

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT – April 6, 2021

Meeting Via Teleconference - Audio Recorded

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J Barnes at 7:00 pm. Council members present: Phil Jones, Ryan O'Connor, Catherine Kiewit, Joseph O'Sullivan. Staff present: City Attorney Christopher R Lanz. Audience Present: Ruby Irving, Jacob Bertram

Bingen White Salmon Police Department Update

Chief Hepner said he would take questions from the council as he did not have a specific update to share. Hepner gave an overview of recent calls.

Minutes of March 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Corrections:

Page 3, paragraph 5:

Council member Kiewit was **said** WSDOT was looking for input from the council to finalize the roundabout.

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2021 regularly scheduled City Council meeting as corrected. Council member O'Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Humboldt, Cherry, Cedar Street Improvements – Retainage Release (Progress Estimate #5)

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the Humboldt, Cherry, Cedar Street Improvements – Retainage Release (Progress Estimate #5) as presented. Council member O'Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Klickitat County Solid Waste Department Update

Director Ruby Irving said the department was in the process of doing a recollect program which would be going out on social media soon. She noted a recent article in the PUD's Ruralite magazine that gave misguided recycling advice not accurate for Klickitat County residents.

Council member O'Sullivan asked about the re-use campaign and said he was very supportive of that.

Irving said the state's budget and a greenhouse gas study would play a large part in that campaign moving forward. She said reduction of waste was far more important than recycling efforts.

Irving and the council discussed other recycling and "green" efforts in Klickitat County.

Resolution 2021-002 Adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan

Council member O'Sullivan made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-002 Adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan as presented. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – Resolution 2021-003 Declaring a Global Climate Crisis

Council member Kiewit made a motion to continue the Public Hearing at the next council meeting on April 20th regarding Resolution 2021-003 Declaring a Global Climate Crisis in order to have the comments received by the City read into the public record. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor’s Update and Council Comments

Mayor Barnes gave staff updates in the absence of the City Clerk and Public Works Superintendent. She said the Public Works Department had been working to install the parklets and that Mugs Coffee had purchased building material to upgrade the parklet in front of their business since the pandemic funding from the state had not yet been distributed to the City.

Mayor Barnes noted the many recent fire calls and expressed concern about the intensity of the upcoming fire season.

Mayor Barnes invited the council to attend upcoming Mid-Columbia Economic Development District meetings.

Mayor Barnes informed the council about the recent out-of-control burn near the Port of Klickitat and noted that the Department of Ecology had issued the permit and would be conducting the investigation.

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 April 6, 2021.

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

Payroll Checks 22214-22219 and Payroll EFT (Dated 3/31/2021) totaling \$31,422.11 General Fund - \$14,035.41, Street Fund - \$4,908.24, Water Fund - \$3,375.05, Sewer Fund - \$620.01, Treatment Plant Fund - \$8,483.40. Interim Approval issued April 6, 2021.

Motion: Kiewit

Second: O’Connor

Checks 22161-22183 (Dated 4/6/2021) totaling \$110,721.24. General Fund - \$43,980.12, Street Fund - \$8,323.63, Street Construction & Maintenance Fund \$23,508.97 Water Fund - \$15,478.50, Sewer Fund - \$1,282.83, Treatment Plant Fund - \$10,709.54, Water Capital Reserve Fund \$4,420.43, Sewer Capital Reserve Fund \$3,017.22.

Motion: Jones

Second: O’Connor

Executive Session

Mayor Barnes announced at 8:00 pm. 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 8:20 p.m. the Council resumed regular session and no decisions were made.

The council adjourned at 8:23 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor