

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES – January 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty Barnes at 7:00 pm. Council Members Present: Catherine Kiewit, Laura Mann, Phil Jones, Isolde Schroder, Ryan O'Connor (via telephone), Student Council Member Cesar Robles. Staff Members Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Cheyenne Willey, Public Works Superintendent David Spratt, City Attorney Chris Lanz, Police Chief Mike Hepner, Police Officer Kate Daniels. Audience Present: Ken Park, Ryan Walters, Carl Warren.

Public Comment

Carl Warren

Warren spoke about his appreciation for City staff and elected officials and noted his interest in The Society Hotel Bingen's development project near his home.

Police Department Update

New Hire

Police Chief Hepner introduced Kate Daniels from Buckley, Washington as the Police Department's new hire. Hepner said Daniels will be attending the Police Academy in March of 2019.

Councilmember Schroder asked Daniels why she chose to go into law enforcement.

Daniels said she had attended school for criminal justice 6 years ago, then spent a couple of years as a stay-at-home-mom, after which she became a certified Emergency Medical Technician before deciding

Press Release

Chief Hepner said he was happy to report that a press release had just been sent out regarding a burglary suspect being taken into custody and charged.

Carl Warren thanked Chief Hepner and the police department.

Radar Speed Signs

Councilmember Kiewit asked if Chief Hepner had received the signs he ordered through the City of White Salmon.

Chief Hepner said yes, but the packages were very large. He suggested that councilmembers arrange a time to go look at the signs he had received.

There was a consensus that Councilmember Schroder and Public Works Superintendent David Spratt should go look at the signs.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2018

Corrections were noted as follows:

Page 5, paragraph 2

“Councilmember Jones stated that even though grant money was not given out, a 2.34 percent interest loan would ~~not~~ have been that favorable.”

Council Member Schroder moved to approve the meeting minutes of the December 18, 2018 regular council meeting as corrected. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 28, 2018

Corrections were noted as follows:

Header

“DRAFT MINUTES - December 28, 2018”

Page 1, paragraph 1

“The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Catherine Kiewit at 8:33 ~~pm~~ am.”

Council Member Kiewit moved to approve the meeting minutes of the December 28, 2018 regular council meeting as corrected. Council Member Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 31, 2018

Corrections were noted as follows:

Header

“DRAFT MINUTES - December 31, 2018”

Council Member Kiewit moved to approve the meeting minutes of the December 31, 2018 regular council meeting as corrected. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Gray & Osborne Project Updates

Humboldt, Cherry, and Cedar Street Project

Ryan Walter said Mike Meskiman was finalizing comments and plans, and expected the final documents to be submitted soon.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and Maintenance

Ryan Walters said Nancy Wetch has been working on projected flows and loadings for the plant, and that the estimates would be projected through 2038.

Walters said Watch was also working on the designs for interim improvements including a facility plan amendment.

Walters noted that the high strength memo was on hold until hearing back from the City of White Salmon.

Collections System Upgrades

Walters noted that the collection system plans are currently more complete than the Plant Upgrade and Maintenance Plans, and that Public Work Superintendent Spratt had saved the day and arranged for the PUD to move a light pole that was located in the construction path on Depot Street.

Mayor Barnes noted that the 1st meeting in February was when she would like the council to address an Interfund loan to comply with the funding requirements for the USDA RD loan for the Humboldt water line and Old Reservoir replacements.

Councilmember Kiewit asked about the timeline for the Humboldt, Cherry, and Cedar Street Improvement Project funding.

Walters said he would check on that schedule.

Councilmember Kiewit said she believed it to be Spring 2019.

Walters agreed that sounded correct.

Proposed Agreement with Skamania County for 2019 Building Official Services

Councilmember Kiewit moved to table the agreement until the meeting of February 5, 2019.

Councilmember Schroder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

Wastewater Treatment

Councilmember Mann said she had talked with Tom Hons, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager, and that he had sent her a recap of the year's testing results, and the current BOD and TSS information. Mann said Hons also sent her a detail of the flows and rates for every month of the year.

Mann said she had asked Hons if loading strengths had changed since last meeting with the Department of Ecology. She also stated she asked Hons about the status of Everybody's Brewing. Mann reported that Hons said Everybody's Brewing is in the application process for a discharge permit with the Department of Ecology, which will take 1 or 2 months to wrap up. Mann said Hons believes he will get a lot of direction from that permit process to help move forward.

Councilmember Kiewit asked Clerk Willey to investigate for examples of other cities processing waste water on behalf of another municipality.

