

# BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 19, 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, Isolde Schroder and Catherine Kiewit. Council members absent: Joseph O'Sullivan. Staff present: Deputy Clerk Dena Riggleman, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz and Alan Peters – Skamania County Planning Department. Audience Present: Brenda Spring, Justin Leigh, Nikolas Peha, Peter Wright and Kevin Driscoll - MRCD.

### Minutes of October 5, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Corrections:

*Page 1, paragraph 6:*

Council member Jones made a motion to **approve** Ordinance 2021-07-718, providing a payment plan for special conditions.

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve the minutes, as corrected, from the October 5, 2021 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Variance – Brenda Spring

Mayor Barnes said that Brenda Spring is asking for a Variance at 304 W Jefferson. Barnes said there are two lots currently that are 50' x 100' and that Spring would like to make one lot 50' x 150' and other lot 50' x 50'.

Mayor Barnes said that this variance would not meet the criteria for variances per the Bingen Municipal Code, as the city can not make a nonconforming lot but wanted to let council discuss it.

Brenda Spring said that there is a building right on the line of the two lots and would like to change the lot sizes so this building would be on the lot that she lives on. Spring said that this would make one of the lots conforming.

Alan Peters, Skamania County Planning Department said that this Variance does not meet the criteria as BMC 16.36 has six criteria for approval of a variance and that all the criteria must be satisfied, which is not the case in this variance.

The council discussed the situation.

Council member Schroder made a motion to not approve the variance for 304 W Jefferson. Council member Kiewit seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Boundary Line Adjustment – 2021-002 (Dickey Farms) Final Approval**

Alan Peters, Skamania County Planning Department said that the council approved the boundary line adjustment for 806 W Steuben on August 4, 2021, but the applicant must submit a final boundary line adjustment prior to recording it with the county.

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve a final on Boundary Line Adjustment 2021-002 for 806 W Steuben. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Short Platt– 2021-001 (Dickey Farms) Final Approval**

Alan Peters, Skamania County Planning Department said that the council approved the Short Platt for 806 W Steuben on September 7, 2021, but the applicant must submit a final short platt within 3 years of the preliminary map approval.

Council member Jones made a motion to approve a final Short Platt 2021-001 for 806 W Steuben. Council member Schroder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Boundary Line Adjustment – 2021-003 (532 W Lincoln) Final Approval**

Alan Peters, Skamania County Planning Department said that the council approved the boundary line adjustment for 532 W Lincoln on July 13, 2021, but the applicant must submit a final boundary line adjustment prior to recording it with the county.

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve a final on Boundary Line Adjustment 2021-003 for 532 W Lincoln. Council member Schroder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Preliminary Short Platt– 2021-002 (532 W Lincoln) Public Hearing**

Mayor Barnes said this is a public hearing and asked all the council members if they had any interest in this property or will benefit from this in any way. Council all said they did not.

Alan Peters, Skamania County Planning Department said that the short platt for 532 W Lincoln meets the criteria and said it should be passed by the council, with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall revise the plat name to include the correct file number “SP-2021-002”. Additionally, the applicant shall revise the plat’s references to the recent boundary line adjustment to reference the correct file number “BLA-2021-003”. These changes shall be included in the final plat map.
2. The applicant shall revise the boundary between Lot 1 and Lot 2 to ensure that a minimum 5 ft. rear yard setback is maintained for the existing shed on Lot 2. This change shall be included in the final plat map.

Mayor Barnes closed the public hearing.

**Preliminary Short Platt– 2021-002 (532 W Lincoln) Decision**

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve a final Short Platt 2021-002 for 532 W Lincoln, with the previous conditions being met, that Peters notified the applicant of. Council member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Mayor’s Update and Council Comments**

*Bridge Update*

Mayor Barnes said she has been doing zoom meetings with fourteen senators and representatives from the Washington Legislature to change the legislation to create a Bi-State Bridge Authority for the Hood River Toll Bridge.

*Prothman*

Council member Kiewit said that the job advertising with Prothman is now live and will run for four weeks and the first review will be November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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 October 19, 2021.

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

Payroll Checks 22620-22622 and Payroll EFT (Dated 10/15/2021) totaling \$22,499.72 General Fund - \$8,321.60, Street Fund - \$3,713.44, Water Fund - \$2,540.39, Sewer Fund - \$471.73, Treatment Plant Fund - \$7,452.56.

Motion: O’Connor

Second: Kiewit

Checks 22623-22643 and EFT (Dated 10/19/2021) totaling \$30,983.42. General Fund - \$24,254.49, Street Fund - \$860.78, Water Fund - \$3,406.38, Sewer Fund - \$1,419.08, Treatment Plant Fund - \$1,042.69.

Motion: Jones

Second: Schroder

The council adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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Deputy Clerk

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Mayor