

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT – March 3, 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, Isolde Schroder, Joseph O'Sullivan. Staff present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz. Audience present: Jacob Bertram, Carl Warren.

Public Comment

Carl Warren asked about the emergency response plan for Bingen Point and current efforts to prepare for COVID-19.

Mayor Barnes explained that the emergency response plan was up to date and in place, and said she would be participating in FEMA training through the Emergency Operations Center tomorrow.

Staff Reports

David Spratt, Public Works Superintendent

Spratt noted that the annual Community Pride event would now be called the Community "Clean Up" event, and that it was celebrating its 25th year running.

Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, Clerk Treasurer

Pantoja Wright gave updates on the status of funding paperwork with the Department of Ecology and USDA RD for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades, Depot Street Sewer Collections, and Humboldt Street projects, respectively.

Mayor Update and Council Comments

Mayor Barnes said she had been looking into new banners for downtown Bingen. She said she spoke with the City of Stevenson and would be reaching out to a few more people.

Council member Kiewit asked about the prospect of a sewer rate study in the summer of 2020.

Clerk Treasurer Pantoja Wright explained that more time was needed due to the workload of current projects and the upcoming annual report.

Executive Session

Mayor Barnes announced at 7:20 p.m. that the City Council will go into Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 7:35 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 March 3, 2020.

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

EFT (Dated 2/25/2020) totaling \$2,452.44 General Fund - \$5.79, Water Fund - \$1,829.48, Sewer Fund - \$261.21, Treatment Plant Fund - \$355.96.

Payroll Checks 21365-21370 and Payroll EFT (Dated 2/28/2020) totaling \$30,413.60 General Fund - \$14,642.22, Street Fund - \$4,756.16, Water Fund - \$3,269.78, Sewer Fund - \$599.85, Treatment Plant Fund - \$8,145.59.

Checks 21371-21389 (Dated 3/3/20) totaling \$64,465.65. General Fund - \$33,458.16, Street Fund - \$2,682.91, Water Fund - \$1,851.38, Sewer Fund - \$846.02, Treatment Plant Fund - \$6088.72, Sewer Capital Reserve Fund \$19,538.46.

The council adjourned at 7:45 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor