

## BINGEN CITY COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES – March 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty Barnes at 7:05 pm. Council Members Present: Laura Mann, Phil Jones, Catherine Kiewit, Ryan O'Connor (via telephone), Isolde Schroder, Student Council Member Cesar Robles. Staff Members Present: City Clerk Cheyenne Willey, Public Works Chief David Spratt. Audience Present: Ken Park

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2019

Corrections were noted as follows:

Councilmember Mann motioned to approve the February 5, 2019 minutes. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion, and the approval passed unanimously.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2019

Corrections were noted as follows:

Councilmember Jones motioned to approve the February 5, 2019 minutes. Councilmember Schroder seconded the motion, and the approval passed unanimously.

#### Northshore Community Foundation

##### *Guillermo Fisch Statue*

Mayor Barnes opened the conversation by inquiring if the Council had looked at the proposed flowerbed for the Guillermo Fisch proposed statue. Councilmember Jones mentioned that it might be hard to see with traffic. Mayor Barnes added that she had contacted the caretakers of the Peace Pole in the area, who had said that they had no problem with moving the pole should that be needed. Moreover, Barnes stated that she had been in contact with the artist who designed the statue, and that once the weather cleared up, Public Works Chief David Spratt should oversee the placement decision. Councilmember Mann said she would like a pedestal for it to be visible; she added that Hood River has pedestal bases that can be moved, and that that could be a possibility. Councilmember Kiewit suggested the artist make a mockup out of inexpensive materials such as wood or cardboard to test factors like lighting or parking that may compromise the placement. Kiewit requested that a mockup be shown to the Council prior to its placement, and that the responsibility of the statue's upkeep should be placed on its creators.

Councilmember Mann then proceeded to ask who would own the statue, to which it was clarified that the Northshore Community Foundation would have ownership of the statue unless it is donated to the City.

Mann expressed concern about the insurance policy surrounding the placement of the statue; Mayor Barnes said that the City would do a reassessment of assets, but the statue would not trigger a high risk in any case. Barnes also added that a contract would have to be created between the City and the Northshore Community Foundation so the City would not be responsible for any negative repercussions.

Councilmember Schroder adamantly stated that this form of art was not necessarily of her liking, nor did she consider the grouper fish or excessive drinking to be celebrated. Councilmember Mann thought that the Boy Scouts had the original land claim with the Peace Pole, and although they agreed to move if need be, they should not. Councilmember O'Connor questioned if there was perspective for the statue to be seen in the proposed area, to which Councilmember Kiewit responded that this inquiry solidified her proposition for an artist mockup; after all, she mentioned, the statue could be a traffic hazard by too

closely resembling a pedestrian at a crosswalk. Councilmember Jones suggested a different location for the statue just outside of the Insitu building on Steuben Street. Jones said that there would be no interference for traffic in that location, to which the council approved. Again, the council resolved that there are valid concerns for location, and that an artist's follow-up should be submitted via photograph to address said liabilities/responsibilities.

## **Park Reservation Requirements Discussion**

### *Proposed Layout*

City Clerk Willey asked to be caught up with previous discussion on the park reservation requirements last meeting. Councilmember Schroder said that Willey should take the other documents and compile them in the best interest of the city. Willey stated that the main change in the document would likely be the diversification of alcohol permission in the park, the implementation of a new ordinance for deposits, and a deposit refusal clause should damage not be cleaned up after an event. Willey also stated that the cost of damage could be mirrored to billing in the case that a deposit does not cover full damage. The council resolved to having cleaning addressed under the deposit and damage billed separately. Councilmember Schroder also added that the City of Vancouver has in place a cash requirement for inflatable plastic devices informally known as "bounce houses" and that the City of Bingen should consider this as well. Lastly, Councilmember Kiewit made a request to also implement a linear portable bathroom requirement in the reservation requirements.

## **Old Business**

### *AWC CFQC Scholarship*

The council moved to approve Student Council Member Cesar Robles for the scholarship.

### *Emergency Grant Situation*

Mayor Barnes noted that the **ORGANIZATION** was not hoarding funds, but instead giving emergency funds to those who need it.

### *WSDOT Update – Mayor Barnes*

Mayor Barnes mentioned that WSDOT would be doing work in the southern properties with regards to the Highway 14 improvement project. She also said that the next monthly meeting on the project would follow soon. Councilmember Kiewit added that she was thankful for WSDOT closing truck traffic on Highway 14 in lieu of late winter, as Bingen "is not a highway."

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

### *Wastewater Treatment Agreement*

Councilmember Mann said that she was in contact with Public Works member Tom Hons regarding White Salmon's water ordinances and the wastewater treatment agreement in place, particularly regarding Jess Caudill of Everybody's Brewing. She mentioned that certain parts of the ordinance gave Hons jurisdiction, so she would be checking with him for more information.

### *BIAS Classes*

City Clerk Willey was able to attend various BIAS software conferences in Washington State recently; she was able to take various classes and even got the opportunity to get training with the auditor's office

and annual reports. She learned about drought forecasts, water level predictions in future, and the new water auditing tool; Willey mentioned that this tool would be useful to the City for its own annual water matters, though Bingen's drought differences will be minimal compared to other regions across Washington State.

#### *CBDG Grant Income Survey*

The CBDG recently contacted the City with the promise to give free income surveys for the region in time to meet the CBDG General Purpose grant deadlines. Mayor Barnes said she would set up conference calls on March 21 and 22 to further discuss this matter.

#### **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 March 5, 2019.

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

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The council adjourned at 7:57 pm.