

September 15, 2004

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

Minutes were approved as sent for 08/11/04.

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 09/15/04 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 37202 through 37303 in the total amount of \$105,350.82 and Payroll Fund voucher in the amount of \$76,175.28.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mayor House discussed with council her recommendation to re-appoint the following individuals to the Civil Service Commission: Bill Wood to 2006 and John Gelstin to 2005.

MOTION:

Councilman Webster moved to approve Mayor Houses' recommendation to re-appoint Bill Wood and John Gelstin to the Civil Service Commission. Councilman Lehrman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER DONATION

Mayor House read a letter that was from Keith Johnson, Brewster Chamber President, requesting a donation of \$500 for the Visitor Information Center for 2004. It was the councils feeling that this request should be presented before the year starts so that it can be part of the budget process and not at the end of the season. Council would like Chamber to send them a report on how many visitors', how many phone calls and how many written requests the visitor information center received while it was open. They would also like to know what hours they were open during the summer this year. City Clerk Pam Olsen will have Debbie Minick get the required information for the October council meeting.

WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE MEETING UPDATE

Councilman Fateley attended a meeting put on by the Washington Fish & Wildlife Dept. in Pateros Wednesday September 8th. Fateley stated that Director Jeff Colby from that department headed the meeting and that every department head under him was present including some biologists. They discussed Douglas County's relicensing process. Consensus was that Douglas PUD needed to work a little better with the towns in the area and their projects. Director Colby stated that he was very concerned about the economic consequences of any decisions that are made. Fateley felt that all in all the meeting was excellent.

ORDINANCE #755 – AMENDING SECTION 2.32.010 OF THE BREWSTER MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE BREWSTER PLANNING COMMISSION

City Clerk Olsen discussed Ordinance #755 regarding membership on the Planning Commission. The ordinance stated that the commissioner must reside in the City or within six miles of the City limits. The feeling was that someone living here would know the issues and concerns better than someone living outside the area.

MOTION:

Council Member Lehrman moved to approve Ordinance #755 as presented. Council Member Webster seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #04-07 – AMENDING RESOLUTION #03-08 REGARDING AIRPORT FEE STRUCTURE

City Clerk Olsen explained that after the discussions at the August council meeting and some research it was decided to have 2 types of leases at Anderson Airfield. There will be a regular hangar lease and there will now be a commercial lease (for individuals conducting a business at the airport.) This resolution amendment sets the fees for the commercial leases. This resolution will take affect with new leases and when the existing leases are renewed.

MOTION:

Councilman Dewey moved to approve Resolution #04-07 as presented. Councilman Freels seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY OF BREWSTER/BREWSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT #111 INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE SPORTS FIELD

At this time the council did not want to pursue the issue.

ORDINANCE #756 – REGARDING COMPRESSION BRAKES

Ordinance #756 adds a new chapter to the Brewster Municipal Code, prohibiting the use of compression brakes in the city limits. Public Works Director Mike Shenyer answered any concerns the council had regarding the jake brakes and enforcement.

MOTION:

Councilman Dewey moved to approve Ordinance #756 as presented. Council Member Webster seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

Public Works Director Shenyer discussed the request from the Economic Alliance for the city's financial support of \$1 per capita for 2005. Shenyer is on the board and feels that they are trying to do some good for the communities in the county.

Council requested that the Director of the Economic Alliance Terry Knapton attend the next council meeting and give a report on what has been going on before budgeting the monies for 2005.

OKANOGAN WATERSHED PLANNING UNIT MEETING

Public Works Director Shenyer discussed an invitation the city received from the Okanogan Conservation District inviting our participation in the upcoming Watershed Planning Process. They asked the city to designate a representative and an alternate to be on the Planning Unit for the process. The meetings are to be held in the evening. At this time everyone pretty much has a full plate and would not be able to participate in these evening meetings. Council suggested that Shenyer contact a couple individuals in the community and see if they would be interested.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Brent Pfundheller gave council an update on the major activities through the month of August. He also presented council with the stats for the year.

Chief Pfundheller discussed the leased car situation and the problems with the leases themselves. He also presented a new plan with regards to the vehicles. When he has total costs and loan information with interest rates and payment schedule City Clerk Olsen will call a special meeting for the council's approval or denial and pass the necessary resolution if they approve the plan. The timeline for everything to have to be done is before the October council meeting.

Chief Pfundheller told council of the shift change that will take place for the officers. They will be going to 5 8's instead of 10's. This will give 24 hour coverage during harvest and cut way back on overtime.

Council brought up some of the major problems that have been occurring during parties being held at the old Gram's Place. Alcohol is being served, there are minors that are intoxicated, there have been knifings and fights. Council felt that Mayor House should write a letter to the Liquor Board asking why there is not more restriction on banquet permits.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mayor House adjourned into executive session at 7:30pm for approximately 15 minutes to discuss personnel

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 7:45pm.

Discussion was held regarding the promotion of Kelly Hook to Lieutenant, which creates a new position. Chief Pfundheller stated that Kelly has been doing an excellent job and he feels that there needs to be more of a division between Kelly and the other officers for the department to run the way Pfundheller feels it should. Pfundheller stated that this position will take Hook out of the union but he will still be covered by civil service.

MOTION:

Councilman Lehrman moved to create a new position of Lieutenant in the police department, promoting Kelly Hook to that position with no wage increase until after the 2005 budget process and the increase will only be if the 2005 budget will support the increase. Councilman Webster seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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