

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT – July 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Barnes J. Barnes at 7:04 p.m. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, Phil Jones, Ryan O'Connor (via phone). Staff present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheyenne Willey, City Attorney Chris Lanz. Audience present: Ryan Walters, Gray & Osborne, Denise Kainz.

Public Comment

Denise Kainz

Kainz made a complaint regarding the new stop sign at the intersection of Jefferson and Maple streets. She said at the intersection of Jefferson and Cherry Streets there is a yield sign which makes more sense. She said she has lived in the area for over 20 years and she is sure that drivers do not go fast on Jefferson, they only travel straight through. She requested the council remove the stop sign at Jefferson and Maple and replace it with a yield sign.

Kainz said she loved the new radar speed signs.

Kainz also made a complaint about the blind corner on the State highway, as SR 141 turns south at Jefferson Street. She said going left on Jefferson is almost impossible because of hedges on SW corner of the intersection causing a blind spot.

Mayor Barnes explained the council had been looking to make SR 141 and Jefferson Street a no left turn.

Kainz said she would rather get rid of the blind spot, and she wanted the stop sign removed at Maple Street.

Council member Kiewit noted how seriously the council had been taking the traffic concerns, and said the council and staff had been working really hard to come up with practical solutions.

Mayor Barnes agreed and added that the issue had been well researched and unless something has changed then the traffic goes fast along Jefferson Street.

Kainz recommended the City Council members drive the roads themselves.

Council member Kiewit said Kainz's concerns were understood and said the traffic flow conversation was not over yet.

Minutes 07/2/2019

Ryan not present

Council member Kiewit moved to adopt the minutes from the July 2, 2019 council meeting as corrected. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Gray & Osborne

Ryan Walters shared updated project timeline options with the council, but noted his concern that the asphalt plants would be shutting down in late October or early November.

Council member Jones said he liked the idea of working on the construction of the Humboldt street project this summer.

There was a discussion about how the project timeline options would play out and how the winter would affect construction schedules.

The council asked Clerk Treasure Willey and Engineer Ryan Walters to speak with bond counsel and the Transportation Improvement Board, respectively, to establish the best timeline for the Humboldt Street project.

Mayor Update & Council Comments

Mayor Barnes asked Council member Jones to give a welcome to the Art and Wine Fusion festival on the City’s behalf.

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 July 16, 2019.

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

Payroll Checks 20870-20871 and Payroll EFT (Dated 7/15/2019) totaling \$11,715.88 General Fund - \$2,491.09, Street Fund - \$2,754.16, Water Fund - \$1,855.84, Sewer Fund - \$340.55, Treatment Plant Fund - \$4,274.24.

Payroll Checks 20863-20869 totaling \$20,456.88 General Fund - \$3,387.41, Street Fund - \$4,833.85, Water Fund - \$3,355.46, Sewer Fund - \$606.69, Treatment Plant Fund - \$8,273.47.

Checks 20873-20893 and EFT (Dated 7/11/2019) totaling \$11,185.37. General Fund - \$3,983.49, Street Fund - \$2,204.41, Water Fund - \$2,540.61, Sewer Fund - \$439.15, Treatment Plant Fund - \$2,017.71.

The council adjourned at 8:10 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor