

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT – January 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J Barnes at 7:05 p.m. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, Phil Jones, Ryan O’Connor, Isolde Schroder. Staff present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, City Attorney Chris Lanz, Public Works Superintendent David Spratt. Audience present: Jacob Bertram.

Minutes of December 17, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 council meeting. Council member O’Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes of December 19, 2019 Special Council Meeting

Council member Schroder made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019 council meeting. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Proposed Agreement with Skamania County for Building Inspector Services

Clerk Pantoja Wright explained that the proposed agreement was a renewal of the 2019 agreement and that the rates were unchanged.

Council Member O’Connor asked why the City of Bingen chose to use Skamania County not Klickitat County, for building inspection services.

Mayor Barnes explained that many years ago Klickitat County was not able to offer the services desired by the City of Bingen and that there had been a few things that Klickitat County was not willing to inspect.

Council Member Kiewit made a motion to approve the proposed agreement with Skamania County for Building Inspector Services. Council Member Schroder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – Proposed Conditional Use Permit 2020-001 Carroll

Mayor Barnes requested the council continue the hearing to the next council meeting.

Council Member Kiewit made a motion to continue the public hearing for Proposed Conditional Use Permit 2020-001 Carroll to the meeting of January 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Hearing Proposed Conditional Use Permit 2020-002 Barnard

Mayor Barnes requested the council continue the hearing to the next council meeting.

Council Member Kiewit made a motion to continue the public hearing for Proposed Conditional Use Permit 2020-002 Barnard to the meeting of January 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2020 goals and priorities

Council Member O'Connor said he liked having the goals collected.

Clerk Pantoja Wright said she was working on putting together a timeline to reflect all current projects.

Council Member Jones noted that the memo showed the City was working on a sizeable collection of projects. He noted he didn't think any more projects should be taken on as there was plenty of items to complete first.

The council and staff discussed updates and changes to the goals and priorities list, to be addressed again at the meeting of January 21, 2020.

Council Member Kiewit mentioned that she wanted to make sure that park improvements were discussed at some point in the near future.

Clerk Pantoja Wright said she would schedule a park committee meeting.

Council Member Schroder thanked Pantoja Wright for compiling the list of goals.

Mayor Barnes directed Clerk Pantoja Wright to update the memo to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Old Business

Proposed Amendment to 2020 Interlocal Agreement for WWTP ERUs

Mayor Barnes said a letter was sent to the City of White Salmon proposing an amendment to the 2020 Wastewater Treatment Plant ERU Interlocal Agreement. She said she spoke with White Salmon elected officials and staff, and she hoped to see it addressed at the January 21, 2020 Bingen City Council meeting.

Status of PUD/WSDOT Lights

Mayor Barnes said the PUD had not gotten back to her, but that she tried to call and left a message.

Light at corner of maple and Steuben.

Council Member Kiewit asked for clarification on whether the light at the corner of Maple and Steuben Streets belonged to WSDOT or the PUD.

Mayor Barnes said she was still waiting for confirmation on whether or not the PUD owns the lights, and said she would approach WSDOT next.

Council Member Kiewit asked about the lights on the South side of the railroad tracks at Maple Street, and also about the lights shining into the street that appeared to be on Property owned by Pacific Pride.

Mayor Barnes said the light south of the railroad tracks would not belong to WSDOT, but that she would confirm with the PUD whether or not they had record of its ownership.

Mayor and Council

Mayor Barnes noted that the last Bingen Point Access meeting with WSDOT was cancelled as it was scheduled for New Year's Day.

Council Member Schroder said the Santa in the Park and lighted fire truck parade had gone extremely well.

Mayor Barnes agreed the event was the best turn out so far and that the weather couldn't have been better. She estimated the attendance at around 200 people, and said everyone had a really good time. Barnes said all of the pizza, cookies, and candy bags were eaten, and noted that the fire department personnel had to leave briefly as they were called out, but said they made it back at the end of the event.

Council Member Schroder asked about the status of the search for a city planner.

Clerk Pantoja Wright said she planned to rework the advertisement and publish in a wider variety of publications.

Mayor Barnes mentioned that the City would be advertising for the open council position until it was filled by appointment.

Mayor Barnes discussed recent vandalism on the east side of Bingen.

Council Member Kiewit mentioned an email she had sent regarding parking enforcement in Bingen, questioning the ruling of chalking tires as unconstitutional.

City Attorney Lanz said he would check into the matter and report back to council.

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 January 7, 2020.

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

Payroll Checks 21212-21220 and Payroll EFT (Dated 12/31/2019) totaling \$30,160.01 General Fund - \$13,809.62, Street Fund - \$4,669.63, Water Fund - \$3,211.62, Sewer Fund - \$589.12, Treatment Plant Fund - \$7,880.02.

Checks 21221 -21242 EFT (Dated 12/30/2019) totaling \$24,898.95. General Fund - \$8,216.39, Street Fund - \$2,021.94, Water Fund - \$9,503.45, Sewer Fund - \$802.13, Treatment Plant Fund - \$4,355.04.

Checks 21243 -21246 totaling \$8,607.78. General Fund - \$8,390.18, Water Fund - \$217.60.

The council adjourned at 7:30 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor