

# BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Laura Mann, Guillermo Fisch, Clinton Bryan, Catherine Kiewit, Sandi Dickey, Rosi Salguero (Student Council Member). City Administrator Jan Brending and City Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Tony Domish, Ben Harvey, Jim Andring, Sally Tallman, Susie Willey, Harry Harvey, Michelle Harvey, Megan Harvey, Cheyenne Willey, Christine Douglas, Adri Benitez.

## **Commendation – Officer Ben Harvey**

Mayor Betty Barnes presented a letter of commendation to Officer Benjamin Harvey for actions taken on April 18, 2011.

## **Approval of Minutes – May 3, 2011**

Changes to the minutes of the May 3, 2011 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, add Sandi Dickey as council members absent and remove Jesse Burkhardt from audience.

Page 1, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence should read as follows: “Jan Brending said the city has previously discussed the issue of parking in the 400 block of N. Ash in September 2010.”

Page 2, 9<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence should read as follows: “Catherine Kiewit said she participated and there were lots of people and activity at the site.”

Guillermo Fisch moved to approve the meeting minutes of the May 3, 2011 regular council meeting as corrected. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **2010 Annual Report Presentation – Authorization to Submit Report**

Jan Brending presented the 2010 Annual Report to the city council. She identified how the financial information in the annual report connects to the year-end treasurer’s reports and the city’s end-of-year bank statements.

Catherine Kiewit thanked Brending for the presentation and information.

Laura Mann complimented Brending for a job well-done and thanked her for a shorter budget committee meeting last week.

Guillermo Fisch moved to authorize the submission of the 2010 Annual Report to the State Auditor’s office. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Skatepark Fundraising Planning Discussion**

Catherine Kiewit provided a review of the recent park committee meeting. She said it is apparent that the remaining \$95,000 needed for Phase 2 of the skatepark cannot come from city funds and will need to be raised. Kiewit said it is a scary amount and big chunk to bite off. She said she would like the council to discuss how it plans to raise the funds. Kiewit said one option would be to change the scope of work but it would likely mean that the city would lose the grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation.

The council asked Brending to review the estimated cost for Phase 2 to see if it includes sales tax.

Catherine Kiewit said at the last council meeting council members discussed contacting 10 to 15 larger businesses and asking for \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Betty Barnes said she agrees with Kiewit. She thinks it is essential to get community buy-in to the project but that it is important to do one-on-one with individuals and businesses. Barnes said the council also needs to show enthusiasm. She said each council member has a list of names to contact and suggested that needs to happen.

Laura Mann said she went through her list and think she could get \$10,000 from just that list.

Betty Barnes said that it might be possible to do something to raise funds during the concerts in the park events that will occur in Bingen.

Tony Domish said he would be willing to chair a committee with council members.

Catherine Kiewit asked council members to think about what they can do and to e-mail Brending that information.

Council members discussed selling bottled water at Spring Fest – advertising the skatepark and taking donations. Jan Brending recommended trying to get the bottled water donated instead of the city buying water to sell. Council members identified a schedule for manning a booth at Spring Fest on Friday and Saturday. Catherine Kiewit, Clinton Bryan and Sandi Dickey said they will check on donations for the bottled water.

Guillermo Fisch asked if Phase 2 of the park is needed.

Clinton Bryan said the skatepark is very busy and thinks Phase 2 would be nice. He said however that he does not want to put the city in a hardship to build it.

Catherine Kiewit said the complete design is what the community wanted. She said she would want to check with the community to see if Phase 1 was sufficient before deciding not to construct Phase 2.

Laura Mann said she thinks Phase 2 will add another level to the park by adding a more competitive level and bring people into the community.

Betty Barnes noted that the Pizza in the Park for May has been cancelled due to vandalism that occurred. She said chalk pictures were drawn on the restrooms walls.

Tony Domish said that Officer Clack identified the culprits who committed the vandalism. He said there was some concern due to the graphic nature of the pictures that were drawn.

Betty Barnes said the kids came and apologized and worked with the Public Works crew in the park for an hour.

#### **Treasurer's Report – April 2011**

Jan Brending presented the treasurer's report for April 2011. She said a budget committee meeting will take place on May 24 at 6:00 to review proposed amendments to the budget.

Betty Barnes said she and Mayor Poucher have sent a letter requesting a budget amendment to the law enforcement budget. She said they have asked for the draft amendment by May 19 and it will be considered at the budget committee meeting on May 24.

Laura Mann moved to accept the treasurer's report for April 2011. Clinton Bryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

#### **Old Business**

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

Tony Domish reviewed his recommendations for no parking and paint striping of N. Ash Street including installing a center line from Steuben to Oak, marking the corner from Oak to the first driveway on the west side with yellow paint (no parking), marking the area where the fire hydrant is located on the east side with yellow paint (from fire hydrant to driveway), and marking the area between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> driveways on the west side with yellow paint (no parking).

He said that he believes this will alert drivers and residents where the lanes of travel are and what areas are designated as no parking.

Catherine Kiewit moved to stripe N. Ash as recommended. Guillermo Fisch seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

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

##### ***Bingen-White Salmon Civil Service Commission***

Betty Barnes said the city has received a letter of resignation from Charlie Long. She said John Newman has volunteered to serve on the commission. Barnes said if there is no objection from the city council she will appoint Newman to the Bingen position.

Sandi Dickey said she thinks John Newman will do a great job.

Catherine Kiewit said that Sally Tallman's resignation as Secretary/Chief Examiner from the Bingen-White Salmon Civil Service Commission seems unfortunate. She asked if there is anything that Bingen can do to help.

Betty Barnes said the civil service commissioners are drafting a letter to be sent about what was an unreasonable event. She said it is a shame to see Tallman go. Barnes said the commissioners have advertised for the position.

#### ***Bingen-White Salmon Police Department – Police Chief Position***

Betty Barnes said the police chief position is getting closed to being filled. She said the polygraph and psychological tests have been completed and the background is close to being finalized. She said that before the press is notified she will call each council member with the announcement.

#### ***Concerts in the Park***

Betty Barnes noted that the "Concerts in the Park" this year will also include Bingen.

#### ***Letters to the Editor***

Betty Barnes said letters to the editor have been sent out regarding firefighter response to fire calls and thanking the volunteers for supporting the Community Pride Weekend.

#### ***Ordinance for Fines for Illegal Burns***

Betty Barnes suggested the city's ordinance regarding the burn ban may need to be updated to address penalties for illegal burns.

The council and Tad Connors discussed whether the city's ordinances already provide for a penalty.

The council agreed to review the ordinance at its next council meeting.

#### **Committee and Staff Reports**

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

Tony Domish reported that the police department worked to locate 2 missing children approximately 1 ½ weeks ago in Bingen. He said the search took about 4 hours and then Tony Warren went above the water tower and found the two children sitting by a creek.

Domish reported that a COPS grant will be submitted this week.

Domish said he met with the Spring Fest committee to address security. He said the police department will also be doing a fundraiser at the Spring Fest with a "jail" booth – selling arrest warrants for individuals who will remain in the "jail" until bail is posted. Domish said the funds will be used towards uniforms.

Domish said firearms qualifications and defensive tactics training will be held in June.

Domish said he was recently at the park where a full court basketball game was taking place. He said the park always looks nice and clean and he sees adults using the skatepark during the day.

Domish thanked the mayor and council members for acknowledging the work of Officer Harvey.

Clinton Bryan said it is nice to be updated about things going on in the community and thanked Domish.

#### ***Joint Police Committee Meeting***

Jan Brending reported a Joint Police Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **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 17, 2011. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 13134-13155 totaling \$14922.46. Current – \$10810.23; Street - \$392.53; Water - \$1837.56; Sewer - \$182.50; Treatment Plant - \$1699.64.

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 17, 2011. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks (4/30/2011) EFT, 13127-13128 totaling \$2819.47. Current –\$1105.69; Street - \$142.16; Water - \$1048.54; Sewer - \$178.66; Treatment Plant - \$344.42.

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 (05/13/2011) EFT, 13129-13133, totaling \$11349.73. Current – \$4615.04; Street - \$1684.98; Water - \$1543.64; Sewer - \$238.54; Treatment Plant - \$3267.53.

At 8:50 p.m. the city council adjourned.

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City Clerk

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Mayor