

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

❖ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –**

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes from 10/22/2014 City Council Meeting and the 10/15/2014 Budget Meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: *Council Member May made the motion to approve the above noted minutes and final agenda. Council Member Rieb 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, November 12th, 2014, the Council, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the voucher payment list and further described as follows:

October 2014 Manual Claims Fund voucher numbers 1082-1089 and 53895-53909 as well as November 2014 Council Claim voucher numbers 53916-53962 in the total amount of \$165,811.95.

October 2014 Payroll check numbers 1058-1081, 53809-53813 and 53873-53894 in the total amount of \$109,316.74.

MOTION: *Council Member May 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: No public comment was brought forth.

SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICER:

Mayor Webster swore Michael Robbins in as the new officer hired for the Brewster Police Department.

MAYOR WEBSTER:

LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT- OGDEN, MURPHY, WALLACE:

MOTION: *Council Member May made the motion to approve the City of Brewster Legal Services Agreement with Ogden Murphy Wallace, effective January 1, 2015 and authorized Mayor Lee Webster to execute said agreement. Council Member Smyth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

AIRPORT LEASE QUESTIONS:

Mayor Webster noted that he has had three lot lease inquiries as well as some inquiries into possibly leasing lot 79 for possible storage for a local business not on City property. He also stated that he is currently working on the easement at the O'Connell Drilling property as well.

MISTY RUIZ – CITY CLERK TREASURER:

FINANCE REPORT:

Ruiz reviewed the September and October financial reports. Some of our main projects have started (Energy Efficiency Grant and ATP project). No monies have come in for these as of yet.

PUBLIC HEARING – PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2015

Mayor Webster declared the public hearing for the 2015 preliminary budget open for comment. No public was present for comment. The hearing was not recorded. Mayor Webster closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPERTY TAX, RESOLUTION 14-09:

Mayor Webster declared the public hearing for Resolution 14-09 open for comment. No public was present for comment. The hearing was not recorded. Mayor Webster closed the public hearing

MOTION: *Council Member May made the motion to approve Resolution 14-09, 2015 Property Tax. Council Member Rieb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

EMS LEVY CERTIFICATION:

Council reviewed the 2015 EMS levy certification, in the amount of \$65,038.00.

LYNN LAWSON – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES/ PROJECT UPDATES:

- Lawson noted that there has been a delay in receiving some of the hardware for the new Rec Center doors; however, they will be installed in the next week or two.
- Bergstrom has completed the review and recommendations for our manganese issue, and those results and comments have been distributed to council for review.
- The Angle Trailer Court project has started and is going well. They are currently 10-days into the 40-day project.
- FEMA has agreed to pay for crack repairs on our water reservoirs. Concrete Experts of Lynnwood had presented the most reasonable bid, and were here today performing water activated sealing material injections on the cracks. We will perform a leak check later this week to determine efficacy. This crack repair is at no cost to the City, and by doing this, we are showing due diligence in trying to remedy the issue at hand. On our last leak test, it showed we were losing approximately 86,000 gallons per day. It is hopeful that the crack repair/injection will impede or ultimately stop the leakage. Erlandsen's will continue to come up with a triage plan in the event of a catastrophic failure of our reservoirs.

- Lawson stated that our large air compressor is officially out of commission. It is approximately 40+ years old, and at this point is not worth fixing (primarily because we cannot get the parts for it). This compressor is used to blow out the irrigation lines, and is used frequently for sewer/water line issues. Lawson is asking for council approval to replace this. He has researched several options, and at this time we can purchase one for 21K new, 14K used with 163 hours, or 8K for a used unit with 8,000 hrs.

MOTION: *Council Member May made the motion to approve the purchase of a used portable air compressor unit with 163 hours, at a cost of \$14,000. Council Member Smyth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

MOTION: *Council Member Rieb made the motion to approve the surplus of the old portable compressor unit, and authorize the Clerk Treasurer and Public Works Director to dispose of it in the most economically advantageous manner they deem appropriate. Council Member Smyth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

CITY OF BREWSTER WATER RIGHTS – ROGER ERLANDSEN:

Roger Erlandsen presented to Council on follow-up from the previous meeting to discuss our water rights. It is the consensus of the City Council that we will shelve our water rights for one year. We will be replacing our source meters soon, so within the year, we will have better data with which we can better determine what our needs are at that time. Roger Erlandsen and Public Works Director Lynn Lawson will compose a letter to the State, indicating our desire to shelve the water rights for one year.

BREWSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT:

STATS AND UPDATES:

Chief of Police Ron Oules stated that new hire, Michael Robbins, will be able to attend the Academy almost 2 months earlier than expected.

Overtime may increase due to the new hire being in the academy, but some of this may be reimbursed.

The new police car will be delivered any time now, and will be outfitted for patrols soon after arrival.

There have been several vehicle thefts recently in the area, with three of those being here in Brewster. We have recovered all three vehicles, with one resulting in an arrest.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Lee Webster

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk/Treasurer, Misty Ruiz