

# BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**DRAFT – February 18, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J Barnes at 7:02 p.m. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, Phil Jones, Ryan O’Connor, Joseph O’Sullivan. Council members absent: Isolde Schroder. Staff present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz. Audience present: Jacob Bertram

## **Oath of office – Joseph O’Sullivan**

Mayor Barnes administered the Oath of Office to Joseph O’Sullivan, appointing him to Council Position #4.

## **Minutes of February 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**

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Mayor Barnes announced at 8:20 p.m. that the City Council will go into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss ~~potential litigation~~ personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

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She noted the light at the corner of Maple and Steuben ~~is~~ was possibly owned by the city.

Council member O’Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 council meeting, as corrected. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **Continued Public Hearing – Proposed Conditional Use Permit 2020-001 Carroll**

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing and informed the council that the proponents had requested the hearing be continued to March 3<sup>rd</sup> as they were unprepared to bring new plans to the council as of 4:00pm today.

Council member O’Connor asked if the proponents indicated what new plans they intended to bring forward.

Clerk Treasurer Pantoja Wright said no, they did not.

Council member Jones made a motion to continue the public hearing for proposed conditional use permit 2020-001 to the meeting of March 3, 2020. Council member Kiewit seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **Resolution 2020-002 Approving WQC-2020-Bingen-00072 Ecology SRF Loan**

Clerk Treasurer Pantoja Wright explained this resolution authorized Mayor Barnes to sign the contract documents for the construction funding for maintenance and upgrades to the treatment plant.

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-002 Approving WQC-2020-Bingen-00072 Ecology SRF Loan as presented. Council member O’Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **Resolution 2020-002 Establishing 2020 Salary Schedule for Non-Union Employees**

Clerk Treasurer Pantoja Wright explained this resolution increased the salary schedule for non-union employees to match that set by the Collectively Bargained Agreement. She said this would normally be presented to council much earlier but found that an amendment to the agreement was necessary to establish which Consumer Price Index category to use for Cost of Living adjustments.

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-002 Establishing 2020 Salary Schedule for Non-Union Employees as presented. Council member O'Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### *2020 Committee Appointments*

The Mayor and Council discussed current committee appointments and agreed on the following appointments:

Mayor Pro Tempore:	Kiewit
Budget Committee:	Kiewit, Jones
Water & Sewer Committee:	Kiewit, O'Connor (Alternate: O'Sullivan)
Streets & Parks Committee:	Schroder, O'Sullivan
Fire Board:	Jones
SWAC (Solid Waste) committee:	O'Sullivan

#### *Status of PUD/WSDOT Lights*

Mayor Barnes confirmed that the light ownership was as follows:

SE corner of Steuben/maple	WSDOT light
NW corner of Depot/Maple light	Unknown
Corner of Oak/Depot	PUD - scheduled to be repaired
S of railroad tracks on Maple	Unknown
Light behind Pacific Pride fueling station	Unknown - may be privately owned
Daubenspeck Park light by bathroom	PUD - scheduled to be repaired
Daubenspeck Park light by fountain	PUD - repaired

### **Mayor Update and Council Comments**

Councilmember Kiewit noted that an intern or temporary employee could help office staff with updating digital records on the website.

Councilmember O'Connor liked the idea and thought it might be an attractive summer project for a prospective intern.

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Barnes announced at 7:40 p.m. that the City Council will go into Executive Session for 5 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 7:45 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 February 4, 2020.

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

Payroll Checks 21326-21342 and Payroll EFT (Dated 2/14/2020) totaling \$20,588.13 General Fund - \$8,704.06, Street Fund - \$3,680.84, Water Fund - \$2,542.95, Sewer Fund - \$441.55, Treatment Plant Fund - \$5,218.73.

Checks 21343 -21364 (Dated 2/18/20) totaling \$14,377.87. General Fund - \$10,580.61, Street Fund - \$362.63, Water Fund - \$2,228.73, Sewer Fund - \$540.69, Treatment Plant Fund - \$665.21.

The council adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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City Clerk

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Mayor