

08/10/05

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

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Mayor House reported to council that it had come to her attention that the three members of the Civil Service Commission had either resigned their positions or their terms had expired leaving the Brewster Police Department without a current Civil Service Commission. Mayor House stated that an effort to fill the three positions was underway.

Minutes were approved as sent for 07/13/05 & 07/25/05.

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 08/10/05 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 38585 through 38685 in the total amount of \$233,570.81 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 22131 through 22188 in the total amount of \$71,634.00.

ORDINANCE #771 – REPEALING CHAPTER 2.16 AND AMENDING SECTION 2.42.040 OF THE BREWSTER MUNICIPAL CODE

Mayor House opened discussion on Ordinance #771 repealing Chapter 2.16 and amending section 2.42.040 of the Brewster Municipal Code. There was no discussion.

MOTION:

Council Member Fateley moved to approve Ordinance #771 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #05-05 – ESTABLISHING A PERMIT APPLICATION FEE FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS PERMITS

City Clerk Pam Olsen discussed Resolution #05-05 regarding the setting of fees for the Wireless Communication Tower permits. Olsen explained that this resolution was part of the process and was necessary after passing the Wireless Communication Tower ordinance.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to approve Resolution #05-05 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Webster and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE #772 – REGARDING ITINERANT MERCHANTS

Mayor House discussed Ordinance #772 regarding Itinerant and Mobile Vendors. Council Member Fateley stated that all businesses in Brewster should be treated equally. Fateley felt that under the current ordinance these types of businesses can not be regulated correctly. Interim Chief of Police Ron Oules stated that his officers have to take time out to contact vendors that are not following the rules and regulations and feels that it is not a good use of his officer's time.

Dave Smith Jr. stated that he felt that the hours of operation referred to in section 5.06.130(N) were too restrictive because several of the taco wagons do the majority of their business after 8:00 p.m.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to approve Ordinance #772 as presented with the deletion of section 5.06.130(N) regarding hours of operation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #05-06 – REGARDING SALES TAXES

Mayor House discussed Resolution #05-06 requesting that the Okanogan County Commissioners place a ballot proposition before the voters in Okanogan County for the purpose of approving an additional three-tenths of one percent sales and use tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.450 for the primary purpose of creating additional revenue to be used for criminal justice purposes including but not limited to police protection and jail facilities. Interim Chief Oules reported that he would send a letter of support for the proposed proposition to the Okanogan County Commissioners.

MOTION:

Council Member Freels moved to approve Resolution # 05-06 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Webster and passed unanimously.

MAIN AVENUE SR97 TO 7TH STREET PROJECT

Public Works Director Mike Shenyer discussed the status of the Main Avenue Street Project from SR 97 to 7th Street. Shenyer asked council for permission to apply for a Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Grant in the amount of \$440,000 for the project to finish Main Avenue from 7th Street to SR 97. Shenyer stated that the project

would provide storm drainage, a sidewalk on one side of Main Avenue and curbing on the other.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to authorize Mayor House to sign the Transportation Improvement Board Grant application in the amount of \$440,000 for the proposed street project from SR 97 to 7th Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fateley and passed unanimously.

AIRPORT LEASES

Council Member Webster stated his concerns regarding the airport lease(s). Webster pointed out that he understands Dave Smith and his family's concerns over signing a short term lease and feeling they have no stability for the future. Webster also voiced his concern that if the lease(s) are written for a long term the City would need some type of property review to periodically make sure the stipulations of the lease(s) were being followed and if they were not that action could be taken.

Council Member Fateley suggested that a flat rate for water for each be charged of the facilities that are located on leased property at the airport but avoid charging any extra for the lawn and gardens that the Smith's currently maintain. Fateley stated that the landscaping at the airport is an asset and we should provide the water to maintain it.

Dave Smith Jr. discussed their reluctance over the terms of the lease(s) stating that they are concerned about losing, to the City, their main shop. Smith also discussed future growth of the airport and the stability that people are looking for before they are willing to make an investment in a hangar/structure on leased property.

Mayor House stated that the topic would be placed on the September council agenda for further discussion.

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jerry Tretwold reiterated the need for an Airport Commission to take a look at the issues that are facing the City and to serve as a recommending body to the council. Tretwold continued his discussion from the last meeting suggesting that a commission be formed that would consist of three volunteers; Tretwold volunteered for one of the positions and two council members (the current airport committee appointed by the Mayor). Tretwold volunteered to work with City Clerk Olsen in researching and developing an Ordinance to set up the Airport Commission to be brought back and presented to the council.

AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATE

Public Works Director Shenyer updated the council on the status of the Anderson Airport Project. Shenyer stated that the approximate time of closure would be between August 22, 2005 and October 18, 2005 and that it would be a total closure of the airport to help complete the project sooner.

CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN

Mayor House read into record a letter from the Planning Commission Chairperson Tory Wulf asking the Council to review the proposed Capital Facilities Plan and to provide the Planning Commission with any comments. Public Works Director Shenyer pointed out that there were only minor changes made to the plan mostly being the change of project priority and removing from the list any projects that have been completed since the last plan was adopted. The council had no comments for the Planning Commission.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – CHAPTER 2 – LAND USE ELEMENT

Mayor House discussed the Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 2-Land Use Element, which was not passed at the last meeting to provide the council more time to review it. Jerry Tretwold expressed his views and suggested that the soon to be formed Airport Commission be allowed to review any airport land issues in the future and make recommendations as needed to the Planning Commission.

Mayor House and the council agreed that it would be helpful if the Planning Commission Chairperson was present to answer questions when the entire Comprehensive Plan is ready for adoption.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Interim Chief Oules reported on the police departments overtime and feels that it is under control. Oules stated that the fingerprint supplies and the digital camera have been purchased and he only spent approximately \$300 of the \$1,000 that was approved to be taken out of the Cumulative Reserve Fund at the July meeting. City Clerk Olsen stated that as soon as she was provided copies of the statements she would transfer that amount into the Police budget. Oules passed out the stats and reported that the number of agency assists were higher last month because several calls were just outside the city limits.

Interim Chief Oules reported that there are currently two grants available to the Brewster Police Department and asked councils permission to apply for them. The first being a \$9,200 grant for either three mobile radios or three portable radios. Oules explained that if they opted for the mobile radios the installation would have to take place in Spokane and that would require three drivers to take the cars over. Oules then explained that at first he believed that portable radios were what they needed most, because their portable radios weren't working very well. Then after an adjustment was made to the Goat Mountain receiver he reported the portable

radios are working much better. Council agreed to approve Interim Chief Oules request to apply for the grant and decided to leave it up to Oules and his officers on which radios were most needed.

Interim Chief Oules then discussed the second grant available which is for seatbelt enforcement. Oules explained that this grant for \$1,500 would go to pay for one officer doing 40 hours of nothing but seatbelt enforcement. Officer Jerry Neumann stated that in his opinion there is about 96% of seatbelt compliance in Brewster. Dr. Larry Smith stated that he has seen the results of wearing a seatbelt versus not wearing a seatbelt in the emergency room. Council agreed to allow Oules to apply for the seatbelt enforcement grant, carefully stating that there needs to be a lot of advertising prior to the enforcement push beginning and that if it does not work not to do it again.

Mayor House reported that the grant that was received to employ Officer Greg Oyler ended July 31, 2005. Mayor House stated that Officer Oyler sent her a letter thanking her and Interim Chief Oules for the opportunity to work for the Brewster Police Department and commending the officers and Oules for the work they do in Brewster.

FISH CLEANING IN THE PARK

Mayor House asked if a designated fish gut receptacle could be placed by the docks in the park during fishing season. Interim Chief Oules stated that maybe a fish cleaning station like the ones placed at State Parks would be an option. Council Member Fateley shared some information from Gordon Brett, Douglas County PUD, regarding plans to enlarge our launching facilities and reconfigure the docks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mayor House adjourned into executive session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss personnel at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 7:50 p.m.

There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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