

## City Council Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2025

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sergio Orozco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Council Present-** Matthew Schuh, Mike Bjornstad, Jackie Hentges, Paul Anson, and Esiquio “Zeke” Martinez.

**Staff Present-** Sergio Orozco, Mayor; Matt West, Public Works; and Judy Brown, Clerk/Treasurer.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Flag Salute.

### 3. AGENDA CHANGES

Discussion ensued.

**Motion-** Adjust agenda to include “Discussion Item” f. Bridgeport Brewster Pateros Senior Center support.

**Motion/Schuh; Second/Anson; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0**

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Norm Marshal- Concerns of fire hazard from property next to his and possible squatters on property, council to address issues.

Charlene Knox- Informed Council on the happenings at the Bridgeport, Brewster, Pateros Senior Center in Brewster.

Chairman Marc Straub, Douglas County Commissioner, District #3- Informed Council on several matters the County is dealing with; Land Use Updating, McNeil Canyon road realignment this summer, moderate risk household waste disposal in East Wenatchee this summer, job openings, fielded questions, please call for anything we may need.

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Meeting Minutes; January 15, 2025
- b. EMS Write-offs for January 2025 in the amount of \$116.48
- c. Voucher Approval

Vouchers Presented	Check #s	Amount
01/15/25 Payroll Checks	15707 – 15718	\$ 17,637.33
01/15/25 Payroll EFTs		\$ 9,478.00
01/31/25 Payroll Checks	15720 – 15746	\$ 27,254.51
01/31/25 Payroll EFTs		\$ 22,194.86
02/15/25 Payroll Checks	15747 – 15754 Voided	\$ 0.00
02/15/25 Payroll Checks	15755 – 15766	\$ 28,773.75
02/15/25 Payroll EFTs		\$ 18,546.42
January 2025 EFTs		\$ 14,692.42
February 2025 EFTs		\$ 9,194.54

January 2025 Voucher	15719	\$ 305.54
February 2025 Vouchers	15767 – 15803	\$ 78,422.63
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 226,500.00</b>

**Motion-** Accept the Consent Agenda, as presented.

**Motion/Schuh; Second/Bjornstad; Approved/5:0**

**6. REPORTS**

a. Committee Reports

➤ Finance & Personnel- Hentges & Schuh  
Currently nothing to report.

➤ Parks & Public Works- Bjornstad & Anson  
Good Sam Facebook posting regarding Maring RV Park needs to be reviewed; questioned expectations of RV Park Hosts.

➤ Fire & EMS- Martinez  
Fire Rescue Vehicle was diagnosed by Pro-Tech Diesel, located in Omak, vehicle needs a new engine, repairs would be over \$16,000, discussion ensued.

b. Staff Reports

➤ Public Works-

Street Sweeper new transmission installed; currently doing small engine and minor maintenance preparing for new season of use; City Hall redirected wires to ceiling that historically had been on the floor; Additional surplus items – pool heat pumps, chevy (blue) pickup, snowplow for vehicle city no longer has, miscellaneous non-operational small tools, city car, unused (old) Christmas decorations.

➤ Clerk/Treasurer-

January 2025 Financial and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024, with year-end adjustments, provided; annual report to SAO complete, not submitted, waiting for additional training for the current reporting period; Grants – DOE Stormwater Plan Project closed out, EPA Reservoir #1 rehab working on extension; RCO Berryman Park rehab, remaining retainage amount will be received at time of project completion, Dept of Commerce PUG Deputy Clerk processing payments; Attended webinar regarding possible ambulance funding opportunities with USDA and Hagerty Consulting; Attended webinar on completing the VEBA contribution process for staff; Will attend webinar with Hagerty Consulting regarding USDA grant writing; Working on three PRR; Out of the office working remotely 3/6 to 3/25; Will attend webinars 4/2 & 4/3 pertaining to Annual Financial Reporting; April 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, Ariana and Marilynn attend the WPTA Annual Conference, I will be in the office to cover their absence.

➤ Mayor-

Accepted resignation from Stuart Dezellem, Public Work Superintendent and offered position to Matt West, he accepted; attended AWC Mayor’s Exchange in Olympia in January, very informative and will be attending more, watching two Bills that possible will help our community (Law Enforcement & Affordable Housing); Clothing bin on main street working on getting it cleaned up and moved to a better location.

➤ Bridgeport School Student Representative- Luis Herrera-Sanchez

High School teachers are moving back into the newly remodeled building; ASB hosting Combined Prom this year on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**7. DISCUSSION**

a. Water System Plan  
Table

- b. Bridgeport Municipal Code 8.10, Nuisance Table
- c. Block wall fencing and retaining walls  
Research indicates that these types of features would require a building permit; Brown will research moving forward to implement this process; discussion ensued.
- d. Replacement, Fire Command Vehicle  
Questions, answers, and discussion ensued.
- e. Replacement, Ambulance  
Questions, answers, and discussion ensued.
- f. Senior Center  
Questions, answers, and discussion ensued.  
**Motion-** Pay \$2,500 for support to Bridgeport Brewster Pateros Senior Citizens Center providing meals to residents.  
**Motion/Bjornstad; Second/None** – Motion died due to lack of Second  
  
**Motion-** Pay \$3,000 for support to Bridgeport Brewster Pateros Senior Citizens Center providing meals to residents.  
**Motion/Anson; Second/Bjornstad; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0**

## 8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. New Ambulance Financing  
**Motion-** Approve application to USDA RD funding in the form of grant and/or low interest loan to purchase a new ambulance for the city.  
**Motion/Schuh; Second/Hentges; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0**
- b. Budget Amendment (Fire & Ambulance )  
**Motion-** Amend 2025 Budget General Fund expenditure increase of \$8,000 allow for planned purchase of Fire Command Vehicle.  
**Motion/Schuh; Second/Bjornstad; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0**
- c. Spring Chipping Event – Set Date  
**Motion-** Set the Spring Chipping Event date as April 5, 2025.  
**Motion/Schuh; Second/Anson; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0**

## 9. EXEC UTIVE SESSION – Sale of Real Estate RCW 42.30.110 (1)(c)

- Mayor Orozco opened the Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- The Council is expected to take further action following the Executive Session.
- Adjourned Executive Session and reconvened Regular Meeting back to order at 9:00 p.m.

## 10. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Sale of Real Estate  
Discussion ensued  
**Motion-** Combine parcel #03100600700 & #03100600800 then place for auction with a minimum bid of \$18,000.  
**Motion/Martinez; Second/Bjornstad; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0**

## 11. COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Schuh- will attend AWC RMSA AGRiP conference located in Las Vegas March during our next meeting
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Anson- Spoke with Shelly Short, Washington State Senator from the 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District she wanted to know what she could do for Bridgeport, council gave ideas to that question of sidewalks, Public Works and Fire/EMS equipment, asbestos remediation, water/sewer infrastructure replacement for his next conversation with her.

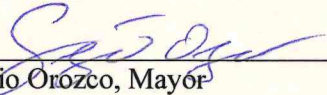
Bjornstad- Tree Sculpture maintenance, discussion ensued, West will continue researching repairs to be done this year.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**


**Motion-** Move to adjourn meeting at 9:21 p.m.

**Motion/Schuh; Second/Anson; Discussion/None; Approved/5:0**

**APPROVED:**

  
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Sergio Orozco, Mayor

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Judy Brown, CMC  
Clerk/Treasurer