**BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**May 16, 2023**

**Meeting Via Teleconference and In-Person**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Joe O’Sullivan at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present: Phil Jones, Ryan O’Connor, and Brittany Spratt. Staff present: City Administrator Krista Loney, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz.

Audience Present: Tammara Tippel

As the meeting was called to order City Administrator Krista Loney requested that three items be added to the agenda:

1. Presentation from Tammara Tippel, Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce, regarding the Community Cleanup Event.
2. A request for transportation costs support for a summer pool bus from the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District.
3. Discussion of the City of Bingen Letter of Support for the ZAP grant application for follow-up funding.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Community Cleanup Event Presentation by Tammara Tippel, Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce**

Tammara Tippel presented the results of Community Cleanup for 2023 on a flyer that was created. The event took in 150 cubic yards of compostable debris, kept 195 fluorescent bulbs out of the landfill, recycled more than 10,000 pounds of electronic waste and recycled 36 bicycles. 430 vehicles were served, 38 home pickups (exclusive of the Bingen Public Works efforts) were made, and 142 volunteers donated 860 hours of volunteer time. The 2024 event is April 26-27, 2024.

**Meeting Minutes – 5/2/2023**

Councilor Jones made a motion to approve the May 2, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Councilor O’Connor provided the second and the motion carried.

**White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District Funding Request**

The WSVPMPD reached out to Administrator Loney on May 16 to ask if Bingen could support a busing program between White Salmon, Bingen, and the Hood River pool this summer. Dates of the program, if all funding can be obtained and a driver hired, will be July 3 through August 23. Buses will leave White Salmon on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays of each week at 1:30. Pickup locations in Bingen will be Daubenspeck Park and The Society Hotel. The bus will go directly to the Hood River Pool and will leave the pool at 4:30. The driver will stay onsite in case of emergent transportation needs back to Bingen or White Salmon. Projected cost of the busing program is $7,931.79 and Bingen’s proportional share will be $634.54.

Councilor Jones made a motion to authorize Bingen’s portion to provide busing for anyone interested to go to the Hood River Pool. Council O’Connor provided the second and the motion carried.

**ZAP Letter of Support**

Administrator Loney shared that she had been contacted by Forth and informed that the multi-year ZAP grant from WSDOT was no longer authorizing multiple years of funding. The application for the next round of funding is due May 17, 2023. Council was supportive of sending a letter of support for the grant application.

**Klickitat County Sheriff’s Office Interlocal Agreement for Housing of Prisoners.**

Council tabled the discussion of the interlocal agreement at the May 2, 2023 meeting to allow time for Police Chief Hepner to review the agreement. Chief Hepner completed his review and thinks that the 3% annual increase is more than fair.

Councilor O’Sullivan made a motion to sign the interlocal agreement with the Klickitat County Sheriff’s Office for the Housing of Prisoners. Councilor O’Connor provided the second and the motion carried.

**Capital Facilities Plan for the Treatment Plant**

Bingen has been discussing a capital facilities plan for the treatment plant since last fall. White Salmon has agreed to pay 75% of the cost of the plan with Bingen paying the remaining 25%. Gray and Osborne provided a quote of $49,464. Councilor Jones made a motion to approve hiring Gray and Osborne to complete the Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Facilities Plan contract. Councilor O’Connor provided the second and the motion carried.

**West District Court Costs Update**

Administrator Loney informed Council that Bingen and White Salmon had sent a memo to Commissioner Anderson restating their position about their proportional share of West District Court costs and providing draft interlocal agreements. Administrator Loney followed up with Commissioner Anderson and was informed that the interlocal agreements are making their way through the Klickitat County processes.

**April 2023 Treasurers Report**

Administrator Loney presented the April 2023 Treasurers Report. All is as it should be. Councilor Jones made a motion to approve the April 2023 Treasurers Report. Council O’Connor provided the second and the motion carried.

**Staff Reports**

Administrator Loney had the following updates for Council:

* Bingen scored #2 for TAP grant engineering funds for sidewalks on Alder and Cedar and expects the $100,000 to be awarded in early June.
* Bingen was not selected for the AARP Community Challenge grant for bus shelters.
* The grant with Energy NW will be submitted to Commerce this week for a DCFC Level 3 charger.
* Loney has a meeting about CERB funding this Thursday.
* Streets and Parks committee will meet May 23 to discuss the Daubenspeck Park quotes and go over the TIP which needs to be approved by Council and submitted by July 1, 2023.
* There is a water leak on the 2” main on Humboldt at Cedar. PW is on top of it and the fix is planned for Thursday pending all of the utility locates.
* If you have been noticing the loud use of Jake brakes by log trucks, Chief Hepner is on top of it.
* If you noticed that water smelled funny over the weekend, the intertie at SR-14 didn’t open. Loney is in touch with G&O about getting this fixed.
* The floodplain appeal letter was sent to FEMA.
* Smoke testing is scheduled for June 8.
* Loney met with Granicus last week to learn about the short-term rental services that they offer.
* Jim Stanton, retired Planner, has completed his review of the code changes. Loney will schedule a meeting for council to workshop the proposed changes before public hearings.

**Mayor’s Update and Council Comments**

Councilor O’Connor informed council that the Water and Sewer Committee met with Ashley Emery to kickoff the Rate Study. He would like to make sure that Ashley’s comment about paying taxes gets addressed as part of the project.

**Voucher Approval**

Payroll Checks (Dated 5/15/2023) and Payroll EFT (Dated 5/15/2023) totaling $27,474.84; General Fund - $10,195.96, Street Fund - $4,882.54, Water Fund - $2,905.59, Sewer Fund - $882.94, and Treatment Plant Fund - $8,607.81

Councilor Jones made a motion to approve the Payroll dated May 15, 2023. Councilor O’Connor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Claims Checks (Dated 5/16/2023) and Claims EFT (Dated 5/16/2023) totaling $36,947.87; General Fund - $12,396.84, Street Fund - $1,201.83, Water Fund - $4,282.09, Sewer Fund - $578.83, Treatment Plant Fund - $7,470.11, and Water Capital Reserve Fund - $11,018.17

Councilor O’Connor made a motion to approve the Claims dated May 16, 2023. Councilor Spratt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Pro Tempore O’Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.