BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT - November 3, 2020

Meeting Via Teleconference

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Catherine Kiewit at 7:00 pm. Council members present: Phil Jones, Ryan O'Connor, Catherine Kiewit, Isolde Schroder. Council members absent: O'Sullivan. Staff present: City Clerk Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, City Attorney Christopher R Lanz.

Essential Services Update

Mayor Pro Tempore Kiewit shared that Public Works had removed the parklets for the winter. She said she had gotten a new sign for the skatepark that said "crowds lead to closures" to encourage the public to heed posted rules. Kiewit said staff had been working very hard and noted that Council member O'Sullivan was absent due to an emergency.

Police Department Update

Mayor Pro Tempore Kiewit said that Chief Hepner was out on patrol since it was election night.

Minutes of October 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

It was noted that Chief Hepner was present at that meeting.

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 council meeting as corrected. Council member Schroder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tiny Library Placement Request

Bingen Resident Sara Whitner explained her request to council and said she had already purchased the library and that it had been made professionally. She said she had originally intended to place it on her private property but with the Humboldt Street project changing the grade in front of her house that was no longer feasible. Whitner said she would take responsibility for the installment and for repairs and would take care of any vandalism, etc. She said if she were unable to maintain the library, her neighbors Caitlyn Cray and Howard Bulick would step in and help.

The Council and staff discussed Public Works helping with the installation to ensure that the placement was appropriate and that all water and sewer lines were clear of the post. Staff also reminded Ms. Whitner that she would need to call for a locate before breaking ground.

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the placement of the Tiny Library as presented, with the conditions noted above. Council member O'Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Proposed Resolution 2020-008 Declaring a Climate Emergency – Presentation and Discussion Michelina Roth introduced the members of Community Upcycle and the Climate Action Network in attendance and spoke to council about their request for a resolution declaring a climate emergency.

Ruth Olin presented a slideshow on the effects of climate change to council.

Council member O'Connor said he would like to consider the matter further.

Council member Kiewit said she liked hearing specific goals included in a resolution.

Council member Schroder said she liked the overall message but said she said she was concerned about affordability of the design requirements. She said much of the community was low income and noted that amending the building codes would be a big project.

The council reached a consensus to continue the conversation on the proposal of a climate emergency resolution.

Bingen Wastewater Improvements Pay Estimate #3

City Clerk Pantoja Wright noted that Gray & Osborne intended to give a project update either at the meeting of November 17 or December 1, 2020.

Council member Kiewit made a motion to approve the Bingen Wastewater Improvements Pay Estimate #3 as presented. Council member O'Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ISP and Antenna Placement Agreement – Mosier WiNet

The following changes were made:

Section #18 remove "from" previously stricken

Section #11 move to end of document

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the ISP and Antenna Placement Agreement with Mosier WiNet with corrections as noted and contingent on the "20x20" referring to upload and download speeds in mbps. Council member O'Connor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Voucher Approval

Motion: Kiewit

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 November 3, 2020.

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

Second: O'Connor

Payroll Checks 21861-21875, and Payroll EFT (Dated 10/30/2020) totaling \$31,283.00 General Fund - \$14,774.39, Street Fund - \$5,100.81, Water Fund - \$3,291.65, Sewer Fund - \$584.75, Treatment Plant Fund - \$7,531.40.

Motion: Jones Second: O'Connor

Checks 21876-21896 dated 11/03/2020 totaling \$250,830.00. General Fund - \$44,686.87, Street Fund - \$1,507.71, Water Fund - \$7,168.29, Sewer Fund - \$511.83, Treatment Plant Fund - \$4,454.14, Sewer Capital Reserve Fund \$192,501.16.

The council adjourned at 8:07 pm.		
City Clerk	 Mayor	