

## BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, Dan Armstrong, Stephanie Porter, Izzy Schroder, Laura Mann. Staff present: City Attorney Chris Lanz, City Administrator Jan Brending. Audience present: Michelle Scott, Tammy Kaufmann, Jody O'Connor, Ryan O'Connor, Zach Walker, Dalton Smith, Robert Castaneda Joaquin Hindez.

### **Oath of Office**

Laura Mann was sworn in as council member by Betty Barnes, Mayor.

### **Public Comment**

#### ***Tammy Kaufman, Insitu***

Tammy Kaufman provided information to the city council regarding the capitol events sponsored by OneGorge in Salem and Olympia.

Kaufman provided council members with green Insitu shopping bags. She noted that the Hood River ban on plastic and paper bags began on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Kaufman said Insitu is part of the recycling effort in the Gorge.

Kaufman provided an update to the council members regarding Community Pride. She said that originally there was some discussion about not holding the event this year due to a lack of volunteers. Kaufman said the event is going to continue but will only take place on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29. She noted that in 2015 there were over 800 volunteer man hours while in 2016 there were under 300 man hours. Kaufman said Insitu will offer electronic recycling again this year. She said that in the past the Community Pride has offered a suggested donation of \$5.00. Kaufman said because of the need to rent equipment this year Community Pride will be requiring a fee of \$10.00 per load.

Catherine Kiewit asked if the bins have been donated in the past.

Kaufman said Republic does donate some bins but Community Pride will also have to pay for some extra bins.

Betty Barnes said she has suggested contacting some of the younger contractors to see if they donated their services.

Barnes said that because Friday is a workday for public works employees and the city has some equipment that might help, she would like to ask the council to authorize employees and the use of city equipment on Friday.

There was a consensus of the council to have city employees and equipment available to Community Pride on Friday.

Ryan O'Connor said it would be helpful to share what the \$10 price per load is used for.

Stephanie Porter suggested that people might want to donate money towards vouchers that could be used to pay the price per load for those who cannot afford it. She suggested the vouchers could then be made available at Gorge Action Programs or City Hall.

Jan Brending suggested it might be better for them to be available at Gorge Action Programs as that organization is more familiar with who might need the vouchers.

### **Bingen-White Salmon Police Department**

Betty Barnes said Tracy Wycoff is continuing to pursue hiring a lateral police officer.

### **Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2017**

Changes to the minutes of the February 21, 2017 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 3, 10<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read as follows: "Izzy Schroder said she would like to give it another go, and stated that it was not fair for the service to be restricted for the entire population due to misuse by a few individuals."

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the meeting minutes of the regular council meeting of February 21, 2017 as corrected. Dan Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Treasurer's Reports – December 2016 and January 2017**

Jan Brending presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2016 and January 2017. She noted that the reports for 2016 includes information regarding ending balances and a comparison of the original budget to the final budget.

Izzy Schroder moved to accept the December 2016 and January 2017 Treasurer's Report. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Mayor's Update and Council Comments**

#### ***Income Survey***

Betty Barnes reported that she has spoken with the County Commissioners about providing some financial assistance to the city for conducting an income survey.

#### ***Bingen Point Overpass***

Jan Brending said she and Betty Barnes attended a meeting with WSDOT regarding the Bingen Point overpass. She noted that WSDOT will be meeting with businesses located south of the railroad on April 13 and an open house for the public will be held on April 21.

Jody O'Connor asked if the funds for constructing the overpass have been secured.

Betty Barnes said yes it is state money that will come through the Washington State Department of Transportation.

#### ***Off-Leash Dog Park***

Catherine Kiewit noted that the council talked about an off-leash dog park at the last council meeting. She said she would like to add it to the list of things to consider for park improvements.

The council noted that the location they had discussed was the vacant property the city owns across from the park.

#### ***Council Vacancy***

The council noted that it still has a vacant council seat as this is Dan Armstrong's last council meeting.

Izzy Schroder said she would like to thank Dan Armstrong for serving on the council.

Dan Armstrong thanked the council for the opportunity and said he has a lot of respect for the council.

#### ***Drinking Fountain Mosaic***

Catherine Kiewit said she is concerned about the mosaic around the drinking fountain at the park. She said it appears the color glaze is separating from the ceramic face of the tiles. Kiewit suggested the public works crew may need to use a shop vac to get all of the loose pieces up around the drinking fountain. She said she is concerned about the sharp edges.

#### ***Next Council Meeting***

The council discussed whether it needed a special council meeting since Laura Mann had been appointed to the council. The council agreed to hold its next meeting on the regularly scheduled date of March 21<sup>st</sup> and will not hold a special meeting.

Izzy Schroder noted she will not be available on March 21<sup>st</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 March 7, 2017. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT, checks 19036-19062 (dated 03/07/2017) totaling \$52,043.38. General Fund – \$35,331.14; Street - \$3,412.56; Water Fund - \$8,675.77; Sewer Fund- \$2,902.96; Treatment Plant Fund - \$1,720.95.

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 March 7, 2017. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 19034-19035 (dated 02/28/2017) totaling \$999.25: Court Remittance Agency Fund - \$999.25.

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 March 7, 2017. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT, payroll checks 19029-19033 (dated 02/28/2017) totaling \$24,692.28. General Fund – \$11,562.69; Street - \$3,610.93; Water Fund - \$2,501.93; Sewer Fund- \$459.51; Treatment Plant Fund - \$6,557.22.

**Executive Session**

Betty Barnes announced at 8:20 p.m. that the council will meet in Executive Session for five minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 8:25 p.m. the council resumed regular session.

**Dell Boundary Line Settlement**

Stephanie Porter authorized the mayor to sign the boundary line settlement agreement with the Dell's. Daniel Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

The council adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor