

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT – April 20, 2021

Meeting Via Teleconference - Audio Recorded

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J Barnes at 7:04 pm. Council members present: Phil Jones, Ryan O'Connor, Catherine Kiewit & Isolde Schroder. Council members absent: Joseph O'Sullivan. Staff present: Deputy Clerk Dena Riggleman & Public Works Superintendent David Spratt. Staff absent: City Attorney Christopher R Lanz.

Minutes of April 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Council member O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2021 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council member Kiewit seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MRSC Rosters Renewal

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve the MRSC Roster Renewal. Council member Schroder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

N Bridge LLC Flag Pole

Mayor Barnes discussed how the property at 317 W Steuben had sold to N Bridge LLC. When Insitu leased the property, they had a flagpole agreement with the City of Bingen. Mayor Barnes asked the council if they would like to continue the same lease with N Bridge LLC.

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve the same flagpole agreement that was used with Insitu to be used with N Bridge LLC. Council member Schroder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – Ordinance 2021-02-713 Establishing BMC 12.02, Right of Way Use

Public Works Superintendent Spratt explained the need for a right of way use ordinance to hold contractors accountable for making sure the roads and sidewalks were returned to the same way they were found, after the construction was done.

Council member Kiewit would like City Attorney Christopher R Lanz to review the documents. The main two questions were if parklets should be added to the ordinance and if the Notary requirement was needed on the application form.

Council member Kiewit made a motion to continue the Public Hearing at the next council meeting on May 4th regarding Ordinance 2021-02-713 Establishing BMC 12.02, Right of Way Use in order to have City Attorney Christopher R Lanz review the documents. Council member O'Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Project Estimate #9 Wastewater Facilities Improvements – TEK Construction

Council member O'Connor made a motion to approve Project Estimate #9 for the Wastewater Facilities Improvements as presented. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – Resolution 2021-003 Declaring a Global Climate Crisis

Mayor Barnes reopened the Public Hearing for Resolution 2021-003 Declaring a Global Climate Crisis and noted that the public letters in support of Declaring a Global Climate Crisis will go into the record without being read due to the length of letters.

Council member Schroder wants to say thank you to everyone in Bingen for the small footprints that is being used in Bingen as every little bit helps.

Council member Kiewit said that using Zoom for the council meetings was a great example of going green as everyone can do it from home without having to drive to City Hall.

Council member Jones said that every journey begins with just one step, and another step so this is a great start.

Mayor Barnes closed the public hearing.

Resolution 2021-003 Declaring a Global Climate Crisis

Council member Jones made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-003 Declaring a Global Climate Crisis. Council member Schroder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

SR 14 Roundabout Discussion

Council member Kiewit wanted to hear the councils' thoughts on the roundabout designs and what they were thinking should be placed in the center of the roundabout.

Mayor Barnes said to keep in mind that it is a relatively small space, 33' X 30'. Barnes said she can reach out to SDS to see if they could help with manufacturing a wood sign made from local timber.

Council member Kiewit said she will talk to Council member O'Sullivan on his ideas for the roundabout.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Public Works Superintendent Spratt said that there will be paving on Depot St May 3rd and then they will be cutting a sewer line across highway 14 which make it a one lane closer so it will be a little hectic in town that week. Spratt also noted that the Spring Clean up is still scheduled for May 21st & 22nd.

Mayor Barnes noted that there were 11 new cases of Covid and May 3rd will be when they will evaluate the Phases but Klickitat County will probably stay in Phase III.

Mayor Barnes said she went to a meeting yesterday held at The Society Hotel for discussions from the Chamber about the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. They are promoting the trail from Pittsburg PA to Astoria OR. They are coming up with different things that you can do in each town along the trail.

Mayor Barnes said she was on a zoom meeting for three and a half hours for discussions on the replacement of the Hood River Bridge. They discussed getting funding for the replacement and are gathering letters of support to replace the bridge.

Mayor Barnes said she got an email from the White Salmon School Board asking her to sit in on the interview process for the new superintendent. Barnes will be scoring the three candidates. Barnes asked if any of the council members would like to take her place as she does not have any kids and would understand if one of the council members would like to be involved as they have kids in the system. All the council members declined.

Council member Schroder said Tova Tillinghast would like as many people as possible to fill out the survey for the lower White Salmon Coalition which will help develop a community vision for the preservation and protection of the life of the river.

Mayor Barnes reminded Council member Kiewit, Council member Jones, Council member O'Connor and Council member O'Sullivan to file on time for their council positions between May 17th to May 21st and that there is an Eighteen-dollar fee for filing.

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 April 20, 2021.

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

Payroll Checks 22263-22265 and Payroll EFT (Dated 4/15/2021) totaling \$20,488.14 General Fund - \$8,542.87, Street Fund - \$3,485.44, Water Fund - \$2,348.46, Sewer Fund - \$430.86, Treatment Plant Fund - \$5,680.51. Interim Approval issued April 20, 2021.

Motion: Kiewit

Second: Jones

Checks 22266-22282 (Dated 4/20/2021) totaling \$172,339.49. General Fund - \$2,584.75, Street Fund - \$1,060.46, Water Fund - \$1,238.58, Sewer Fund - \$337.48, Treatment Plant Fund - \$943.78, Sewer Capital Reserve Fund \$166,174.44.

Motion: O'Connor

Second: Schroder

The council adjourned at 8:20 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor