

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

❖ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes from 6/11/2014 City Council Meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: *Council Member Art Smyth made the motion to approve the above noted minutes. Council Member Tim Rieb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Council Member Art Smyth made the motion to approve the additions and changes to the agenda. Council Member Jan May 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, July 9, 2014, the Council, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the voucher payment list and further described as follows:

June 2014 Manual Claims Fund voucher numbers 937, 53376 – 53402, 53420,939 - 941, as well as July 2014 Council Claim voucher numbers 53447 - 53498, in the total amount of \$110,759.64.

June 2014 Payroll check numbers 942 – 966, 53323 – 53327, 53329 – 53332, 53403 – 53419, 53421 - 53441 in the total amount of \$133,250.58.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SCOTT MILLER – OKANOGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Mr. Miller explained that the City pays a fee of \$ 6,840.00 annually to the Okanogan County Emergency Management for their services and that the City needs to appoint a person to be the point of contact with the county in case of an emergency to let them know we need assistance. Also the county is looking to purchase a system online to notify the customers in case of emergencies. They will have more information available later this fall.

MAYOR WEBSTER:

THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL – REBECCA MEADOWS AND TONYA VALLANCE:

They are here representing the hospital and would like to ask the city to be part of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The planning part of the grant is due on October 14, 2014.

Kurt Danison City Planner explained that if the city applies for a Block Grant it is only awarded one per year and in this case the city needs to decide which application they would like to sponsor. The city also needs to know that if we need to apply for the same grant it is awarded once per year and the city would not be able to get the grant for that specific year. In this case the Three Rivers Hospital would have to find another sponsor. If the city wants they can have an open meeting regarding the Community Development Block Grant and then decide what to do.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:

Mayor Lee Webster had a complaint regarding the 48 hours softball tournament, he had 37 balls that landed in his yard, some of the balls damaged his home as well as foul language, alcohol and nudity. Besides him and his family he was also concerned about his other neighbors and public. He stated that next time there will be a form that needs to be filled out, that way the teams that are participating would be held responsible.

Sabrina O'Connell is also here to complain about the tournament, she stated that the behavior was very bad, that alcohol was an issue and that it was out of control. She suggested that for next year the city should request extra security.

Council Member John Housden suggested that for next year the city needs to specify the rules.

Chief Oules stated that his department did not receive any complaints until Sunday.

SWIMMING POOL FEES:

Mayor Webster has had a lot of questions from parents regarding the pool fees. The office staff is gathering the information from other cities to compare them, it will be ready in one or two months for review. The Twisp swimming pool funding is supplemented by the Wagner Foundation.

AIRPORT UPDATE:

The City is in the process of negotiating with the Smith's on the potential improvement to access the airport.

MISTY RUIZ – CITY CLERK TREASURER:

FINANCE REPORT:

The finance report for the month of June is not complete and will be provided when it is completed.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-06 – AIRPORT LEASE PREPARATION FEE AMENDMENT:

*Council Member John Housden made the motion to approve Resolution No. 14 -06
Council Member Art Smyth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

LYNN LAWSON – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:

Shawn O’Connell from O’Connell Drilling, LLC has replaced the pump at the pool, it has been done through the Energy Efficiency Grant.

The city has painted the streets. We also have had several complaints regarding dirty water and plugged water lines. We currently have seven (7) water service lines that need to be replaced. The park crew has done an excellent job in getting the park ready for the 4th of July celebration.

ERLANDSEN & ASSOCIATES UPDATES – PAKI PERALA AND ERIC SMITH:

1. Ferry Street Project/Safe Routes to School:

We have not heard from the LDS church yet. The project will not be completed before school starts, specifically the sidewalks. It would benefit the city to wait until next year, but ultimately is up to the city to decide.

2. Engineer Reports – Water Reservoirs:

In 2007 the tanks were cleaned. In 2013 they were cleaned again and we have received the video from the study, the 3 reservoirs were checked. When Mr. Bergstrom compared the two videos, the previous one and the current he noticed new cracks, specifically on the reservoir above the cemetery, it was built in 1975. Mr. Bergstrom has gone back and studied them to see what needs to be done to repair it.

Public Works Director Lynn Lawson and his crew have started a study to see how much water is leaking. Several potential funding opportunities were discussed. Eric Smith’s recommendation is to start looking for options including replacing the reservoir in the future. With a cost between \$ 60,000.00 and \$ 70,000.00 dollars to repair. Erlandsen and Associates will bring an update from Mr. Bergstrom to next council meeting.

3. Angle Trailer Court Project:

The water system improvements is on track. We should be able to start construction in September and finish by October 2014.

4. Transportation Improvement Board “TIB”

Money is available for projects through TIB, 3rd street would be the only street that would qualify for this. Councilmember Housden asked if they would help with deteriorating sidewalks? The reply was no, the only way they would consider the sidewalks is if it were included in a project, like 3rd street. The Council was in favor of seeking funding through TIB.

BREWSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT:

STATS AND UPDATES:

Chief Oules stated that we have a new police officer on staff, Gordon Mitchel and he is doing very well. Officer Ruiz is no longer with us. We have a grant for a new patrol car and the car has been ordered. It is Dodge charger. 4th of July celebration went very well, the Chamber of Commerce did a very good job. There is some building problems with the side door on the Police Department side, the door keeps rusting on one side and it has to be grinded every time, also the floor is bubbling up. Eventually it will have to be repaired. Overtime is for 22 hours and we will be reimbursed for 8.

ORDINANCE #859 – ORDINANCE AMENDING DOG BITE PENALTIES:

Chief Oules stated that this amendment to the ordinance is an owner issue and not a dog issue.

*Council Member John Housden made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 859
Council Member Tim Rieb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

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