

April 14, 2004

Mayor Bonnie House called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Bob Fateley, George Webster and Dave Freels.

Minutes were approved as sent for 03/10/04 and 03/25/04

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 04/14/04 the Council, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the voucher payment list and further described as follows: Claims Fund voucher numbers 36974 through 37087 in the total amount of \$112,780.84 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 20784 through 20833 in the total amount of \$64,614.81.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mayor House adjourned into Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss personnel at 6:00 pm.

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 6:10 pm.

There was no action taken.

BREWSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Fire Chief Mike Webster presented council with three bids for lighting for the fire hall meeting rooms, office and bay areas, this also includes emergency power and lighting. Council reviewed the three proposals and asked Chief Webster to go back to the three companies and have them resubmit their bids. The council was concerned with the bids because they did not all reflect the same work to be done and questioned Webster regarding the amount of information that was given to them to prepare their bids.

Chief Webster discussed an accident that occurred in 2003 at the hospital during a response to a false alarm. Webster explained that the an overhang roof was damaged by a fire truck during that call. He had not been notified of the City's portion to be paid for damages until just recently, the hospital was asking for 2/3 of the cost of the damage because they were going to replace the overhang this year anyway. Mayor House asked Webster to get the bill into our insurance company and let them handle it.

Chief Webster announced to council that April 18 – 24, 2004 was National Volunteer Week and in recognition the Fire Department is holding a barbeque along with events for kids. Webster asked for permission to close 3rd Street from Main Avenue to Indian Avenue. Mayor House told Webster to fill out a public events application.

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #5 NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY

Chief Webster stated that a study was underway to determine if District 5, 6, and 7 could merge into one district. Webster reported that a grant was being obtained for the study and asked council for a contribution. Webster stated that they want the City of Brewster

involved in the process and are asking for a letter of support. Mayor House questioned the benefit to the City and suggested direct contact with the planning people before a support letter is written.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BREWSTER PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor House re-appointed Kelly Chapman to position #2 and Fred Wiltse to position #3 of the Planning Commission, both terms expire December 31, 2005. Mayor House appointed Jan Pfundheller to position #4 and her term expires December 31, 2006.

ORDINANCE # 753 – AMENDING SECTION 10.04.012 OF THE BREWSTER MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING TIME LIMITED PARKING

Mayor House discussed Ordinance #753 amending Section 10.04.012 of the Brewster Municipal Code regarding time limited parking. Mayor House stated that this issue was decided at the March council meeting and that this ordinance was a necessary part of the process.

MOTION:

Councilmember Freels moved to approve Ordinance #753 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Webster. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #04-03 APPLYING FOR A WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC WORKS TRUST FUND LOAN

Public Works Director Mike Shenyer discussed Resolution #04-03 applying for a Washington State Public Works Trust Fund Loan. Shenyer explained that if the loan was obtained we would be using the money for Phase II of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade.

MOTION:

Councilmember Webster moved to approve Resolution #04-03 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Fateley. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL RALLY

Mayor House discussed the rally that the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) was holding at the Brewster School on April 19, 2004. Maria Salazar-Rodriguez reported that members would be marching and demonstrating on school grounds. Mayor House stated that a public events application was not needed if the demonstration was contained to school grounds.

INITIATIVE 864

Mayor House reported on a letter she had received from the Okanogan County Assessor's Office regarding Initiative 864 (I-864). Mayor House stated that if I-864 passed the city's 2005 budget would be decreased approximately \$58,105.

APPLE PACKING HOUSES

Council discussed the upcoming closure on June 11, 2004 of Custom Packing and the possibility of Magi merging with Trout-Blue Chelan and the impact it would have on the City. Mayor House pointed out that many of the jobs from the merger would result in citizens commuting and didn't feel that if their jobs moved to Pateros or Chelan that we would see a large amount of people relocating. Public Works Director Shenyer stated that the revenue for water and sewer could effect the City, but to what extent he doesn't know at this point.

MAIN AVENUE PROJECT

Public Works Director Shenyer updated council on the Main Avenue Project. Shenyer stated that he is currently looking into an additional Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant that would serve as a continuation project to pave and add sidewalks from 7th Street to Highway 97, a section that was not included in the initial project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned.