

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT – June 15, 2021

Meeting Via Teleconference - Audio Recorded

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J Barnes at 7:00 pm. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, Phil Jones, Isolde Schroder, Ryan O'Connor, and Joseph O'Sullivan. Staff present: Clerk Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, Public Works Superintendent David Spratt, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz, Police Chief Mike Hepner. Audience Present: Jacob Bertram, Nancy Wetch.

Police Department Update

Chief Hepner said he had been gone for a couple of weeks but that he was working on a negotiation with Skyline Hospital for non crisis calls so that people could see a counselor there. He said a grant was secured to establish the program.

Council member Kiewit asked about the SWAT team that came through town on May 31, 2021.

Hepner said the call was in Wishram and that it was successfully resolved.

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“Mayor Pro Tempore Kiewit directed Public Works Superintendent Spratt to check into including the quiet zone efforts in the STIP in 2022.”

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2021 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council member O'Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Project Update - Gray & Osborne

Nancy Wetch

Wetch discussed the crushed drop pipe in SR14/Steuben Street and the recommended mitigation. She said the crushed section was in the horizontal pipe between two manholes, just after the drop. She said TEK Construction's suggested course of action included replacing the section with an inside drop and stabilizing the crushed portion with CIPP. She said the approximate cost was \$24,000 and that they were still working on a flagging and traffic control plan.

Wetch noted that Public Works Superintendent David Spratt wanted to use this contractor since their insurance was already verified the WSDOT permit was still valid, and because the pricing was good since their subcontractor was already in the area, which would help with mobilization costs.

Council member Jones clarified that “this contractor” meant TEK Construction.

Mayor Barnes said TEK would be suspending work on the treatment plant in July to resume the drop pipe repair in September.

Council member O'Connor asked if there would be impacts to the current project funding if the project were to be extended to allow for the drop pipe repair.

Wetch said no.

There was a consensus to pursue the repair.

2020 Annual Report

Clerk Pantoja Wright said portions of the report were still pending review by the budget committee.

Council member Kiewit made a motion to table the 2020 annual report to the meeting of July 6, 2021. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Proposed Interagency Data Sharing Agreement – Office of the WA State Auditor

Council member O'Connor made a motion to approve the Proposed Interagency Data Sharing Agreement – Office of the WA State Auditor as presented. Council member O'Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act

Council member Schroder made a motion to accept the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act for 2021 and 2022. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

SR14 Roundabout Discussion

Mayor Barnes and Council member Kiewit noted that the SDS Lumber board meeting would be the next day and asked Council member O'Connor to review some of the available antiques with Kiewit and evaluate potential for roundabout art.

Mayor Barnes thanked Council member O'Sullivan for the input he shared even when unavailable to attend the meeting.

Staff Report

Clerk Pantoja Wright shared that the swim roster was at about 30 swimmers and the passes were being utilized slowly but steadily.

Pantoja Wright said she had been working with Public Works Superintendent Spratt to compile the Consumer Confidence Report and Water Use Efficiency Report and that both were successfully completed. She said the newsletter was ready for distribution and would be included with the next council packet.

Voucher Approval

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 June 15, 2021.

The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list:

Payroll Checks 22377-22380 and Payroll EFT (Dated 6/15/2021) totaling \$25,837.35 General Fund - \$9,061.90, Street Fund - \$3,843.45, Water Fund - \$2,604.61, Sewer Fund - \$481.03, Treatment Plant Fund - \$9,846.36.

Motion: O'Connor
Second: O'Sullivan

Checks 22381-22405 and EFT (Dated 6/15/2021) totaling \$43,144.31. General Fund - \$8,509.18, Street Fund - \$764.20, Water Fund - \$32,716.94, Sewer Fund - \$111.68, Treatment Plant Fund - \$1,042.31.

Motion: Kiewit
Second: Jones

The council adjourned at 7:47 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor