

**10/12/05**

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

Minutes were approved as sent for 09/14/05

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 10/12/05 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 38784 through 38874 in the total amount of \$587,971.89 and Payroll Fund voucher numbers 22228 through 22263 in the total amount of \$58,705.34.

### **SLOW TRAFFIC SIGNS/CHILDREN AT PLAY NEAR THE CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Kelly Chapman was present to request that "children at play" signs be placed near the Calvary Baptist Church at 115 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor House read a letter into record from Rich and Val Burgett in favor of Chapman's request. Ms. Chapman stated that people seem unaware that there is a school in the church and they speed on Jay Avenue and on the alley directly behind the church. Ms. Chapman asked if that area could be designated as a school zone. Public Works Director Shenyer suggested that the church put up a fence at least 6 feet high to contain the children. Mayor House suggested that for the time being a "children at play" sign be placed in the alley behind the church and one out on Jay Avenue. The Council agreed.

### **BIG BROTHERS & SISTERS PROGRAM**

Joy Wilson, Brewster Schools, was present to request financial assistance for the newly organized Big Brothers and Sisters Program at the Brewster High School (BHS). Ms. Wilson is the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) instructor at the High School and along with Janelle Cutuli, a BHS student and State Officer of FCCLA, they asked council if they would be able and/or willing to donate towards this project. The projected cost for the program would be approximately \$1,400 and would cover on-site training for 12 BHS students to become big brothers or sisters to Brewster Grade School children and background checks. The high school students would participate with a grade school student in supervised activities for 1 hour per week. Mayor House stated that the city budget is very strained right now and asked Police Chief Ron Oules if we could provide the background checks free of cost for the program instead of an actual monetary donation. Chief Oules stated that he would be happy to provide that service.

Ms. Cutuli reported to the council that she is currently working on a grant for this program and will know the results in January. Council Member Fateley suggested to Ms. Wilson that she approach Sterling Bank with a plan for the program and ask for a zero percent interest loan.

## **CITY COUNCIL POSITION #2 APPOINTMENT**

Mayor House reported that Council Member Bob Dewey (Council Position #2) presented her with a letter of resignation, due to relocation. Mayor House suggested that Jerry Tretwold, who is running unopposed for position #2, be appointed to Dewey's three month un-expired term. Council agreed and Mayor House appointed Tretwold to the council.

## **ORDINANCE #774 – ESTABLISHING AN AIRPORT COMMISSION**

Airport Commission Chairperson J.D. Smith recommended to the Council that Ordinance #774 be approved as written by the City Attorney.

### **MOTION:**

Council Member Freels moved to approve Ordinance #774 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lehrman and passed unanimously.

## **EXCESS VEHICLES ON 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET**

Mayor House reported to council that she has had complaints about the number of cars that are parked near and around George Wilson's rental houses on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Public Works Director Mike Shenyer stated that there was not an ordinance regarding the amount of cars at a residence and that if the cars were obstructing traffic it would be a police issue.

## **ENHANCEMENT GRANT**

Public Works Director Shenyer reported that he had successfully applied for and received an enhancement grant from the North Central Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NCRTPO) Transportation Enhancement Committee in the amount of \$13,500 for the purchase of benches and garbage receptacles for Main Avenue. Shenyer stated that he had attended the awarding announcement meeting on October 12, 2005.

## **AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATE**

Public Works Director Shenyer reported that 99% of the paving was done at the Anderson Field Airport and that they are currently working on the drain field for the apron. Shenyer stated that the projected opening date for the airport would be October 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **MAIN AVENUE PROJECT UPDATE**

Public Works Director Shenyer reported that the paving and concrete work was almost complete on the Main Avenue Project. Shenyer projected about 2 weeks of additional touch-up work would take place.

## **2005 INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL (IACC) CONFERENCE**

Public Works Director Shenyer reported to council that there was an upcoming Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) conference in Wenatchee, November 8 – 10, 2005. Shenyer stated that several funding agency representatives will be in attendance.

## **NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING CHANGED**

In anticipation of some Council Members attending the 2005 IACC Conference in Wenatchee, Mayor House re-scheduled the November Council meeting for November 16, 2005.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Police Chief Oules passed out reports and stats to the council.

Police Chief Oules addressed overtime for the month and reported that it was high but the city would be reimbursed for approximately \$1,300 of the \$1,900 showing on the report.

Police Chief Oules reported on the seatbelt emphasis project in September. Oules explained that a survey was done prior to the seatbelt emphasis and 79% of people were wearing their seatbelts and another survey was done after with 86% of people wearing their seatbelts. Oules stated that there were 73 contacts made, 14 seatbelt citations written from those contacts and several other citations written for various other violations. Oules felt that the seatbelt emphasis was a positive thing and showed that there was progress made.

## **NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON DRUG TASK FORCE**

Police Chief Oules reported to council that he had applied for a \$10,000 grant that would go straight to the North Central Washington Drug Task Force. Oules explained that the drug task force budget was re-evaluated and will be re-instated after being cut in 2005, but not for one year. This granting process was set up for city departments to apply to sustain their local task forces until state money comes available. Oules stated that the departments in Okanogan County are high on the states list for funding because of need.

## **GRAFFITI**

Police Chief Oules reported to council that 2 juveniles had been caught in regards to the most recent graffiti spree. Council discussed possible ways to crack down harder on people that deface property. It was suggested that the City should put pressure on the Okanogan County Prosecutors Office and the County Commissioners for stricter sentences for these violations. Mayor House suggested writing a letter to them and having her and all of the Council Members sign it. Council agreed.

## **SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT SIGNAGE**

Council discussed the speed limit around the school and in the park and decided to raise the speed limit in the park area to match the 20 m.p.h. speed limit near the school.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

Mayor House adjourned into executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss personnel at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 7:30 p.m.

There was no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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