

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT – June 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Barnes J. Barnes at 7:02 p.m. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, Laura Mann, Ryan O'Connor, Phil Jones, Isolde Schroder. Staff present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheyenne Willey, City Attorney Chris Lanz. Audience present: PW Superintendent- David Spratt, Ken Park, Ethan Radcliffe, Kris Schaedel, Izak Riley.

Public Comment

Ethan Radcliffe

Ethan Radcliffe explained that he had been robbed and that the community wanted to raise money to help him. He said he thought the money could be used to get cameras around town and wanted to see if the city would be open to having a camera system. He said that poor visibility footage from Hatt's/Sinclair Gas Station and WA Gorge Action Programs was the only lead.

Mayor Barnes said there was a grant from the City's risk management group that could possibly cover cameras at city hall.

Radcliff said the thieves made two trips on foot, and that more surveillance could have helped.

Izak Riley said he had just installed a \$50,000 camera system on both of his facilities and that his insurance went down by \$5,000 per year. He suggested looking into benefits or discounts with insurance for camera installation.

Mayor Barnes said if the City had the means to get the grant then it should be applied for.

Councilmember Schroder said she was sorry to hear about Radcliffe's loss.

Councilmember Mann said if the community had funds to donate, she felt things could move forward and that the thought was much appreciated.

Radcliffe said he had his locks rekeyed and installed bars on his windows.

Councilmember Kiewit said the police department could speak to what is needed to prosecute burglaries, but noted that the police presence is here, and they work hard. She noted that the location of Bingen on a major highway lends itself to issues because people not from the community have easy access.

Mayor Barnes said that for as small as Bingen is, it is amazing how many cameras the city businesses have. She noted that Ash Street was lacking in surveillance and it is a main corridor.

Radcliffe said it would be great if the police had access to more cameras. He claimed he knew the footage was there and that it took the police department three full days to retrieve it.

Mayor Barnes said the City shares the portable camera with the police department and that any camera at City Hall would be the same way.

Councilmember Kiewit asked Radcliffe what his goal was of coming to speak at council. She noted that typically the council does not make decisions during public comment. Radcliffe said he was just feeling it out and that he will seek more input.

Kris Schaedel

Kris Schaedel asked if previous council minutes were available.

Clerk Treasurer Willey said yes, online or by request from City Hall.

Schaedel said thank you to the City for the Santa in the park event.

Schaedel said she definitely foresees traffic from The Society Hotel that she hoped it would be addressed in the future.

Councilmember Jones said he was seeing an increase already.

Schaedel said yes, she's heard loud music and had an incidents with two drunk women walking past her house. She said she feels like she lost her quiet neighborhood.

Councilmember Kiewit said she heard and shared Schaedel's concerns.

Councilmember Mann said she believed that staff were parking on Franklin Street. She noted that construction will pose issues over the summer.

Councilmember Kiewit noted that the Conditional Use Permit required 47 off street parking spaces.

Mayor Barnes explained that the council felt that number was adequate.

Councilmember Mann said the police department was facing staffing challenges, and it sounded like Bingen needed more coverage.

Schaedel said she was happy to be collaborative to find solutions and do her part.

Mayor Barnes said she hoped to find that eventually the activity at the Hotel will settle down and the community will find a new baseline.

Minutes 05/07/2019

Corrections were noted as follows:

Catherine Kiewit was present

Ryan O'Connor was present on the phone

Kip Miller was in attendance

The Hood River Arts Council should be the "**Art of Community Board**"

Mayor Barnes asked that the City Attorney create the right of way agreement

Isolde Schroder's last name was spelled incorrectly

Council member Jones moved to approve the minutes of the May 7th, 2019 meeting as corrected.

Council member Kiewit seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes 05/21/2019

Corrections were noted as follows:

Page 1, paragraph 1

Catherine Kiewit was not in attendance

Isolde Schroder was in attendance

Jonathan Cohen was in attendance

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The new officer's name is Kate Daniels

Page 7, paragraph 2

"Council member Mann said she had originally been leaning toward approval of the fence and improvements, but after thinking on it had changed her mind and decided she felt the fence especially should be placed on the private property of The Society Hotel."

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"Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed 3-1 with a vote as follows: Schroder – AYE, Jones – AYE, O'Connor – AYE, Mann – Nay, Kiewit – ABSENT."

Council member Schroder moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 council meeting as corrected. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Easement- Izak Riley, Rapid Readymix

Izak Riley introduced himself and said he had two parcels at the east end of Franklin Street past the water reservoir, going south to SR 14. Riley explained that the upper parcel wasn't accessible from the bottom and that the only access for 85 years had been Franklin Street. Riley said his family and Hunsaker's before them had always assumed there was an easement. He noted that in 1996 there was a discussion about not allowing any more truck traffic.

Riley said he needed to ask Council for an ingress, egress, and utility easement through the east end of Franklin Street, past the water reservoir to where his property line was.

Riley said they were not going to mine the property anymore, and while eventually he would like to see a couple of homes up there, he said he didn't foresee any big commercial use. He said his long term goal was to see his office located above his weigh scales on the hill to be accessed from above and separated from commercial traffic down below.

Council member Kiewit asked why the City couldn't just extend road past the end of Franklin Street.

Mayor Barnes said that SDS owns a portion of the road, and noted that the City and SDS have reciprocal easements. She confirmed that in 1996 there was a discussion about not allowing any more mining traffic.

Riley said he might request light commercial traffic on the road in the future if he wanted to put in an office. He said he would expect to be required to pave, widen the road, and install guard rails.

There was a discussion about the fact that the road past the end of Franklin was signed no trespassing.

Mayor Barnes said that the installation of a gate was discussed previously.

Riley confirmed there was a gate that was left there but never got installed.

Councilmember Kiewit suggested a trade for security measures.

Riley said he would put the gate up and would put two high quality night vision cameras at the reservoir. Riley said one camera would be fixed, and one remote-control Pan Tilt Zoom that can be moved and that both would hook into a DVR. He said the site would have ultimate security as long as there was a power source.

Superintendent Spratt said yes, power was available.

Riley said he would give the city access to those cameras and that he would put in and maintain a gate accessible by city and would not block access to home on east Franklin.

Council member Schroder asked if Riley foresaw any extra traffic on east Franklin from the use of his property.

Riley said no, only what two potential homes would generate. He said any other use would have to be addressed before council in the future and he assumed it would come contingent on upgrades to the road.

There was more discussion on the gate and no trespassing signage.

Council member Kiewit moved to approve the proposed twenty foot ingress, egress, and utility deeded easement for access to parcels 03112931000900 and 03112934000100 owned by Izak Riley, Rapid Readymix, on the conditions of the filing and recording of the easement, two cameras complete with access to the DVR and recording system for both the City and Police Department, and the installation of a gate and sign that says private road all being provided by Riley. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Proposed Ordinance 2019-06-697 Amending BMC 10.16 Stop Signs

The proposed ordinance was corrected to reflect the signs at Maple and Jefferson correctly.

Council member Jones moved to adopt proposed ordinance 2019-06-697 as corrected. Council member Schroder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit 2019-001 Robles - Decision

Council member Mann moved to approve Conditional Use Permit 2019.001 with corrections to the square footage to be 4,250 total sqft for the building after the proposed addition, with 1,224.5 sqft to be approved for residential use. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Proposed Agreement for The Society Hotel

The agreement was corrected to read 'TSH' instead of 'THS'

Council member Schroder moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with The Society Hotel with the correction noted. Council member Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-1 with

votes as follows: O'Connor – AYE, Jones – AYE, Schroder – AYE, Mann – NAY, and Kiewit – ABSTAIN.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Quiet Zone

Mayor Barnes said she attended a meeting for establishing the quiet zone. She said the meeting was also attended by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), the County Road Engineer, and Superintendent Spratt. She said the meeting was an interesting and in-depth look at the crossings within the proposed quiet zone. She said it was suggested that quad gates be installed at Walnut Street and single gates with a non-mountable median for Maple Street.

Mayor Barnes said she could see the non-mountable median being repeatedly damaged. She said a possibility was to make Depot Street a one-way street. She noted that with so many projects in the works it was important to slow down and make sure everything worked together.

She noted that some of the information from the Railroad about the size and use of the crossings was wrong, but that the County, UTC, Railroad, and FRA were great to work with.

In situ

It was discussed that In situ was laying off 200 employees.

The Society Hotel

Council member Mann and Mayor Barnes went to The Society Hotel opening event and to the Spring Festival in White Salmon. They said that both had good turn outs.

Isolde Schroder last in person meeting for a couple of months

Skype

MT Adams then transfer to CAT to get uphill

Sharon at senior services

Staff and Committee Reports

Clerk Treasurer Willey said that Underwood Fruit was planning to trench across the highway on June 17th and 18th, 2019, and that the main line under SR14 would need to be shut down again.

Willey said she had spoken with the Hood River Aquatic Center about the price of passes for Bingen Community Free Swimming, and that she was working up some wording for the newsletter.

Clerk Treasurer Willey and Superintendent Spratt informed the council that the CCR and WUE reports had been finalized and that the DSL was now at 3.9%, a record low. They also said the contaminant levels in the water were all well below state guidelines, and that the water provided to Bingen residents continued to be very high quality.

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 June 4, 2019.

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

Payroll Checks 20775-20781 and Payroll EFT (Dated 5/31/19) totaling \$41,838.80 General Fund - \$22,986.63, Street Fund - \$5,452.08, Water Fund - \$3,738.81, Sewer Fund - \$686.83, Treatment Plant Fund - \$8,974.45.

Checks 20782 and EFT (Dated 5/31/19) totaling \$4,189.44. General Fund - \$1,597.82, Street Fund - \$441.83, Water Fund - \$1,603.60, Sewer Fund - \$234.96, Treatment Plant Fund - \$311.23.

Checks 20783-20804 totaling \$57,191.92. General Fund - \$38,907.79, Street Fund - \$2,269.79, Water Fund - \$10,981.82, Sewer Fund - \$419.27, Treatment Plant Fund - \$4,613.25.

The council adjourned at 9:20pm.

City Clerk

Mayor