lawson stated that this employee was his partner in helping maintain the WWTP.

Council member Smyth asked if the temporary employee knew he was temporary. Clerk/Treasurer Misty Ruiz stated that all temporary employees sign a form and that he is aware of his temporary status.

Council member Scheller made a motion to keep the temporary employee until the end of August. Council member Freels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The status of the temporary employee will be reviewed at next council meeting in August.

Council member Freels made a motion that if somebody leaves or quits any position at the City it needs to be presented to council before approving the replacement position. Council member Dawson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of three (3) in favor (Freels, Dawson and Scheller) and two (2) opposed (Smyth and Smith).

MISTY RUIZ – CITY CLERK TREASURER:

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT:

May numbers are Ok. Payroll numbers for June are larger than usual; this is due to the pool employees. Accounts payables for June has larger amounts and it is due to sewer loan payments.

Clerk/Treasurer Misty Ruiz stated that the audit report is for the period 2009 – 2010 and at this time she was not the person in charge, but she is responsible for responding to the audit. She also commented that the local paper “Quad City Herald” had not commented on the changes that have been done by her office and requested that they do.

JD SMITH – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:

Lynn Lawson is here representing JD Smith as he is on vacation. Some of the pot holes have been covered. Alleys have been graded and weed spray is being done.

Council member Dawson asked about the river walk water being off. Bill Sachse stated that is due to weeds growing and getting out of hand. He also stated that the city does not have the manpower or funds to get all the weeds pulled out of the river walk.

POLICE CHIEF RON OULES:

STATS AND UPDATES:

Chief Oules stated that overtime is the same. The new car is up and running and the new officer is working out well.

Council member Freels made a motion not to replace officer Rieb and to eliminate his position and to transfer the money to the street department. Council member Scheller seconded the motion. Motion carried, three in favor (Freels, Scheller and Dawson), two against (Smyth and Smith). Clerk/Treasurer Misty Ruiz will get the dollar amount for next council meeting.

Council member Freels made a motion to get a bid from the County for officer coverage. Motion not seconded. Motion died.

Mayor Webster asked the Safety committee to ask Sheriff Frank Rogers to present a proposal for officer coverage to the city.

Chief Oules asked that they wait until August to review the proposal from the county as he is training the new officer and it takes time away from him and at that time he will be done with the training and he will have more available time to be part of it.

It has been requested by Chief Oules that the following response be added to the minutes “Council member Freels agreed to this”.

Council member Freels received a complaint letter from a Brewster resident regarding the new police car. Chief Oules discussed all the concerns and explained that sometimes there are exceptions and none of them were true.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Mayor Lee Webster

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer, Misty Ruiz