

# BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brian Prigel at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Clinton Bryan, Sandi Dickey. Council members absent: Betty Barnes, Laura Mann. City Administrator Jan Brending and Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Paul Agee, Ben Harvey, Jim Andring.

## **Oath of Office**

Brian Prigel sworn in Catherine Kiewit as council member of the City of Bingen.

## **Public Comment**

### ***Ben Harvey and Jim Andring, Bingen-White Salmon Police Department***

Ben Harvey introduced the department's new K-9, Uro, to the city council.

Jim Andring said he feels adding a K-9 to the department is one of the biggest changes to the department in the last 25 years. He said he feels it will change how the department does police work and will help with drug issues.

Ben Harvey said he will start training on Sunday which will take approximately 10 weeks. He said the department is conducting a fundraiser for selecting a name for the K-9. Harvey said many businesses have already donated funds and materials for a kennel for the dog. He said the departments hopes to purchase a retrofitted vehicle from Port Angeles.

## **Approval of Minutes – August 4, 2009**

Sandi Dickey moved to approve the minutes of the August 4 city council meeting. Clinton Bryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Public Hearing- Conditional Use Permit 2009-003, Paul and Jane Agee**

Brian Prigel announced the public hearing for a conditional use permit submitted by Paul and Jane Agee. He said the application is to establish a residential unit in approximately one-half of a commercial structure located at 120 W. Steuben.

Jan Brending reviewed the staff report. She noted that residential uses in conjunction with commercial uses are allowed as conditional uses within a commercial zone. Brending said there are three other locations on West Steuben that have residential uses in a portion of the commercial structure. She also noted that the existing structure has housed a residential use in the past. Brending noted that parking in off-street parking areas adjacent to the building should be restricted so that vehicles do not block the sidewalk.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve Conditional Use Permit Application 2009-003 submitted by Paul and Jane Agree to establish a residential unit in approximately ½ of a commercial structure located at 120 W. Steuben with restrictions that parking in the off-street parking areas adjacent to building shall be restricted so that vehicles do not block the sidewalk. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Request for Reduction in Water/Sewer Billing – Paul Agee**

Jan Brending said that when the city prepared the water/sewer billing for the month of July it was apparent there was a leak at 120 W. Steuben. She said she had the public works department turn off the water and the property owner was notified. Brending said the property owner located and repaired the leak and has provided documentation that the leak has been repaired. She said the property owner, Paul Agree, is asking the city to reduce the water/sewer billing by the amount charged for sewer overage. Brending said the water leak was one that did not result in water going through the city's wastewater system.

Sandi Dickey moved to authorize the reduction in the July water/sewer billing by the amount billed for sewer overage. Clinton Bryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Water Line Leak – Engineer's Cost Estimate and Proposal for Engineering Services**

This agenda item was postponed to the September 1 agenda.

## **Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Discussion**

This agenda item was postponed to the September 1 agenda.

### **Treasurer's Report – July 2009**

Jan Brending presented the treasurer's report for July 2009.

Clinton Bryan moved to accept the treasurer's report for July 2009. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

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

#### ***Regional Transportation Council***

Brian Prigel reported that he attended the RTC meeting. He said the council is updating priorities for Klickitat County.

### **Maple Street Lights**

Jan Brending said Coburn Electric should be installing the controller on the Maple Street lights so that they are not on 24/7.

### **Park Committee Meeting**

A park committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday, August 24 at 5:30 p.m. to review proposals for design of the skate park.

### **Joint Police Committee Meeting**

A joint police committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m. at Bingen city hall.

### **Insitu Request for Information**

Jan Brending provided information to the city council regarding the State of Washington and Klickitat County's submittal to Insitu in response to the request for information. She noted the information does not include Skamania County's submittal as that is not currently available.

### **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 August 18, 2009. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 11475-11502 totaling \$44118.95. Current – \$7742.15; Street - \$168.10; Community Development - \$1462.00; Street Construction & Maintenance - \$5051.34; Water - \$5051.34; Sewer - \$119.81; Treatment Plant - \$1680.93; Water/Sewer Equipment Reserve - \$12,000.00.

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 August 18, 2009. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 11473 totaling \$33.00. Treatment Plant - \$1680.93.

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 August 18, 2009. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks 11457-11474 totaling \$11399.81. Current - \$5067.22 Street - \$1111.18; Water – \$1609.55; Sewer - \$425.76; Bingen Treatment Plant - \$3186.10.

At 7:50 p.m. the city council adjourned.

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City Clerk

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Mayor