Kiewit asked if the City of White Salmon's new sewer ordinance had taken effect.

Clerk Willey said she will check, but she believed it took effect on the 1st of January, 2019.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Wastewater Treatment

Councilmember Kiewit said she would follow up with Stevenson about examples of agreements with high strength customers, and noted that when she talked with the Mayor of Stevenson and one of their Councilmembers, it sounded like she could just reach out to their City Administrator and ask for an example to use.

Wastewater Treatment

White Salmon Pool

Councilmember Kiewit talked about a lack of funding for the park district until May. She said she was wondering if the City of Bingen should prepay for the pool passes and swimming lessons usually purchased in May or June.

Mayor Barnes said the lack of funding was not until May of 2019, but that the district would not receive funding until May of 2020.

Councilmember Mann agreed and said she had just found out at a meeting that the district would not be receiving the money from the levy until 2020.

Clerk Willey asked if the funds would be collected in 2019 and disbursed in 2020.

Councilmember Mann said no, the levy would not take effect until 2020.

Mann noted that Klickitat County had received money from Pacificorp, and said the County would grant \$50,000 to the park district if White Salmon matched the amount. She said the White Salmon pool cost about \$104,000 to operate, and noted that White Salmon had previously used a levy of their own to support the operation.

Mann suggested that if the City of Bingen wanted to support the operation of the White Salmon pool for the safety of its citizens, maybe the City could go to the Economic Development Board.

Mann said the park district had contracted the services of Jan Brending, and that the cost was included in the services, included in the \$104,000 operational estimate. She said hopefully the pool will be able to operate, but not to expect the park district to move too much past that.

Mann said the park district meeting was interesting, and had a good turnout.

Quiet Zone

Mayor Barnes said she had directed Clerk Willey to include information about the quiet zone application in the utility billing for January, 2019.

Staff Reports

Cameras

Public Works Superintendent Spratt said Radcomp prepared the City Shop for the Klickitat County cameras, but that the cameras hadn't arrived yet.

Spratt said he could purchase an infrared light for the City camera for \$295.63.

There was a consensus that purchasing an infrared light was a good idea.

Lighting

Spratt seconded what Walters had said about the street light on Depot Street.

Spratt noted that as for the Maple Street light, parts were being sent from the factory to replace the entire light. He said initially he had been sent a new ballast but that hadn't solved the issue.

Councilmember Mann asked Spratt if when talking to the PUD he talked about the maple street lights at all.

Spratt said no, that would be a different person, but he has talked to the appropriate person twice, once in September and once in November. He said it had now been another two months so he would try again.

Mayor Barnes noted that the PUD had chosen not to light one of the street lights years ago, and she believed that one in question was never lit.

Executive Session

Mayor Barnes announced at 8:05 pm that the City Council will go into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 8:15 p.m. the Council resumed regular session.

Mayor Barnes announced at 8:20 pm that the City Council will go into Executive Session for 5 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

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

Mayor Barnes announced at 8:30 pm that the City Council will go into Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 8:50 p.m. the Council resumed regular session.

Mayor Barnes announced at 8:55 pm that the City Council will go into Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 9:15 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 January 15, 2019.

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

Payroll Checks 20459-20463 and Payroll EFT (Dated 12/31/18) and Payroll Check 20464 (Dated 12/30/18) totaling \$28,139.04. General Fund - \$12,229.41, Street Fund - \$4,193.74, Water Fund - \$2,890.81, Sewer Fund - \$530.27, Treatment Plant Fund - \$8,224.81.

Payroll Checks 20465-20468 and Payroll EFT (Dated 01/15/19) totaling \$17,913.67. General Fund - \$7,358.37, Street Fund - \$3,111.57, Water Fund - \$2,096.10, Sewer Fund - \$384.59, Treatment Plant Fund - \$4,963.04.

Checks 20469-20522 and EFT (Dated 12/29/18) totaling \$61,313.26. General Fund - \$24,452.40, Street Fund - \$2,678.12, Street Construction and Maintenance Fund - \$3,935.65, Water Fund - \$5,329.91, Sewer Fund - \$6264.93, Treatment Plant Fund - \$6,511.60, Sewer Capital Reserve Fund - \$18,050.65.

Checks 20522-20530 and EFT (Dated 12/30/18) totaling \$5,749.48 General Fund - \$1,777.02, Street Fund - \$48.82, Water Fund - \$2,996.01, Sewer Fund - \$393.36, Treatment Plant Fund - \$534.27.

The council adjourned at 9:30 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor