

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Draft – August 3, 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 and Catherine Kiewit. Absent: Isolde Schroder, Joseph O'Sullivan. Staff present: Deputy Clerk Dena Riggelman, Public Works Superintendent David Spratt, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz, Police Chief Mike Hepner and Fire Chief Carl Spratt and Wasterwater Plant Manger Brian Zabel. Audience Present: Richie Murray-Radcom.

Bingen Fire Department Update

Fire Chief Carl Spratt gave an update on recent calls, noting that were 28 calls for July.

Council member Kiewit asked who was responsible for calling residents that are affected with situations like this. Kiewit said her dad lives by where the fire was in White Salmon and he got a call saying he had to evacuate his home but he never received a call saying when it was safe to return.

Fire Chief Spratt said he believes Jeff King is the one in charge of the notifications, but he will ask about the protocols for the evacuation notices.

Minutes of July 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2021 regularly scheduled City Council meeting as presented. Council member Kiewit seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes of July 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Corrections:

Page 3, paragraph 3:

Council member ~~O'Connor~~ **O'Sullivan** and Council member Schroder will both be out of town and will have to miss the next council meeting on August 3rd.

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2021 regularly scheduled City Council meeting as corrected. Council member O'Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Radcomp

Mr. Murray from Radcomp talked about how the options that Bingen can choose from to upgrade the computer equipment to be able to access the new Mowinet internet that the city will be moving to.

Mr. Murray said that there are 2 quotes:

- 1) This quote is for new routers, switches and network clean up for City Hall, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Public works for \$10,700.

- 2) This quote is for new routers and switches for City Hall, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Public works for \$7,500.

Mr. Murray said that once all the new equipment is installed then the City can go ahead with the new phone system that is needed.

The council will vote on which quote they want to go with on the August 17, 2021 council meeting.

Agreements – Everybody’s Brewing and Tribal Fish Co.

Brian Zabel briefed the council on what has been happening with the agreements with Everybody’s Brewing and Tribal Fish Co. Zabel said that Tribal did get all the documents into the City of White Salmon. Everybody’s agreement is on hold until Pat Munyan is back from vacation.

White Salmon Council will be reviewing a three-month temporary agreement with Tribal at their upcoming council meeting.

Bingen White Salmon Police Department Update

Police Chief Mike talked to the council on the new laws that have recently changed and so Chief Hepner had to change some of the policies, with help from City Attorney Christopher R Lanz.

Police Chief Mike explained how these changes will affect the police department and how they can handle calls in the future.

Mayor Barnes

Mayor Barnes had to step out to empty the election box so Mayor Pro Tempore Kiewit will take over the meeting until Barnes gets back.

Old Business

SR 14 Roundabout Discussion

Mayor Pro Tempore Kiewit said that Mayor Barnes, Council member O’Sullivan and herself went to SDS to look at some possible objects that can be placed in the upcoming roundabout. She said everyone was really excited about a very old small tugboat. Kiewit showed a picture of it to the council.

SDS will sand blast it and paint it, keeping their logo on it as SDS will soon be sold and will have a new name so the SDS logo will be part of Bingen history.

WADOT will have to approve the tugboat before the city can move forward but SDS wants to get the boat moved to City property as soon as possible.

Staff Reports

Public Works Superintendent David Spratt said NW Natural Gas is putting in a new gas line from Ash Street through 141 and up into White Salmon. Spratt said they should be done with Ash Street by Friday.

Public Works Superintendent David Spratt said public works will be painting the Railroad signage on South Maple this week. Spratt also said he made and installed a new gate on Reservoir Road.

Mayor Barnes

Mayor Barnes came back from doing the election box.

Executive Session

Mayor Barnes announced at 8:10 pm. that the City Council will go into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel issues to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

At 8:38 p.m. the Council resumed regular session.

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 6, 2021.

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

Payroll Checks 22468-22476 and Payroll EFT (Dated 7/20/2021 and 7/30/2021) totaling \$47,683.86
General Fund - \$24,102.43, Street Fund - \$6,126.59, Water Fund - \$3,939.55, Sewer Fund - \$725.26,
Treatment Plant Fund - \$12,790.03.

Motion: O'Connor

Second: Jones

Checks 22477-22497 and EFT (Dated 8/3/2021) totaling \$34,360.21. General Fund - \$9,055.81, Street Fund - \$1,432.35, Water Fund - \$18,256.84, Sewer Fund - \$1,259.93, Treatment Plant Fund - \$4,355.28.

Motion: Kiewit

Second: Jones

The council adjourned at 8:40 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor