

Mayor Art Smyth called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Avis Erickson, Emmanuel Hurtado, Tim Rieb and John Housden. Council Member Jan May was absent (excused). Also present were Public Works Director Lee Webster, Fire Chief Dylan Gamble, Chief of Police Nattalie Cariker, Finance Director Misty Ruiz, Deputy Clerk Desha Rupeiks and City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION: Council Member Erickson made the motion to excuse Council Member Jan May from the meeting. Council Member Hurtado seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Regular Council meeting minutes from March 13th were reviewed. The final agenda for the April 17th Special City Council meeting was also reviewed.

MOTION: Council Member Rieb made the motion to approve the March Council meeting minutes as well as the April final agenda. Council Member Erickson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

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 April 17, 2019, the Council, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the voucher payment list and further described as follows:

March 2019 Manual Claim Fund vouchers numbers 2969, 2977, 59499-59506 and 59518-59523 in the amount of \$16,200.09 as well as April Council 2019 Claim Fund vouchers numbers 1267, 1268, 2976, 59528-59530, 59532, 59533 and 59537-59592 in the total amount of \$230,525.46.

March 2019 Payroll checks numbers 2944-2968, 2970-2975, 59429, 59431, 59434, 59435, 59507-59517 and 59524-59527 in the total amount of \$126,748.44.

MOTION: Council Member Hurtado made the motion to approve the above noted bills and payroll. Council Member Rieb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

As of this Council meeting, there are no Armery Quick Lube vouchers presented for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

BREWSTER CHAMBER – CHERRIES JUBILEE EVENT APPLICATION:

Finance Director Ruiz stated that she did not receive the email containing the attachments and changes from Anna Marie Dalbey for presentation and review this evening. It may be an issue with the email, but she will check again. Chamber is concerned about being able to advertise for the event if it is not approved until the May Council. The Mayor stated that upon review of the application that has been submitted, he does not believe there will be an issue with it being approved and said that they should not hold off on any advertising for the event.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB – EASTER EGG HUNT EVENT APPLICATION:

MOTION: Council Member Hurtado made the motion to approve the Boys and Girls Club Easter Egg Hunt event application as submitted. Council Member Rieb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BREWSTER SALMON DERBY APPLICATION:

Although the WDFW has tentatively stated there will not be a king salmon or sockeye season for the upper Columbia River, it is proposed to approve the event application for the dates submitted just in case the runs are stronger than predicted and they reopen the season. The dates of the event will remain the same, and Council recognizes the event may not be held if the season is not reopened.

MOTION: Council Member Rieb made the motion to approve the Brewster Salmon Derby Event Application as submitted. Council Member Hurtado seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ZULMA ERICKSON – FEE DISPUTE: Ms. Erickson was not present at the meeting.

CHIEF OF POLICE NATTALIE CARIKER:

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND STATS:

Chief Cariker reviewed the department stats and updates. She stated that the officers have been participating in community events as well as completing training. The

DARE program at the school is going well. There are a few people that have recently shown an interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement and they are meeting and talking with these individuals as well as allowing them to participate in some ride-alongs with the officers. Cariker also noted that one of her officers has applied to work for the Okanogan County Sheriff Office and a conditional offer of employment has been made. His last day will be May 31st. She is looking to hire a lateral or a trainee to replace him.

FIRE CHIEF DYLAN GAMBLE:

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND STATS:

Fire Chief Gamble stated that the department continues to do well with good turn out for calls and practice. There are five new recruits in the class and they are doing well. He noted that he will be meeting with Finance Director Ruiz to reinstate the run sheets for the volunteers to begin rebuilding the fund.

Gamble also stated that the department has only been able to raise about half of the \$13,000.00 needed in order to put on the 4th of July Fireworks Show. He said they will be soliciting donations from private parties and the community; however, they were hopeful if they fell short that the City would be willing to pay for a portion of the costs.

MAYOR ART SMYTH:

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GRANT APPROVAL:

MOTION: Council Member Rieb made the motion to approve ratification of the Mayors signature on the State of Washington Department of Commerce Grant. Council Member Hurtado seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUD TRANSMISSION LINE:

Tory Wulf of Gebbers Farms was present to discuss the location of transmission lines. He stated that these lines need to be removed from orchard property and relocated to run through areas so that they do not impact future development. A map was presented, and it shows the possibility of a line being rerouted through City property located above the cemetery and this would require an easement. Wulf is asking for the Public Works Director and other City administration to work with him on finding a

solution to this that will work for everyone. Mayor Smyth stated the City will look into this further and that the City is in favor of moving forward to find a solution.

BREWSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CIRCUS LOCATION:

Anna Marie Dalbey, Chamber President, was present to discuss the status of the City owned Sunset Drive property as a possible location for the Chamber sponsored circus in June. Public Works Director Webster stated that on further survey of the property, it will need much more excavating and dirt work than previously anticipated, which could cost the City upwards of \$20K. Due to this discovery, as well as the fact that the City is presently under contract for test well drilling on this lot and the lot is not available or suitable for the circus.

Other potential locations such as the lot next to the Armory were discussed, as well as potential street closures if needed. The following motion was made:

MOTION: Council Member Rieb made the motion to authorize the Mayor to make the final decision on whether the Chamber of Commerce Circus may be located within a City right of way on June 6, 2019. Council Member Hurtado seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FINANCE DIRECTOR MISTY RUIZ:

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AND QUARTERLY REPORT:

Finance Director Misty Ruiz reviewed the monthly finance report. Council had no questions or concerns. Projects are still ongoing.

ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW:

The 2018 Annual Report for the City of Brewster was reviewed.

MOTION: Council Member Erickson made the motion to approve the City of Brewster 2018 Annual Report. Council Member Rieb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE WEBSTER:

PROJECT UPDATES: Public Works Director Lee Webster reviewed the following:

JUB updates were reviewed. Three test wells have been drilled to date, including the Upper Canyon, State Way property and the lower reservoir site. The Upper Canyon is

not a viable site with no significant water encountered. The State Way site had good volume of water and a full set of samples are currently at the lab awaiting results. The lower reservoir site preliminary water quality results look good and a full set of samples is being reviewed. Drilling has started at the Sunset Drive property and there is still one other test site to drill after this. The CCTV scoping of the sewer system is complete and they are still processing all of that data for the GIS and hydraulic modeling.

Webster stated that the Public Works Department has hired Lance Evans as the new full-time park employee and Zack Odion as the part-time seasonal park employee.

The alley grading has been completed by Stan Kvistad and it looks very good. The large trees at the Angle Trailer Court have been removed.

REC CENTER ROOF:

The previous leak issue has been resolved with the pool seam closure this last year. The roof, however, does need to be replaced. There is currently \$75K in the budget, and Council would like to continue to build this up through the rest of 2019 for 2020 and obtain bids in January of 2020. Current spec bids are \$69K for 3-tab, \$143K for standard metal roofing and \$164K for standing seam metal. These numbers will be different when compared to the bids we look to obtain in 2020, however do give a ball-park idea of the amount we need to save for the project

15-MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL UNION CONTRACT AMENDEMENT (WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO FOLLOW):

Mayor Smyth announced at 7:15 pm that the Council will now convene into a 15-minute executive session. No action will be taken.

At 7:30 pm, Council reconvened into regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Art Smyth

ATTEST:

Finance Director, Misty Ruiz