

Mayor Art Smyth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were John Housden, Tim Rieb, Avis Erickson, Ramiro Villagrana and Jan May. Also present were City Clerk Treasurer Misty Ruiz, Public Works Director Lee Webster Deputy Clerk Desha Rupeiks, Lieutenant Kelly Hook and City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman.

❖ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The minutes from the 2/8/2017 City Council Meeting were reviewed. The final agenda for the March Regular City Council Meeting was also reviewed. The addition of Ordinance No. 888, Resolution No. 2017-02 Housing Authority Transfer and a 5-minute Executive Session to discuss potential litigation were added to the final agenda.

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

February 2017 Manual Claim Fund vouchers 2096-2098, 56806, 56808-56810 and 56823-56825 in the amount of \$24,562.68 as well as March 2017 Council Claim Fund 56832-56836, 56840-56903, 1121 and 1122 in the total amount of \$119,245.58.

February 2017 Payroll check numbers 2062-2073, 2076-2095, 56729-56731, 56807, 56811-56822 and 56826-56831 in the total amount of \$123,810.29.

***MOTION: Council Member Rieb made the motion to approve the above noted bill checks and payroll. Council Member Erickson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A gentleman was present this evening to discuss the possibility of changing the current dog ordinance, which bans the Pit Bull breed. He is hopeful that these dogs may be allowed in the future with the possibility of changes to the current Ordinance including strict licensing and regulations in order to keep them. He is here because he owns a Pit Bull mix dog, Luna, which he has had for almost 2 years and was recently told that he may have to give her to a new home, outside the City limits. He was unaware of the ban, and states he dog is spayed, and is current on her vaccinations and is a nice dog. He is present this evening to show his support for changing the current Ordinance, and therefore allowing Pit Bulls with set stipulations, as he wishes to keep his dog.

Housden and Rieb voiced strong concern and are not in favor of changing the current Ordinance. Erickson and Villagrana believe that they should be allowed, with strict rules for the dog owners.

**MOTION:** *Council Member May made the motion to proceed with amending the current Ordinance, banning Pit Bull Dogs and Chapter 6.10 of the Brewster Municipal Code, which will permit Pit Bull Dogs in the City limits of Brewster with specific and strict requirements to do so. Council Member Erickson seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of three (3) in favor (Erickson, May and Villagrana) and two (2) opposed*

The revised ordinance will be reviewed, pending approval after review, at the April 12<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO 2017-02:

**MOTION:** *Council Member Housden made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-02, expressing support for the transfer of the Vista Park Homes Apartments from the Housing Authority of the City of Brewster to the Housing Authority of the Okanagan County. Council Member Rieb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

LIEUTENANT KELLY HOOK:

STATS AND UPDATES:

Lieutenant Hook reviewed the stats and department updates for Chief Cariker. He noted that the DARE Program will start again in March. The Law Enforcement Sales Tax Ordinance has been sent to the Auditors Office. He stated that the 2016 employee evaluations have been completed and the new department patch design has been received.

ORDINANCE NO. 888:

**MOTION:** *Council Member Erickson made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 88, amending section 6.04.080, setting forth offenses relating to the safety and sanitation of dogs. Council Member Rieb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

MAYOR ART SMYTH:

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Assistant Fire Chief Dylan Gamble presented to give updates and answer questions regarding the Brewster Volunteer Fire Department. He stated that they have several new recruits, and training is being held on Tuesday nights. He also stated that CPR training is available for \$45 per person and is being offered at the Brewster Ambulance Hall every Wednesday.

OLYMPIA UPDATE:

Mayor Smyth stated that he and Council Members May and Erickson as well as Clerk/Treasurer Ruiz and Public Works Director Lee Webster all made a recent trip to Olympia to discuss the City's Manganese issue. They will be returning tomorrow to meet with several State Representatives. It is hopeful that we will be may be able to get some money to help address this issue from the State, and he will keep the rest of the Council apprised of any outcomes of these current meetings.

**CLERK TREASURER MISTY RUIZ:**

**MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT:**

The monthly finance report was reviewed. She noted that the Reservoir Project is still ongoing, with completion set for August of 2017. Housden asked about our winter PUD expenses with focus on the swimming pool. Ruiz stated that insurance is a big part of our beginning year expenses however the PUD billing is quite an expense as well. She will check to see when the PUD Commissioners meet, so Council Members can meet with them to discuss the power expenses at the pool, in particular the excessively high demand charges.

**LEE WEBSTER – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:**

Public Works Director Lee Webster stated that the Reservoir Project work has been delayed due to weather. They are currently pressure testing the system and hope to get back to the full scope of work as soon as the weather permits.

The 2017 chip seal project will begin soon. No money will be required by the City. This will include Hwy 173 through Brewster.

The first round of the Wage and Income Surveys were sent out, with poor response. The second notices were sent out on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Public Works Director Lee Webster thanked Manny and Martin Hurtado for their help in getting the message out to the residents of Brewster on the importance of returning this survey, especially to the Spanish speaking residents.

Manny Hurtado asked if the City could come break down the snow pile located on the lot (Annex) that he is leasing from Ron Anderson. Public Works Director Webster stated that the crew is going to do that this week.

The RFQ's for the Airport Engineering Services were received and reviewed. JUB Engineering scored the highest and it is recommended to approve them.

***MOTION: Council Member May made the motion to accept the staff recommendation and approve JUB Engineering as our Airport Engineering Service, and authorize Mayor Smyth to execute the agreement with JUB. Council Member Erickson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.***

**5 MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION:**

Mayor Smyth announced at 7:20 pm that the City Council Meeting will now convene into a 5 minute Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. There will be no action taken.

Council reconvened to Regular Session at 7:25 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Mayor Art Smyth

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk/Treasurer, Misty Ruiz