July 9, 2003

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

Minutes were approved as sent for 06/11/03.

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 07/09/03 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 35978 through 36074 in the total amount of $386,301.41 Payroll Fund voucher numbers 20937 through 20992 in the total amount of $74,906.47.

NELSON APARTMENTS SEWER AVERAGING

Lahna Wilson, owner of the Nelson Apartments (formerly Uptown Apartments), was present to ask the council for a break on the excess sewer charge for the apartments due to the recent landscaping and flower barrels she has placed around the apartments and the development of several flowerbeds.

MOTION:

Council Member Fateley moved to allow an average of the winter sewer consumption to be charged during the summer months. Seconded by Council Member Lehrman. Motion carried unanimously.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FIREWORKS

Mayor House read into record a letter from Dave Godfrey, representative of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL), asking for a donation to help with costs for the recent 4th of July fireworks show put on by the SAL. City Clerk Pam Olsen reported that the City has donated $1,000 in the past towards the event.

MOTION:

Council Member Webster moved to donate $1,000 to the Sons of the American Legion 4th of July fireworks show. Seconded by Council Member Lehrman. Motion carried unanimously.

SURPLUS FIRE TRUCKS

Fire Chief Mike Webster was present to discuss selling the two retired fire trucks, a 1963 LaFrance and 1940’s Ford. Webster explained that he had been contacted by a gentleman that is interested in purchasing them. Council Member Fateley suggested that we sell them before they deteriorate.
MOTION:

Council Member Lehrman moved to declare the 1963 American LaFrance and the 1940’s Ford Fire Truck surplus.  Seconded by Council Member Dewey.  Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #03-06 – REGARDING THE CITY OF BREWSTER PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL**

Mayor House discussed Resolution #03-06 regarding the City of Brewster Personnel Policy Manual.  Mayor House stated that the proposed change was to add an additional week of vacation for those employees that had worked for the city for 20 plus years.  Council Member Fateley stated that his personal feeling was that 4 weeks of vacation was plenty.  Council Member Webster stated that he felt that the increase was reasonable but thought that the current vacation accrual system needed to be redone.  Council agreed to discuss Resolution #03-06 at the August 13, 2003 meeting.

**SWIMMING POOL EQUIPMENT**

City Clerk Olsen explained to council that Pool Manager Gary Knowlton expressed a need for pool equipment to accommodate the small children that come to the pool.  Knowlton suggested a tot slide for the shallow end of the pool for those children not tall enough to use the big slide.  Olsen stated that the cost for a tot slide would be approximately $1,795.

MOTION:

Council Member Dewey moved to buy a tot slide for the pool and to take the money out of the Cumulative Reserve Fund.  Seconded by Council Member Fateley.  Motion carried unanimously.

**MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT**

Mayor House shared information sent to her by Omak Mayor Dale Starber regarding forming a mosquito control district.  Mayor House informed the council that Mayor Starber would be holding a meeting on the subject on July 15, 2003 at the Omak City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**PARKING SPACE AT HEALTHBEAT FITNESS CENTER**

Mayor House read into record a letter from Rob Dezellem, Manager of the Healthbeat Fitness Center, regarding a loading/unloading zone on 5th Street to accommodate their physical therapy patients.  Public Works Director Shenyer stated that an amendment to the ordinance would need to be passed by Council and then the paint striping and signage could be put in place.  Council agreed.  City Clerk Olsen will prepare an amendment to the ordinance for the August 13, 2003 council meeting

**INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING MAPPING SERVICES**

Public Works Director Shenyer explained to council that the city was awarded a grant from the Department of Ecology to define critical area within the city limits.  Shenyer stated that mapping the critical areas is the last step in the grant process.  Shenyer explained that the Okanogan County Planning Department was able to produce the large maps needed and in order for them to do it they are requiring the city to sign an Inter-local Agreement for G.I.S.
MOTION:

Council Member Lehrman moved to authorize Mayor House to sign the Inter-local Agreement for G.I.S. mapping service with the Okanogan County Planning Department. Seconded by Council Member Webster. Motion carried unanimously.

SURPLUS PUBLIC WORKS S15 PICKUP & THE COMMUNITY CENTER 1981 FORD VAN

Public Works Director Shenyer requested that the council declare the Public Works Chevrolet S15 pickup and the Columbia Cove Community Center 1981 Ford Van surplus. Shenyer stated that the S15 pickup was in need of clutch and engine work and that the Ford Van is simply not used by the community center anymore and that we have nowhere to store it. Shenyer reported that we have a total of five vehicles, including the above mentioned, that need to be sold and he is in the process of working out a consignment deal with Boesel Motors.

MOTION:

Council Member Dewey moved to declare surplus the Public Works Chevrolet S15 pickup and the Columbia Cove Community Center 1981 Ford Van surplus. Seconded by Council Member Lehman. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Rick Balam passed out the monthly police report and stats. Balam reported that the 4th of July went well, except for several small grass fires due to fireworks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mayor House adjourned into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss personnel and possible litigation at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor House reconvened into regular session at 7:55 p.m.

There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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