

Mayor Art Smyth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were John Housden, Tim Rieb, Avis Erickson, and Ramiro Villagrana. Council Member Jan May was not present. Also present were City Clerk Treasurer Misty Ruiz, Public Works Director Lee Webster Administrative Assistant Sandra Miranda, and Police Chief Nattalie Cariker. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes from the 1/11/2017 City Council Meeting were reviewed. The final agenda for the February Regular City Council Meeting was also reviewed.

MOTION: *Council Member Tim Rieb made the motion to approve the February final agenda as noted above as well as the January Minutes. Council Member Avis Erickson 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, February 8, 2017, the Council, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the payment list and further described as follows:

January 2017 Manual Claim Fund vouchers 2028, 2040, 2041, 56697-56702, 56715-56720 and 1022 in the amount of \$306,993.39 as well as February 2017 Council Claim Fund vouchers 2074, 56728, 56732 – 56805, 1023, 1024 in the amount of \$133,508.51.

January 2017 Payroll check numbers 2029-2039, 2042-2061, 56652-56655, 56703-56714, 56721 and 56723-56727 in the total amount of \$133,745.15.

Void Check #56722 (reissued).

MOTION: *Council Member John Housden made the motion to approve the above noted bills, void checks and payroll. Council Member Tim Rieb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Anna Marie Dalby with Coldwell Bank is here representing the Chamber of Commerce, they are asking for assistance with directional signs showing there are businesses located in town. She also invited Mayor Smyth to go to the meetings. The meetings are once a month and they are on Tuesday morning. Mayor Smyth replied that he will try to make it depending on his job availability.

CHIEF OF POLICE NATTALIE CARIKER:

STATS AND UPDATES:

The Police Department has purchased several stress balls to pass out at different events to promote the Department. Kozi radio station donated the funds to purchase the stress balls and Karl Word helped coordinate it with the Police Department.

Chief Cariker stated that she has two more evaluations left to do for 2016 for her officers.

The department has been working diligently to contact residents regarding parking issues and removing junk vehicles.

There is an emergency drill planned for Okanogan County for March and they will notify the newspaper with a date and time.

Chief Cariker hit a deer with her patrol car; the repairs are going to cost \$5,000.00 with a \$500.00 deductible.

Officer Gordon Mitchell resigned and has accepted a position with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. Officer Frank Koutelieris has been hired provisionally to cover shifts. Chief Cariker is on light duty due to pregnancy.

MAYOR ART SMYTH:

ORDINANCE NO. 886 – 2017 BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Ordinance No. 886 was reviewed and discussed by the Council Members. Council Member John Housden made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 886, the motion was seconded by Council Member Avis Erickson. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 887 – INDUSTRIAL SEWER RATES:

Ordinance No. 887 was reviewed and discussed. Councilman Villagrana asked for clarification on the difference between industrial and commercial. Council Member Tim Rieb made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 887, the motion was seconded by Council Member Ramiro Villagrana. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01 – CRIMINAL JUSTICE SALES TAX:

Resolution No 2017-01 was reviewed and discussed by all the Council Members. Council Member Avis Erickson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-01, the motion was seconded by Council Member John Housden. Motion passed unanimously.

CLERK TREASURER MISTY RUIZ:

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT:

The monthly finance report was presented and reviewed.

LEE WEBSTER – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:

We have had lots of snow this year and overtime has been high.

Frozen water lines continue to be an issue. We have one house that we are working with, due to the frozen water repairs. We also had North Cascade National Bank, VIP Insurance and NAPA with frozen water pipes which have been repaired.

We received a check for \$10,004.69 from PUD #1 of Okanogan County; this is in regards the Energy Efficiency Program. This rebate is for reduced power consumption at the City swimming pool.

The work at the reservoir is on hold due to the weather.

Public Works Director Lee Webster will be traveling to Olympia on February 14 and 15, 2017 to discuss the manganese issue. Also attending will be Finance Director Misty Ruiz, Councilmembers Avis Erickson and Jan May and Mayor Art Smyth.

The Fire Hall and Library roof repairs are estimated to cost approximately \$41,000.00.

**15 MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION WITH
LEGAL COUNCIL CHUCK ZIMMERMAN PARTICIPATING VIA
SPEAKERPHONE**

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Art Smyth

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk/Treasurer, Misty Ruiz