

Mayor Art Smyth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Jan May, John Housden, Glenn Farrington and Pedro De la Cerda. Also present were Public Works Director Lee Webster, Chief of Police Marcos Ruiz, City Clerk/Finance Director Misty Ruiz, Fire Chief Dylan Gamble, Deputy Clerk Desha Rupeiks and City Attorneys Chuck Zimmerman and Kait Schilling.

FEBRUARY 2023 FINAL AGENDA:

The final agenda for the February City Council meeting was reviewed. The addition of Fire Chief Dylan Gamble was added to the agenda.

MOTION: *Council Member May made the motion to approve the February final agenda. Council Member Housden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Council Regular meeting minutes – 1/19/2023
- b. Accounts Payable Approval for January 2023 Manual, January 2023 Payroll and February 2023 Council A/P.

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.

January Manual A/P Total:	\$28,610.76
January 2022 Payroll Total:	\$164,310.86
February 2023 Council A/P Total:	<u>\$171,452.47</u>
TOTAL:	\$364,374.09

Check numbers: 5014, 5015, 4812-4852, 4867-4871, 63873, 63874, 63820, 63908-63928 & 63930-63981.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: *Council Member Housden made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of items a & b identified in the above listing. All items listed are approved with this single motion. Council Member De la Cerda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SARANJIT BASSI – CANNABIS STORE:

The manager of a retail marijuana store in Omak presented this evening to again discuss the opening a retail marijuana store here in Brewster. It was discussed a couple of years ago at which time the Council decided against this due how it could impact our Federal Funding requirements for our major infrastructure projects. After much discussion, and due to the potential impacts on funding for our upcoming projects, Council decided that this would not be a viable option at this time as we cannot afford to jeopardize our federal funding.

NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Representatives of the NCW Economic Development District were present to discuss current events and programs they have. Those include the 2023 Supernova Business Launch Competition, the Downtown Strategies Vision and the Regional Recovery Plan. The details of these events and programs were discussed, and handouts were provided to the Council and encouraged Council and members of the business community to contact them directly with questions or ideas.

CHIEF OF POLICE MARCOS RUIZ:

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Chief Ruiz noted that calls for service have increased a bit. He recently returned from Olympia where he discussed justice for crime victims as well as the much need radio dispatch upgrade in Okanogan County. We will be looking to get financial support as we cannot afford to do this upgrade alone.

FIRE CHIEF DYLAN GAMBLE:

Fire Chief Gamble reported that the Fireworks Show is a go for this year. Fred Wiltse has offered to be the pyrotechnician. The fireworks have been ordered, with partial payment needed. The department has acquired two new volunteer firefighters. There will be training burn of an old house at the top of 7th Street in the near future.

MOTION: Council Member May made the motion to authorize the \$4,500 deposit for the first installment needed for the order of the Brewster Fire Dept. 4th of July fireworks, to be paid to the Western Display Fireworks, LTD. Council Member Farrington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VACANT COUNCIL POSITION:

Members of Council reviewed the applications (2) for the vacant Brewster City Council Position #5. The position will expire in November of 2023. After consideration and review of the applications, the following motion was made:

MOTION: *Council Member De la Cerda made the motion to appoint Don Childers to the vacant City Council Position, No. 5, for the duration of the unexpired term (term expires November 2023). Council Member May seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Newly appointed Council Member, Don Childers, was sworn in by City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman.

MOTION: *Council Member Housden made the motion to appoint Glenn Farrington to the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member De la Cerda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

RESOLUTION 2023-01 – CITY VEHICLE DRIVER POLICY:

MOTION: *Council Member Housden made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-01, adopting a vehicle and driver policy and a permission to ride in City vehicles waiver policy. Council Member De la Cerda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

TEAMSTERS RETIREES' WELFARE TRUST-NON UNION EMPLOYEES:

MOTION: *Council Member De la Cerda made the motion to approve the Retiree's Welfare Trust Special Agreement for non-bargaining unit employees for the RWT-Plus XL Benefit Plan. Council Member Farrington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

LETTER OF SUPPORT – OKANOGAN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

MOTION: *Council Member De la Cerda made the motion to approve the City of Brewster Letter of Support to Senator Patty Murray regarding the Okanogan County request for \$4,279,681 in funding assistance for the Okanogan County Public Safety Radio Network Improvement Project. Council Member Housden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

CITY CLERK/FINANCE DIRECTOR MISTY RUIZ:

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT:

Finance Director Ruiz reviewed the monthly finance report. Council had no questions or concerns.

REVISE CUSTOMER LOGO SALES AGREEMENT:

MOTION: Council Member De la Cerda made the motion to approve the Revise Custom Logo Design Sales Agreement in the amount of \$3,100. Council Member May seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WASTE & WATER SYSTEM GRANT AGREEMENT RATIFICATION OF SIGNATURES:

MOTION: Council Member Farrington made the motion to authorize the ratification of the Mayor's signature on the Waste & Water System Grant Agreement, RD/USDA Rural Utility Services. Council Member Housden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE WEBSTER:

JUB UPDATES:

Michelle Johnson of JUB was present via video call. She reviewed the JUB projects, current and closing. After updates were reviewed, following motion was made:

JUB VEHICLE STORAGE SHED:

MOTION: Council Member May made the motion to approve the JUB Engineering Agreement/Extension for Professional Services for the City of Brewster Vehicle Storage Shed, not to exceed \$307,600. Council Member Farrington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:

- Zero gallons were pumped from the River Wells in 2022.
- DCPUD will be starting the Columbia Cove bathroom project this year.
- The Old Hwy 97 project is still on the table. The biological assessment is complete.
- The WWTP upgrade will require outflow biological assessment prior to start. The bid opener will be in mid-April of this year.
- The Airport taxi lane improvement project will have final design this year, with construction to take place in 2024.

SEMAPHORE (SECURITY CAMERA) QUOTE/DISCUSSION:

MOTION: Council Member Housden made the motion to approve the purchase and installation of twenty (20) security cameras from Semaphore, as per PEPPM Contract No. 533902-155, in the total amount of \$56,880.73. Council Member De la Cerda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Art Smyth

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Finance Director, Misty Ruiz