

Mayor Art Smyth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Jan May, John Housden, Avis Erickson, and Tim Rieb. Council Member Ramiro Villagrana was absent. Also present were Public Works Director Lee Webster, Deputy Clerk Desha Dawson, Interim Chief of Police Nattalie Cariker and City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman. Clerk Treasurer Misty Ruiz was absent, excused.

❖ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –**

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes from the 1/13/2016 City Council Meeting were reviewed. The final agenda for the February Regular City Council Meeting was also reviewed. Council Member Housden asked for the addition of the Sewer Lagoon.

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, February 10, 2016, the Council, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the payment list and further described as follows:

January 2016 Manual Claim Fund vouchers 1612, 1626-1630 and 55486-55491 as well as February 2016 Council Claim Fund vouchers 55501-55548 in the total amount of \$119,320.65. Void check #55479 for \$41.29. January 2016 Payroll check numbers 1590-1611, 1613-1617, 55405-55408, 55474-55478, 55480-55485 and 55492-55497 in the total amount of \$117,075.87.

MOTION: Council Member Rieb made the motion to approve the above noted minutes and final agenda, with the one noted addition. Council Member May seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was brought forth.

BREWSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT:

STATS AND UPDATES:

Interim Police Chief Nattalie Cariker went over the monthly stats and overtime for the department. Also discussed was the need for Council approval to surplus the 2000 Grand Am that the department is no longer using, and is also in need of major repairs.

MOTION: Council Member May made the motion to approve the Police Department surplus of the 2000 Grand Am and to authorize a private sale of the vehicle by the Police Chief for \$500. Council Member Rieb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

MAYOR SMYTH:

JUB PROJECT UPDATES

Steve James of JUB was present to discuss the Water Reservoir Replacement Project updates. He stated that everything is on schedule, as is the funding.

Mr. James reviewed the manganese test data. He says the final reports will be presented to the City by April, with hopes to secure funding in June to address this issue. The problem is believed to be isolated to the river pumps.

SEWER LAGOON:

Council Member Housden stated that it is his understanding that Morgan & Sons is in the process of securing a lagoon site in Okanogan County for the disposal of the septic pump waste, currently being dumped and stored at the lagoon located at the Anderson Field Airport in Brewster. The County is backing them on this, and the City of Omak has given its support as well. Public Works Director Lee Webster stated he was contacted by C Morgan, owner of Morgan & Sons, who has asked for a letter of support from the City of Brewster. This letter will be provided to Mr. Morgan.

PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION – NEW ZONING REQUEST

The Planning Commission recommendation was reviewed. Public Works Director Lee Webster stated that the group of individuals requesting the zoning change have met and talked with him and they are looking into other options to get this changed. City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman gave examples of Conditional Use Permits and other alternatives for Council consideration including a formal processing of the addition of a new zoning district.

City Council requested City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman to work with City Planner Kurt Danison and Public Works Director Lee Webster to draft a proposal for further discussion at the March City Council Meeting.

REVIEW OF SENIOR CENTER ANNUAL REPORT:

Council Members have received and reviewed the Senior Center Annual Report.

LEE WEBSTER – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:

- Cascade Holdings has applied for a dock permit. Planning Commission has recommended leaving this application open as long as they are still actively pursuing the permit.
- Webster would like to apply for funding to replace the sewer rodder. There may be the possibility of obtaining \$25K; however the City may need to come up with an additional \$50K out of the water/sewer fund if needed. City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman recommended checking with the Washington Association of Water and Sewer Districts to see if there are any used rodders available.

ANDERSON FIELD AIRPORT LAND ACQUISITION:

Legal Counsel explained that five easements in favor of the United States Government and the City will not be removed from the title to the property.

MOTION: *Council Member May made the motion to authorize Mayor Art Smyth to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the property at Anderson Field Airport with Gebbers Farms and to execute all other documents necessary to complete the property purchase. Council Member Rieb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.*

ADDENDUM NO. 1, CITY OF BREWSTER/ROOKARD CUSTOM POOL CONTRACT:

MOTION: *Council Member Rieb made the motion to approve the City of Brewster & Rookard Custom Pools Contract, Addendum No. 1. Council Member Erickson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.*

UPDATE – POSSIBLE RV PARK/PARKING EXPANSION COLUMBIA COVE:

Public Works Director Lee Webster reviewed the email from Craig Schwyn of Schwyn Environmental Services, which was forwarded from Dave Kliewer at JUB. This email is regarding the possible RV Park expansion at the Columbia Cove Park. There are many options, but there will be many studies necessary to test soil, etc. Council Member Housden would like to hold off on making any decisions at this time and has recommended that the Park Committee, Mayor and Public Works Director meet to discuss the direction that would be best for the City. A meeting date will be set.

Mayor Smyth asked those present if they would be in favor of possibly closing the West Cove cul-de-sac at the Columbia Cove Park for the 4th of July Celebration and allow the vendors to set up in this area. In years past, the vendors have been allowed to set up on the curb side on 7th Street; however, these are reserved RV sites. He asked Council to think about this with further recommendations or ideas to be discussed at the March Council Meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING STRUCTURAL REVIEW/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Public Works Director Lee Webster reviewed the email response from Dave Kliewer of JUB Engineering. The email discussed the exterior materials of the building as well as the roof issues and water problems the building has been experiencing over the years. They feel it is unable to be rehabilitated and that trying to repair it may cause even further damage. Funding will be a challenge. Council Member May is concerned for the health of the employees with respect to the mold and mildew issues that are manifesting because of the long term water leakage.

Many ideas and alternatives were discussed. It was agreed that a secure plan, as well as funding possibilities, needs to move forward as soon as possible. Council will continue discussions, and Public Works Director Lee Webster will continue to research options.

MISTY RUIZ – CITY CLERK TREASURER:

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT:

City Clerk Treasurer Misty Ruiz was not present at the meeting; however she had provided Council with the monthly financial reports and informed them that if they had any questions, they can contact her directly at any time.

15-MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION – POTENTIAL LITIGATION:

At 8:20 pm, Mayor Smyth announced that the City Council will now convene into a 15-minute Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. No action is expected at the conclusion of this session.

At 8:35 pm, it was announced that the Executive Session would be extended for another 15-minutes.

At 8:50 pm, Mayor Smyth announced the conclusion of the Executive Session, and the meeting is now convened back to regular session. No action was brought forth.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned 8:51 p.m.

Mayor Art Smyth

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk/Treasurer, Misty Ruiz