

# BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**DRAFT – May 4, 2021**

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Catherine Kiewit at 7:00 pm. Council members present: Phil Jones, Ryan O'Connor, Isolde Schroder, and Joseph O'Sullivan. Absent: Mayor Betty J Barnes. Staff present: Clerk Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, Public Works Superintendent David Spratt, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz. Audience Present: Michelle Mulroney, Nancy Wetch, Ryan Walters, Mark Nelson.

### **Bingen White Salmon Police Department Update**

The police department was not in attendance, but Council member Schroder noted that there had been car prowls in her neighborhood including the theft of a neighbor's catalytic converter.

### **Minutes of April 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2021 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council member Schroder seconded the motion and it passed with the following votes: Kiewit – Aye, Schroder – Aye, Jones – Aye, O'Connor – Aye, O'Sullivan – Abstain.

### **Public Hearing – Ordinance 2021-02-713 Establishing BMC 12.02, Right of Way Use (*Continued*)**

Mayor Pro Tempore Kiewit opened the public hearing continued from the meeting of April 20, 2021.

The council and staff discussed questions raised during the initial public hearing.

Clerk Pantoja Wright explained that Parklets should not be included in the right of way use code as their location on SR14/Steuben Street falls within the State's right of way. She noted that she was not sure if there was a legal ramification to removing the notary requirement from the application, and she shared two examples of why staff supports the adoption of the right of way use code.

City Attorney Lanz said there was not any legal reason to require a notarized signature on the application.

There was a consensus to remove the notary requirement from the application materials.

### **Ordinance 2021-02-713 Establishing BMC 12.02, Right of Way Use**

Council member Jones made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-02-713 Establishing BMC 12.02, Right of Way Use. Council member O'Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Public Hearing – Ordinance 2021-03-714 Amending the 2021 Budget**

Mayor Pro Tempore Kiewit opened the public hearing.

Council member O'Connor made a motion to continue the hearing to the meeting of May 18, 2021. Council member O'Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Klickitat County Solid Waste Department – Update**

Recycling Coordinator Michelle Mulroney gave an update to the council. She said the State legislature intended to restore grant funding for the next biennium but cautioned that it was pending the Governor's signature.

Mulroney noted two upcoming events, Community Clean Up and a composting class. She talked about the Secure Your Load campaign and said as part of that effort the Solid Waste Department would be giving away 500 cargo nets to citizens.

Mulroney said she would be conducting recycling audits by walking around and inspecting blue bags put out for collection. She said contaminated bags would be tagged.

### **Gray & Osborne – Project Update**

Ryan Walters with Gray & Osborne announced that he would be leaving Gray & Osborne and introduced Mark Nelson as the new project manager.

#### *Oak St Reservoir*

Walters noted the source treatment for the CT6 requirements and said that the electrical engineering on the project was almost finished. He said the project was about four weeks from advertisement.

#### *Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements*

Nancy Wetch with Gray & Osborne said the project was about 69% complete and that there had been issues with the delivery of a pump which may cause a delay.

#### *Collections system Improvements*

Wetch and Walters noted the upcoming closure of SR14 so that the line crossing the road could be installed and said TEK Construction said they would provide an estimate on replacing the crushed drop pipe.

### **Old Business**

#### *SR 14 Roundabout Discussion*

Council member Kiewit said the task of reaching out to SDS was assigned to Mayor Barnes, and that the WSDOT representatives involved with the landscape architecture liked that idea. She said essentially lighting, power, and the option of irrigation was the focus. She noted that everyone wanted the roundabout to be creative.

O'Sullivan said he had sent an email about his ideas for the roundabout and that he really liked the idea of something that represents the history of the area.

### **Staff Report**

Public Works Superintendent Spratt said the banners for community clean up would be put up soon.

**Mayor’s Update and Council Comments**

Mayor Pro Tempore Kiewit shared that the position of Wastewater Plant Manager In-Training had been filled and that Plant Manager Tom Hons intended to retire on July 1, 2021.

Kiewit asked for an update on the WGAP CARES Act funds for the meeting of June 1, 2021.

Council member Schroder said she’d like to get the playground structure in Daubenspeck Park improved and enhanced before the end of her term.

**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 May 4, 2021.

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

Payroll Checks 22283-22288 and Payroll EFT (Dated 4/30/2021) totaling \$33,171.83 General Fund - \$15,425.92, Street Fund - \$5,132.48, Water Fund - \$3,512.75, Sewer Fund - \$644.14, Treatment Plant Fund - \$8,456.54. Interim Approval issued May 4, 2021.

Motion: Schroder

Second: Jones

EFT (Dated 4/30/2021) totaling \$2,791.32. General Fund - \$282.37, Street Fund - \$9.28, Water Fund - \$1,870.56, Sewer Fund - \$270.12, Treatment Plant Fund - \$358.99.

Motion: Schroder

Second: Jones

Checks 22290-22317 and EFT (Dated 5/04/2021) totaling \$128,196.07. General Fund - \$114,112.60, Street Fund - \$2,270.29, Water Fund - \$6,653.65, Sewer Fund - \$537.10, Treatment Plant Fund - \$4,622.43.

Motion: O’Sullivan

Second: O’Connor

The council adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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City Clerk

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Mayor