

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT – August 18, 2020

Meeting Via Teleconference

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J Barnes at 7:05 p.m. Council members present: Phil Jones, Ryan O’Connor, Catherine Kiewit, Isolde Schroder. Staff present: City Clerk Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz, Police Chief Mike Hepner. Council member absent: Joseph O’Sullivan

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Corrected as follows:

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Ryan Walters was present

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Council member Kiewit thanked council member Schroder for pushing the council to reopen the **stake skate** park and said she thought the council was very logical and thoughtful in the closure.

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 council meeting, as amended. Council member Schroder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Wastewater Facilities Improvements Project Estimate #1

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the wastewater facilities improvements project estimate #1 as presented and pay the amount due to TEK Construction. Council member Kiewit seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ryan Walters with Gray & Osborne gave a brief wastewater facilities improvements project update to the council. He said the project had roughly 204 working days and that so far everything was on schedule.

Walters said there was a meeting with the contractors at 10:30 am that morning and that treatment plant manager Hons had some great questions. He said the collections system depot street sewer line replacement and manhole work would require some parking closures and that he anticipated that portion of the project beginning around September 9, 2020. He noted that the empty lot owned by the City near Daubenspeck Park would be used for equipment staging.

Parklet Placement Discussion

Mayor Barnes let the council know that the businesses had requested to add a parklet in front of Carmen’s Kitchen and make the one in front of Mugs Coffee smaller.

Clerk Pantoja Wright said she had heard from Public Works that Carmen’s Kitchen decided against the new parklet so they could retain more customer parking.

Mayor Barnes said she would follow up with the businesses and come back to council with any changes.

Mayor Update and Council Comments

The council discussed the idea of a workshop to come up with ways to support city staff and residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Executive Session

Mayor Barnes announced at 7:20 p.m. that the City Council will go into Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 7:40 p.m. the Council resumed regular session.

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 August 4, 2020.

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

Payroll Checks 21706-21715, and Payroll EFT (Dated 8/14/2020) totaling \$24,394.46 General Fund - \$9,782.14, Street Fund - \$4,953.33, Water Fund - \$3,161.28, Sewer Fund - \$530.33, Treatment Plant Fund - \$5,967.38.

Motion: Schroder

Second: Kiewit

Checks 21718-21735 (Dated 8/18/20) totaling \$9,414.74. General Fund - \$3,870.03, Street Fund - \$169.57, Water Fund - \$3,394.55, Sewer Fund - \$415.34, Treatment Plant Fund - \$1,565.25.

Motion: Kiewit

Second: Jones

The council adjourned at 7:45 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor