

# BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Sandi Dickey, Guillermo Fisch, Clinton Bryan, Catherine Kiewit. Council members absent: Laura Mann and Adri Benitez (student council member). City Administrator Jan Brending and City Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Tony Domish and Jesse Burkhardt.

## **Approval of Minutes – April 5, 2011**

Changes to the minutes of the April 5, 2011 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, 9<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence should read as follows: “Lloyd DeKay said mainly feedback and attendance at events.”

Page 3, 14<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read as follows: “She said she has talked to Dale Connell at Riverview Community Bank and it is possible the city will get a grant from them also.”

Page 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read as follows: “He said he is also researching parks and recreations grants through the state for possible funding.”

Page 4, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence should read as follows: “Rick McComas said the county has had drug canines since the late 1980’s.”

Page 4, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 5<sup>th</sup> sentence should read as follows: “McComas said the county has had six different dogs serving since the late 1980’s.”

Clinton Bryan moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2011 regular city council meeting as corrected. Guillermo Fisch seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Depot Street, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Possible Lease – Discussion and Authorization to Submit Application to Lease Property**

Betty Barnes said she met with Rick Wagner from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to discuss several issues related to the railroad including parking on the south side of Depot Street. She said it is possible the city could lease property on the south side of Depot Street located east of an existing warehouse building to Maple Street.

Jan Brending reported she talked to the real estate agent for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad about the lease process. She said the application process includes a \$600 nonrefundable fee. Brending said the cost to lease the property could be as much as \$1,800 per year but that the fee would be negotiable.

City council members discussed parking on Depot Street and the possibility of leasing Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad property on the south side to ensure continued parking availability.

Guillermo Fisch and Catherine Kiewit agreed that it is important for the city to maintain parking on Depot Street and felt the \$600 fee was worth the cost.

Catherine Kiewit suggested the city could establish a parking permit program for the parking spaces in the identified area which would help pay for the lease.

Clinton Bryan said he is concerned about the \$600 nonrefundable fee. He also said he thought the city did not want to be in the “landlord” business. Bryan suggested there might be other options than leasing the property.

Guillermo Fisch moved to authorize the submission of a lease application to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad with the fee being paid out of the community development fund and to authorize the mayor to negotiate the annual lease rate. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 to 1 with the following vote: Bryan – Nay, Dickey – Aye, Fisch – Aye, Kiewit – Aye, Mann – Absent.

The council asked Mayor Barnes to contact the railroad prior to submission of the lease application to see if there was any other way to address continued parking on the south side of Depot Street.

### **Bingen-White Salmon Police Department, Police Chief Position – Status Update and Discussion**

Betty Barnes reported that 15 applications were submitted to the civil service commission for the police chief position and 7 individuals were scheduled for interviews. She said one of the individuals was from out of state and was not able to attend the interview sessions.

Betty Barnes reported there was consensus on the interview panel as to the number one candidate. She said she and Mayor David Poucher are close to making a final choice but will not release a name until all information is checked. Barnes said she thought the process went well and hopes to release the decision soon.

Clinton Bryan noted that because of delays in the interview schedules the interview panel had to hold a working lunch – interviewing candidates while eating. Bryan asked if Betty Barnes could be reimbursed for the cost of the lunches.

Jan Brending said working lunches are an acceptable expense of the city.

There was a consensus of the council to reimburse Betty Barnes for the cost of the working lunch for the interview panel.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Port of Klickitat Access – Update***

Betty Barnes provided documents identifying three options for locating a railroad overpass into the Port of Klickitat. She said the preferred option at the present time is the option called the “Dickey Line.” Barnes said the stakeholder’s process and developing additional options for access provided information to Insitu that additional access could be provided into the Port of Klickitat.

Jan Brending noted that the project has been added to several project planning lists for possible future funding. She said that at this time no further meetings or further work on the project is scheduled.

#### ***Elm Street Vacation – Update and Discussion***

Jan Brending said she has located an ordinance that vacated that portion of Elm Street that was shown on plats to run through the Bingen School Inn property owned by John Newman. She said that portion of Elm Street was vacated in 1951. Brending said Tad Connors will be working on how to get the information recorded at the county. She said the information has also been provided to John Newman.

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

#### ***Crosswalk on Highway 14***

Betty Barnes said a letter has been submitted to Washington Department of Transportation requesting a crosswalk in the vicinity of Dickey Farms/McDonalds on Steuben (Highway 14).

#### ***Fire Grill Donation***

Betty Barnes said a fire grill has been donated to the Bingen Fire Department.

Guillermo Fisch said he is delighted with it.

Clinton Bryan said thank you for the donation.

#### ***Park Committee Meeting***

Catherine Kiewit said she has sent an e-mail requesting dates for scheduling park committee meeting.

#### ***Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet***

Betty Barnes said she attended the Chamber of Commerce awards banquet. She said Lloyd DeKay was named “Citizen of the Year,” Carl McNew received the “Life Time Service” award; and Alba and Sue Bartholomew received “Business of the Year.”

#### ***Community Pride Weekend***

Betty Barnes said the chamber is looking for volunteers to help out with the Community Pride Weekend scheduled for April 29 through May 1.

#### ***Chickens – Elm Street***

Clinton Bryan reported that one or more residences in the 100 block of N. Elm have chickens.

#### ***Parking Space Striping***

Catherine Kiewit asked if the downtown parking spaces are scheduled for painting.

Betty Barnes said yes as soon as the weather allows it – most likely in June.

### **Committee and Staff Reports**

#### ***Local Records Grant***

Jan Brending said she will be submitting a Local Records Grant application to the state for digitizing and microfilming the city's minutes, ordinances and resolutions. She said original copies of the documents will then be archived at the Washington State Archives.

#### ***Meeting Notice Posting***

Jan Brending said the city has received a notice from The Enterprise requesting notice of all special meetings.

Sandi Dickey said that she noticed that the city's ordinances require notice of regular and special meetings to be posted in a number of locations.

Jan Brending said the city's ordinance was amended to require posting at city hall and the post office.

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

Tony Domish reported that a 2-year old child was mauled by a dog in Bingen and that the injuries were severe. He said it appears there is no permanent damage to the eye as originally thought but there may be some nerve damage and scarring. Domish said the dog has been declared a dangerous dog and the owner has been served with the notice. He said information regarding the incident will be presented to the county prosecutor. Domish noted that the dog is currently licensed and rabies are current.

The definitions for "dangerous dog" and "potentially dangerous dog" were reviewed.

Tony Domish said Officer Ben Harvey responded to a self-inflicted knife injury in Bingen. He said Officer Harvey should be commended for keeping pressure on the wood to save the individual's life until the individual was transported to Portland.

Tony Domish said emergency vehicle operation and control (EVOC) training will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> at The Dalles Airport. He said two Bingen-White Salmon reserve candidates will also be in attendance. Domish reported that the two reserve candidates are standing out in the academy and will graduate in August.

Catherine Kiewit asked if Domish knew the condition of the individual with the self-inflicted knife injury. Domish said no.

### **Vouchers**

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 April 19, 2011. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks EFT, 13074-13094 totaling \$5291.22. Current – \$2094.02; Street - \$243.07; Water - \$1260.02; Sewer - \$286.18; Treatment Plant - \$1407.93.

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 April 19, 2011. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (03/31/2011) 13071-13072, totaling \$3916.97. Current – \$930.45; Street - \$724.78; Water - \$677.02; Sewer - \$103.49; Treatment Plant - \$1481.23.

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 April 19, 2011. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (04/15/2011) EFT, 13066-13069, 13073, totaling \$11181.57. Current – \$4861.17; Street - \$1397.46; Water - \$1406.09; Sewer - \$217.32; Treatment Plant - \$3299.53.

At 8:05 p.m. the city council adjourned.

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City Clerk

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Mayor