

# BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Prigel at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Betty Barnes, Laura Mann, Clinton Bryan and Sandi Dickey. Council members absent: Terry Trantow. City Administrator Jan Brending and Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Etta Hepner, Judy Farrell.

## **Public Comment**

### ***Etta Hepner and Judy Farrell, Gorge Heritage Museum***

Etta Hepner said she would like to speak to the city council regarding the work done by CIDA for ADA accessibility at the museum. She said that she feels the work provided by CIDA is unusable because it only provides “today’s standards” and no minimum or maximum standards for alternatives. Hepner said she would like to see some additional information.

Jan Brending provided an overview of the contract with CIDA and the work that has been completed by them. She noted that the city’s contract and scope of work did not ask CIDA to provide minimum or maximum standards. Brending also noted that at the last committee meeting there was no mention of minimum or maximum standards. She said the focus of the discussion at the last meeting centered on the downstairs room and bathroom. Brending said the museum representatives were concerned about access to a storage facility that was being impacted by the design. She said CIDA agreed to look at whether or not the bathroom and ramp could be reconfigured to keep the current access to the storage area the same. Brending said she is not sure whether the documents provided by CIDA shows any changes to the bathroom or ramp.

Betty Barnes asked if the document can be used by the museum to seek funding.

Etta Hepner said yes but she is concerned that the costs are such that the museum will not receive any grants. She said she would like to see the document provides some variances.

Jan Brending said she can ask CIDA some questions regarding the documents. She said the plans have been drawn in such a way that the different projects could phased including doing the outside access separately from the downstairs or just starting with the bathroom remodel.

The city council agreed that questions should be forwarded to Jan Brending from the museum to be presented to CIDA and another committee meeting scheduled to see if the issues can be resolved.

## **Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2009**

Changes to the meeting minutes of the February 3 city council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph under “Police Committee Report – Proposed Personally Assigned Vehicle (PAV) Police,” 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence should read: “Barnes said that she estimates it costs the Bingen-White Salmon Police Department approximately \$21,000 to provide “personally assigned vehicles” for all officers and that it would cost approximately \$92,400 to replace an officer and pay for training and overtime while the new officer is in training.”

Page 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph under “Police Committee Report – Proposed Personally Assigned Vehicle (PAV) Police,” last sentence should read: “Dickey said the policy does have a response time limit with an exceptions clause for special circumstances.”

Page 2, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph under “Police Committee Report – Proposed Personally Assigned Vehicle (PAV) Police,” first sentence should read: “Laura Mann said she appreciates Betty Barnes bringing up the need for the policy due to IRS requirements.”

Page 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, last sentence should read: “She said she is concerned that if one goes up then there might be others and the city needs to address how the placement of mail boxes will be controlled.”

Betty Barnes moved to approve the meeting minutes of the February 3 city council meeting as amended. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

## **Dog Ordinance Amendments – Continued Discussion**

The city council discussed the proposed amendments to the dog ordinance making changes and accepting suggestions from the city attorney.

There was consensus of the council to schedule a public hearing for adopting the ordinance at the next city council meeting.

The council and staff discussed the need to make information available to the public about the dog ordinance once it has been adopted particularly regarding how dogs can be retrieved when impounded in Goldendale.

### **Mayor's Update and Council Comments**

#### ***SDS Landslide***

Brian Prigel said the Department of Natural Resources has issued an order regarding the landslide that is located just east of the city requiring SDS to stop mining operations until they address the landslide.

#### ***Klickitat County EDA***

Brian Prigel said he attended the recent EDA meeting. He said Bingen will receive \$20,000 for its proposed new sport court.

#### ***Street Sweeping***

Jan Brending said she has provided a copy of an e-mail from SDS regarding the street sweeping it provides for the city. She said she responded to Jon Cole and asked them to pay particular attention to South Maple Street because of the rock that comes off the mill property.

The council instructed staff to investigate what it would cost for a new or good used street sweeper.

#### ***Civil Service Commission***

Betty Barnes presented a draft letter acknowledging Barbara Hylton's service as Bingen's representative on the White Salmon Civil Service Commission. She said that Barbara Hylton will be attending White Salmon's city council meeting tomorrow evening where she will be honored for her service.

Laura Mann moved to authorize the mayor to sign a letter acknowledging Barbara Hylton's service as Bingen's representative on the White Salmon Civil Service Commission. Betty Barnes seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

#### ***Klickitat County Department of Health***

Jan Brending provided a copy of a letter from the Klickitat County Department of Health to a Bingen property owner regarding junk and garbage that is currently being stored on the subject property. She said the department seems to be more willing to assist the city with these issues than it has been in the past.

#### **Vouchers**

Vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 as of this date February 17, 2009. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 10938-10960 totaling \$5,239.91. Current – \$3409.57; Street - \$229.65; Water - \$272.03; Sewer - \$947.21; Treatment Plant - \$381.45.

Vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 as of this date February 17, 2009. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks 10921-10937 totaling \$12295.91. Current - \$5296.48; Street - \$1212.59; Water – \$1756.34; Sewer - \$464.57; Bingen Treatment Plant - \$3565.93.

At 9:05 p.m. the city council adjourned.

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City Clerk

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Mayor