

Mayor Lee Webster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Art Smyth, John Housden, Ramiro Villagrana and Tim Rieb. Jan May was present via telephone conference call. Also present were Public Works Director Lynn Lawson, City Clerk Misty Ruiz, Chief of Police Ron Oules and Deputy Clerk Desha Dawson.

❖ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –**

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes from 9/17/2014 City Council Meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: Council Member Housden made the motion to approve the above noted minutes and final agenda. Council Member Smyth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL:

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, October 22nd, 2014, the Council, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the voucher payment list and further described as follows:

September 2014 Manual Claims Fund voucher numbers 1032-1038, 53781 and 53782 as well as October 2014 Council Claim voucher 53814-53872 in the total amount of \$96,804.32.

September 2014 Payroll check numbers 1025-1030, 1039-1057, 53698-53702, 53705, 53783-53808 in the total amount of \$113,583.50.

MOTION: Council Member Smyth made the motion to approve the above noted bills and payroll for payment. Council Member Rieb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

RANDY LOUCKS-BLUE WATER SANITATION LAGOON LEASE:

Randy Loucks of Blue Water Sanitation presented to discuss the Lagoon Lease, as it has been six months since the extension – at the end of which, Council chose to review it once again and to go over Mr. Loucks progress in finding another more suitable location.

Mr. Loucks has asked the Council to consider extending his lease for the lagoon for another 4-5 years. During this time, Mr. Loucks will actively continue his search for another piece of property to move his lagoon to, pay the monthly fees for the lot as well as depositing \$2,000 per year into an escrow account for clean-up of the current site.

Mr. Loucks is asking for this extension to allow him enough time to locate, secure and permit another lagoon site. He understands that the airport is not the prime location for a lagoon, however, stated it is extremely difficult to find the land in Okanogan County for this service. He is actively searching for a different property and if he is able to move before the 5 years is up he will do so, and if not, he will leave at the end of 5 years without question. He does not want to be penalized, however, if he does close the airport lagoon earlier than 4-5 years from the agreed lease extension if allowed.

David Hilton, Okanogan County Environmental Health Director, was also present. He reiterated the fact that it is difficult to find property for placement of a lagoon, as well as the lengthy permitting process, that can take years to complete. He noted that this current lagoon at the airport facilitates at least 4-5 septic pumping businesses and its closure would ultimately put these people out of business as they have nowhere else to go at this time.

Council Member Housden, Council Member Villagrana, Mayor Webster and Mr. Loucks have agreed to meet later this week to discuss this further.

DEAN BUSCHING – INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE/REC CENTER:

Dean Busching and members of the Indoor Soccer League were present to inquire about the status of the Rec Center for use by their group. Mayor Webster stated that the City is still in the process of coming to an agreement with the Boys and Girls Club – which is looking positive. Busching stated he understands there are concerns with the amount of wear and tear that the building has suffered from the activities there, and if the soccer group is causing any of this damage, they will be more than happy to be proactive in finding solutions to keep further damage from occurring. They want to make sure they are good guests at the Rec Center.

MAYOR WEBSTER:

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB UPDATE:

Mayor Webster stated that he has received a verbal commitment from the Boys and Girls Club that they will be continuing discussions and moving forward with coming in to run the Columbia Cove Community Center. The hope is that they will be in by November 1st, but the date may be later pending discussions and staffing. Mayor Webster did state that someone will be there November 1st, regardless, as there are recurring programs that need to be coordinated – ie: soccer, AAU basketball and men's league basketball.

WATER RIGHTS DISCUSSION:

Roger Erlandsen, of Erlandsen and Associates, presented to discuss our water rights. He stated that based on their current review of our water use, we are under our threshold. It is his recommendation that we shelve our water rights application for two years. Erlandsen also stated that our growth projections and water needs are being reviewed and this will give the City a clear picture as to what our future needs are before we make a request for more water. At this time, however, there is no clear need for more and we can shelve it for later use with no negative impact. He will get this in writing from the DOE.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS:

Okanogan/Ferry Counties Chapter, WA Pilots Association
Okanogan County Tourism Council 2015 Hotel/Motel Tax Funds

MOTION: *Council Member Housden made the motion to approve the above noted requests for 10% of the Hotel/Motel tax for the OCTC marketing efforts and a \$300 contribution to the Okanogan/Ferry Counties WA Pilots Association for tourism advertising. Council Member Smyth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

TECH TEAM MEETING UPDATE:

Mayor Webster reported on the Tech Team meeting held in Wenatchee on Sept. 30th with regard to our failing water reservoir. He stated that funding options were discussed. It was a very informative meeting.

MISTY RUIZ – CITY CLERK TREASURER:

FINANCE REPORT:

Clerk Misty Ruiz reviewed the financial reports for June, July and August. The current statement for September is not available at this time due to a bank merger. Council did not have any questions for Ruiz at this time.

LYNN LAWSON – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES/ PROJECT UPDATES:

- Lawson stated he received an email from a pilot in BC who thanked the Council and City for their generosity in assisting with transportation to and from the Anderson Field Airport during their recent visit. They plan to make many more.
- Martha's Road project is nearing completion. The water line now has a continuous loop and all homes/meters are on line. One resident interviewed stated they were more than happy to be inconvenienced by the project as now they have better water pressure and improvement in the taste/smell of the water.
- Handicap access at the Cove Park gazebo is completed.
- The new doors for the Community Center have been ordered and will be installed in the next month.
- The Angle Trailer Court water project is set to begin on October 27th. This will be a 40-day project.
- Public Works Director Lawson informed Council of a gear box failure at the treatment plant. This is one of the gear boxes necessary for the aeration unit, and these units run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is not repairable, and needs to be replaced. Lawson has a quote of \$14,000 for replacement of this unit.

MOTION: Council Member May made the motion to approve the purchase of the new aeration gear box (motor) for the WWTP at a cost of \$14,000, to be paid for from the sewer fund. Council Member Smyth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESERVOIR UPDATES:

The City has been in contact with FEMA. Public Works Director Lynn Lawson state he will need to get quotes on crack sealing – just so we can get some of the cracks sealed off to impede the current leaks. We will be doing a leak test on 10/24 to help more accurately pin point the leak amounts and where. Erlandsen's will be working with us to develop a triage plan for the leak repair and in the event of a catastrophic failure or increase in the leak, we will develop a plan for that too. We would like to have something in place, just in case.

BREWSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT:

STATS AND UPDATES:

Chief of Police Ron Oules reviewed the statistics, noting that they are very much in line with last year's numbers. Oules noted that the new hire is still on hold for academy placement in January of 2015. He stated that his current employees are being very generous and working well together to help cover shifts during this time until the new hire is established. The new patrol car will be here soon. Overtime for September will be reimbursed. He does anticipate overtime hitting the books in the next couple of months due to the holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Lee Webster

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk/Treasurer, Misty Ruiz