

# **BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**December 7, 2021**

## **Meeting Via Teleconference - Audio Recorded**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 7:03 pm. Council members present: Phil Jones, Joseph O’Sullivan, Ryan O’Connor, Isolde Schroder and Catherine Kiewit. Staff present: Deputy Clerk Dena Riggelman, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz. Audience Present: Jan Brending, Kevin Driscol, Justin Leigh, John Weil and Kim Wollenburg.

### **Minutes of November 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council member O’Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, with Council member Schroder abstaining.

### **Final Short Plat – 532 W Lincoln**

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the final plat for Short Plat No. 2021-002 by Justin D Leigh at 532 W Lincoln. Council member O’Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Discussion on Off Street Parking for McKenzie River Company**

Alan Peters, from Skamania County Planning Department, said that McKenzie River Company submitted a request to amend two sections of the City’s zoning code related to the minimum area of an off-street parking stall for multi-family residential development. Peters said that if the council is interested in going forward with the proposal, the council would have to amend the off-street parking standings in BMC 17.64.040 and the standards for the Multiple-Family Residential (R3) zone in BMC 17.28.50, which would have to be adopted by ordinance following a public hearing.

The council discussed parking scenarios and decided to not change the parking code at this time.

### **Wastewater Treatment Plant Interlocal Agreement with White Salmon**

Jan Brending, from the City of White Salmon, said that their city just passed this Interlocal Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, that is between the two cities and that the only change was the ERU rate going from fifteen dollars to fifteen dollars and twenty-five cents.

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve the Wastewater Treatment Plant Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bingen and the City of White Salmon. Council member O’Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

### **Public Hearing – 2022 Draft Budget Final**

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing for the 2022 draft budget  
Mayor Barnes closed the public hearing for the 2022 draft budget.

**Ordinance 2021-09-720 2022 Budget**

Council member Jones made a motion to table Ordinance 2021-09-720 2022 Budget, until the next council meeting on December 21st. Council member Kiewit seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Mayor Update**

Mayor Barnes said there will not be a Christmas Parade or Santa in the Park this year but that the city employees decorated the gazebo in the park and put up a tree out city hall, on the front patio.

**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 December 7, 2021.

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

Payroll Checks 22700-22705 and Payroll EFT (Dated 11/30/2021) totaling \$30,569.73 General Fund - \$11,402.10, Street Fund - \$4,977.63, Water Fund - \$3,454.59, Sewer Fund - \$640.83 Treatment Plant Fund - \$10,094.58.

Motion: Jones

Second: O’Sullivan

Payroll Checks 22735-22753 and Payroll EFT (Dated 12/7/2021) totaling \$9,869.38 General Fund - \$9,869.38.

Motion: Kiewit

Second: O’Connor

Checks 22706-22774 totaling \$43,255.88. General Fund - \$16,199.15, Street Fund - \$2,537.51, Water Fund - \$20,089.33, Sewer Fund - \$200.44, Treatment Plant Fund - \$4,229.45.

Motion: Kiewit

Second: Jones

**Closed Session- Union Agreement**

The council went into a closed session to discuss the union agreement at 7:21 pm.

The council adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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Deputy Clerk

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Mayor