

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Laura Mann at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Laura Mann, Guillermo Fisch, Clinton Bryan, Catherine Kiewit, Rosi Salguero (Student Council Member). Council members absent: Mayor Betty Barnes and Sandi Dickey. City Administrator Jan Brending and City Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Tony Domish.

Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2011

Changes to the minutes of the April 19, 2011 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, 10th paragraph, last sentence should read: “Brending said the cost to lease the property could be as much as \$1,800 per year but that the fee would be negotiable.”

Page 4, 1st paragraph, 1st sentence should read: “Tony Domish reported that a 2-year old child was mauled by a dog in Bingen and that the injuries were severe.”

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the meeting minutes of the April 19, 2011 regular council meeting as corrected. Guillermo Fisch seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

N. Ash, 400 Block – Discussion and Possible Action of Designating Area(s) of No Parking

Jan Brending said the city has previously discussed the issue of parking in the 400 block of N. Ash in September 2010. She said at that time the council agreed to designate the area from Oak to the first driveway as no parking, marking it with yellow paint. Brending said that due to weather conditions the area has not been marked. She said that cars have not been observed parking in the designated area. Brending said however the city has continued to receive complaints about the parking in this area and concerns that as cars come off of Highway 141 (Oak Street) they may hit a car that is stopped at the stop sign getting ready to turn onto Highway 141.

The city council discussed the issue and possible options including making the street one-way or a dead-end.

Clinton Bryan asked if there is any accident history in the specific area.

Jan Brending said she is not aware of any.

Council members asked Tony Domish if he had any comments on the issue.

Tony Domish said he could take a look at the issue and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Council members suggested that the residents who live at the house where “no parking” would be designated should be contacted.

Clinton Bryan moved to table the issue until the next meeting when the council can receive input from Tony Domish. Guillermo Fisch seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer’s Report – March 2011

Jan Brending presented the treasurer’s report for March 2011. She noted that she will be presenting the 2010 Annual Report at the next council meeting.

Clinton Bryan moved to accept the March 2011 treasurer’s report. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor’s Update and Council Comments

Chickens

Jan Brending said the property owner at 108 N. Elm has been contacted about the chickens located at that address. She said she has not been able to determine if chickens are being kept at 109 N. Elm. Brending said the animal control officer will be following up on the issue.

Clinton Bryan said he also has not seen chickens at 109 N. Elm. He said the day he did see chickens in that area kids were chasing the chickens in the street.

Business Curbside Recycling

Laura Mann noted that business curbside recycling will now be available at a cost to the business owners.

Jan Brending noted that the recycling facility in Bingen will remain open.

Steuben Street Landscape Maintenance

Laura Mann noted that the city council has information about when the master gardeners and high school students will be working to cleanup the landscaping in Bingen. She said any help would be appreciated.

Community Pride Weekend

Guillermo Fisch asked if there is any information on how the Community Pride Weekend went.

Catherine Kiewit said she participated and there were lots of people and activity at the site. She said she thought it was great.

Guillermo Fisch said he thought it would be appropriate in the next city newsletter to provide a thank you to those who coordinated and volunteered and to the city staff.

Jan Brending said the next newsletter will not go out until June. She said the city could send a letter to the editor.

Sidewalk – Steuben between Pine and Vine

Laura Mann said that the property owners in this area have been working to keep vegetation out of the sidewalk area. She said there is now a small tree growing in the sidewalk.

Jan Brending said she can have public works crew take a look at it and put some kind of killer on it when it is removed.

Committee and Staff Reports

Park Committee

Catherine Kiewit and Clinton Bryan reported on the Park Committee meeting held April 25.

Clinton Bryan said he thought it was a good meeting. He said the committee talked about the garbage issue at the park and also talked about the funding for phase 2 of the skatepark. Bryan noted the city needs to raise \$95,000.

Laura Mann noted that the city contributed funds for phase 1 and feels that it is necessary to raise the funds for phase 2 instead of using city funds.

Catherine Kiewit said she has looked into some possible grants. She said she has contacted Red Bull who may have a presence at Spring Festival. Kiewit said she found a grant that would fund a larger project such as the community center which would include the skatepark. She said municipal organizations are eligible. Kiewit noted the grant is due on Friday. Kiewit said the committee had also discussed scaling back the project but that would mean losing the Tony Hawk Foundation grant.

Laura Mann asked council members if they would like to hold a special meeting just to talk about how raise the funds for phase 2. She suggested May 31 since Tuesday is a “five-Tuesday” month.

Jan Brending noted that day is the Tuesday after Memorial Day and there may be some council members, the mayor or staff who could not be present.

Catherine Kiewit said the committee identified May 14 as a possible community meeting.

Jan Brending noted that the meeting identified for May 14 was primarily with the kids who had helped design the skatepark to work with them so that they will take ownership and pride in the park and help with issues such as garbage, vandalism and inappropriate behavior or language.

The council discussed setting up a separate meeting. The council agreed to not hold the meeting on May 14 at this time and to schedule a Fundraising Plan discussion for the council’s next meeting.

Staff was asked to have the Park Committee meeting minutes typed up for the council meeting. Council members were asked to have ideas ready to discuss at the next council meeting.

Crosswalk near McDonald's/Dickey Farms

Jan Brending reported that the Washington Department of Transportation has agreed to study the need for a crosswalk as proposed by the city.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Tony Domish reported the dog involved in the mauling has been euthanized due to health reasons.

Domish reported that he will be submitting a COPS grant application which will providing funding for an additional officer.

Domish reported that the attempted suicide victim did survive but does not know the victim's specific condition.

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 May 3, 2011. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 13098-13126 totaling \$19398.78. Current – \$5285.71; Street - \$2207.09; Fire Equipment Reserve - \$897.87; Water - \$8014.69; Sewer - \$253.13; Treatment Plant - \$2740.29.

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 May 3, 2011. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (04/29/2011) EFT, 13095-13097, totaling \$19330.75. Current – \$7841.57; Street - \$2786.81; Water - \$2708.19; Sewer - \$410.49; Treatment Plant - \$5583.69.

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

City Clerk

Mayor