

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT – December 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Laura Mann, Phil Jones, Isolde Schroder, Ryan O'Connor. Council members absent: Catherine Kiewit. Staff present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, Public Works Superintendent David Spratt, City Attorney Chris Lanz. Audience present: Jacob Bertram.

BWSPD

Chief Hepner noted that call volume had increased as the holidays approached. He said Officer Daniels was finished with FTO and was now patrolling on her own, and the newest officer was currently on FTO after successfully graduating from the academy.

Mayor Barnes asked about a car that was broken into.

Chief Hepner said the vehicle had been stolen out of Vancouver, and that BWSPD had found the suspect and detained him. He said the Vancouver WA Police Department had come to collect the suspect and that BWSPD would be charging the suspect as well.

Council member Mann remarked that the Vancouver Police Department is probably glad that BWSPD apprehended the suspect.

The council discussed parking enforcement.

Mayor Barnes noted that the radar speed signs have helped calm traffic significantly.

Chief Hepner agreed.

Minutes of December 3, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Corrected as follows:

Page 1, Paragraph 11

“Council member Mann made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 council meeting as **corrected presented.**”

Page 3, Paragraph 8

“Council member Mann said she ~~was part of the bridge authority committee along with Mayor Barnes, and that~~ **asked if** this letter was helping to set up for the future bridge.”

Page 3, Heading - Paragraph 10

“**Mitigated Determination of Non Significance SEPA 2019-001”**

Page 4, Paragraph 4

“Council member Mann said she would like to see the Klickitat PUD present to council, **sppecifically specifically** to address the PUD-owned streetlights that were still out.”

Page 4, Paragraph 6

“Council member Mann said the intersection of Maple Street and SR14, maple and 14.”

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 council meeting as corrected. Council member O’Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update – Gray & Osborne

Waste Water Treatment Plant Maintenance & Upgrades

Ryan Walters went over the timeline for the WWTP maintenance and collections system improvements. He explained it would mostly be familiar to the Council, and that Gray & Osborne planned to submit the plans and specs to the DOE on Friday. Walters said he expected comments from DOE by the end of January, but noted that DOE had not yet responded to the ask for an increase in the budget. Walters mentioned that Gray & Osborne had put together potential options to help mitigate budget concerns. He said the VFDs, CIPP, and Manhole rehab portions would be likely alternates that could provide flexibility when awarding the contract.

Council member Mann asked for Nancy Wetch to send a letter in the New Year to bring the council and staff up to speed about what the next tasks to work on. Mann said she knew a high strength users survey and sewer rate study would be necessary, but said a to-do list would be helpful.

Council member Schroder asked when the increase in budget was requested of the DOE. Clerk Pantoja Wright said it was about two months ago, in October 2019.

Walters agreed.

Humboldt Street Project

Ryan Walters said the Humboldt street project plans look good, now the next step would be to allow some time for the batch plants to open in the spring, so the current funding timeline would work well. He noted that the response from USDA RD had been extremely slow.

Walters said he would return with a new update in January 2020.

Proposed Agreement for Jail Services – Klickitat County

Council member O’Connor mentioned previous issues with Skamania County and asked if things had improved since switching to Klickitat County.

Chief Hepner said yes, everything was running smoothly.

Council member Schroder made a motion to continue the contract with the Klickitat County Sheriff’s Office by approving the proposed amendment to the agreement for jail services. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Proposed 2020 Interlocal Agreement for Treatment Plant ERUs –City of White Salmon

Council member Mann made a motion to approve the Proposed 2020 Interlocal Agreement for Treatment Plant ERUs with the City of White Salmon, noting the increase to \$14.75 per ERU charge. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council member Mann made a motion to present the Bingen Water & Sewer Committee's proposed amendment to the 2020 Interlocal Agreement for Treatment Plant ERUs to the City of White Salmon. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor and Council Comments

Special Meeting

Mayor Barnes reminded the council of the upcoming special council meeting scheduled for December 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Council members O'Connor, Jones, and Schroder confirmed their plans to attend.

PUD Street Lights

Mayor Barnes reported that she had reached the correct contact point and the PUD said they planned to repair the light in Daubenspeck park immediately. She said the contact was not aware of any PUD streetlights at the SR14/Maple Street Intersection, and that it appeared the lights in question may belong to WSDOT.

Domestic Violence Shelter Funding

Mayor Barnes shared a letter she signed in support of grant funding for a domestic violence shelter. She said WGAP was applying for the funding and noted that Klickitat County was one of only two counties in the State of Washington without a domestic violence shelter.

Santa in the Park

Mayor Barnes and Superintendent Spratt invited the council and newspaper reporter to help decorate the fire engines for the Santa in the Park parade. They reminded everyone the event was scheduled for December 20, 2019 with the parade at 6:30 and Santa in the park at 7:00 pm.

Council Vacancy

Council member Mann submitted her letter of resignation and announced she would be stepping down effective December 31, 2019.

Market/Market

Council member Schroder noted that the Market/Market event put on by KANSO Collective and Tokki Art Supply had featured great crafts and local artisans. She said it was a very special event.

Clerk Pantoja Wright agreed and said the event was well attended.

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 17, 2019.

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

Payroll Checks 21168-21187 and Payroll EFT (Dated 12/16/2019) totaling \$16,211.16 General Fund - \$6,615.30, Street Fund - \$2,843.85, Water Fund - \$1,939.67, Sewer Fund - \$358.18, Treatment Plant Fund - \$4,454.16.

Payroll Checks 21188-21209 and Payroll EFT (Dated 12/17/2019) totaling \$9,890.36 General Fund - \$7,554.01, Street Fund - \$593.22, Water Fund - \$74.60, Sewer Fund - \$74.60, Treatment Plant Fund - \$1,264.45.

Checks 21193-21066 totaling \$6,718.29. General Fund - \$3,320.71, Street Fund - \$255.84, Water Fund - \$537.93, Sewer Fund - \$255.85, Treatment Plant Fund - \$2,347.96.

The council adjourned at 8:05 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor