

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Final – July 6, 2021

Meeting Via Teleconference - Audio Recorded

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Catherine Kiewit at 7:00 pm. Council members present: Phil Jones, Isolde Schroder, Ryan O'Connor, and Joseph O'Sullivan. Absent: Mayor Betty J. Barnes, Police Chief Mike Hepner. Staff present: Clerk Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, Public Works Superintendent David Spratt, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz. Audience Present:

Bingen White Salmon Police Department Update

Police Chief Mike Hepner said the department had taken two calls for fireworks but other than that the fourth of July had been quiet.

Bingen Fire Department Update

Fire Chief Carl Spratt gave an update on recent calls, noting a marked increase over previous years. He said firefighter Maddie Deo had successfully graduated the fire academy recently, and said the department had 18 members, almost all of whom attend drills and calls regularly.

Fire Chief Spratt informed the council that new officers had been appointed and the current list stands as follows:

Chief	Carl Spratt
Assistant Chief, Operations	Ryan Kreps
Assistant Chief, Admin	David Spratt
Captain	Tyler Foster
Captain	Cheyenne Pantoja Wright
Lieutenant	Quinton Deo
Lieutenant	Jerry Hastings

Police Chief Hepner remarked that the Bingen Fire Department was outstanding. He said response times were great and noted that even on agency assists the Bingen Fire Department was often the first crew on scene.

Fire Chief Spratt thanked Police Chief Hepner and said he was very proud of the Bingen Fire Department members and noted the members train really hard and that it shows.

Minutes of June 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Council member Schroder made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2021 regularly scheduled City Council meeting as presented. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NW Natural Gas Type D Right of Way Permit

The project engineer for NW Natural Gas gave an overview of the project and planned traffic impacts.

Council member Jones made a motion to grant the application for a Type D Right of Way permit to NW Natural Gas. Council member O'Connor seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote: Kiewit – Aye, Jones – Aye, O'Connor – Aye, O'Sullivan – Aye, Schroder – Temporarily absent from the meeting.

2020 Annual Report

Clerk Pantoja Wright asked the council to approve the annual report as reviewed by the budget committee and submitted to the State Auditor's office, noting that some schedules still needed work.

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve the annual report with the understanding that documents will be updated up to and through the audit of 2021. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Proposed Radio System Use and 911 Dispatch Services Agreement – Klickitat County

Council member Schroder made a motion to approve the proposed Radio System Use and 911 Dispatch Services Agreement with Klickitat County as presented. Council member O'Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

SR 14 Roundabout Discussion

Mayor Pro Tempore Kiewit said there would be a meeting tomorrow with WSDOT and the roundabout design would be discussed. She shared with the council that Mayor Barnes said the SDS Lumber board of directors voted to donate machinery for the artwork installation.

Staff Reports

Public Works Superintendent David Spratt said the Consumer Confidence Report and Water Use Efficiency Report were completed with help from Clerk Pantoja Wright.

Superintendent Spratt said the S Maple Street railroad crossing was about to be painted but that the Walnut Street crossing had to wait for TEK Construction to finish their work in that area.

Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tempore Kiewit announced at 7:35 pm. that the City Council will go into Executive Session for 10 minutes to thank Clerk Pantoja Wright for her five and a half years of service to the City of Bingen pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

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 July 6, 2021.

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

Payroll Checks 22406-22411 and Payroll EFT (Dated 6/30/2021) totaling \$35,398.64 General Fund - \$14,709.28, Street Fund - \$4,907.20, Water Fund - \$3,373.99, Sewer Fund - \$618.93, Treatment Plant Fund - \$11,789.24.

Motion: O'Connor

Second: Schroder

Checks 22412-22447 and EFT (Dated 7/6/2021) totaling \$28,831.23. General Fund - \$8,403.02, Street Fund - \$2,459.44, Water Fund - \$8,104.74, Sewer Fund - \$872.86, Treatment Plant Fund - \$4,954.50, Water Capital Reserve Fund \$1,754.00, Sewer Capital Reserve Fund \$2,282.67.

Motion: Schroder

Second: O'Sullivan

The council adjourned at 7:50 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor