

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT – January 5, 2021

Meeting Via Teleconference

Audio Recording Available at www.bingenwashington.org/agendas-and-minutes

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J Barnes at 7:01 pm. Council members present: Phil Jones, Ryan O'Connor, Catherine Kiewit, Isolde Schroder, Joseph O'Sullivan. Staff present: Clerk Treasurer Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, Public Works Superintendent David Spratt, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz, Attorney Hillary Evans.

Bingen White Salmon Police Department Update

Police Chief Hepner noted recent vehicle prowls and said the department has been working with other local departments as the prowls and thefts have been happening up and down the gorge from Stevenson to The Dalles. He said 10 vehicle prowls were recorded in Bingen including some significant thefts, and he encouraged everyone to lock vehicles and not leave valuables in vehicles.

Hepner also said there had been an increase in domestic calls and mental health crisis situations. He said a rise in those types of calls usually accompanies the holidays.

Council member Schroder asked if there had been any arrests made in the vehicle prowls.

Hepner said one arrest was made in Stevenson but that video surveillance was helping identify other suspects.

Essential Services Update

Mayor Barnes said Governor Inslee announced a new phased plan to reopening the state and that it would begin after the current restrictions end on January 11, 2021. She said there were 560 cases in Klickitat County with 35 of those currently active. Barnes said of the 35 active cases, 5 were in Bingen and 9 in White Salmon.

Minutes of December 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Council member O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council member Kiewit seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes of December 21, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Correction: Council member Schroder was absent.

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2020 Special City Council meeting as corrected. Council member O'Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes of December 22, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Council member Schroder made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2020 Special City Council meeting. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2021 MSP Agreement- Radcomp

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the 2021 MSP Agreement with Radcomp Technologies and authorize the mayor to sign the discounted Premium MSP agreement. Council member O’Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2021 Committee Appointments

2021 Committee appointments are as follows:

Budget

Mayor Betty J. Barnes
Catherine Kiewit
Phil Jones

Water / Sewer

Mayor Betty J. Barnes
Catherine Kiewit
Ryan O’Connor
Alternate: Joseph O’Sullivan

Streets / Parks

Mayor Betty J. Barnes
Isolde (Izzy) Schroder
Joseph O’Sullivan

Solid Waste

Joseph O’Sullivan

Fire Board

Mayor Betty J. Barnes
Phil Jones

Mayor Pro Tempore

Catherine Kiewit

Executive Session

Mayor Barnes announced at 7:36 pm. that the City Council will go into Executive Session for 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 7:58 p.m. the Council resumed regular session.

Voucher Approval

Due to clerical error vouchers were not distributed to council before the meeting.

Council member Jones made a motion to table the vouchers until the meeting of January 19, 2021 and authorizing the Mayor to sign and issue checks in the interim. Council member O’Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The council adjourned at 8:00 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor