

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT –May 19, 2020

Meeting Via Teleconference

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, Phil Jones, Ryan O’Connor, Joseph O’Sullivan, Isolde Schroder. Staff present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz.

Mayor’s Essential Services Update

Mayor Barnes said she had spoken with The Society Hotel about the upcoming Humboldt Street project, to discuss the sidewalk agreement.

Minutes of May 5, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Council member Kiewit made a motion to table the minutes of the May 5, 2020 council meeting. Council member O’Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Funding Agreement – City of White Salmon

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Funding Interlocal Agreement with the City of White Salmon with a change to item #5 specifying how payments are to be received from White Salmon. Council member O’Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project Bid Award – TEK Construction

Council member Jones made a motion to award all schedules of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project to TEK Construction. Council member O’Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Construction Engineering – Gray & Osborne

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Construction Engineering with Gray & Osborne. Council member Schroder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Water Emergency – High Chlorine - Discussion

Mayor Barnes explained that a future meeting would be set with the City of White Salmon to discuss the source of the chlorine and preventative measures for the future. She stated that a public comment and review session would also be scheduled once public meetings became more accessible, so that the public could share feedback on the emergency.

Utility Rate Adjustment related to High Chlorine Emergency

Clerk Pantoja Wright proposed an adjustment of 5 days from the base fee, and a credit for the first 1000 gallons used, to account for the water used to flush homes and businesses.

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the proposed rate adjustments. Council member O'Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Comments

The Council discussed parklets as an option to accommodate more outdoor seating for restaurants and businesses.

Council member O'Sullivan expressed appreciation for the staff response to the chlorine emergency. He said he had heard great feedback from the community about how the City handled everything.

Council member Kiewit agreed, she said staff did an awesome job.

Mayor Barnes agreed and added that the volunteer fire department was key to the response and thanked employees for working night and day to get through the emergency.

Council members Schroder, Jones, and O'Connor also agreed.

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 May 19, 2020.

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

Mayor Barnes asked the Council to approve a payment to the Klickitat County Emergency Operation Center in the amount of \$534.85. Check 21491 (Dated 4/21/20) totaling 534.85 from the General Fund.

Motion: Kiewit
Second: O'Connor

Payroll Checks 21518-21522 and Payroll EFT (Dated 5/15/2020) totaling \$22,460.19 General Fund - \$9,036.28, Street Fund - \$3,630.29, Water Fund - \$3,799.80, Sewer Fund - \$442.10, Treatment Plant Fund - \$5,551.72.

Motion: Kiewit
Second: Schroder

Checks 21523-21540 (Dated 5/19/20) totaling \$37,491.06. General Fund - \$33,500.00, Street Fund - \$290.40, Water Fund - \$327.41, Sewer Fund - \$87.91, Treatment Plant Fund - \$3,285.34.

Motion: Kiewit
Second: O'Connor

The council adjourned at 7:50 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor