

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Laura Mann, Clinton Bryan, Guillermo Fisch, Catherine Kiewit. Council members absent: Sandi Dickey. City Administrator and City Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Tony Domish, David Spratt

Approval of Minutes – July 5, 2011

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

Page 1, 8th paragraph should read: “Page 5, add the following after the 1st paragraph ‘Catherine Kiewit asked Tony Domish if the time officers worked the fundraiser was counted as overtime. Domish said two of the officers were reserves and that he and Judi Culp also covered the booth. Domish said it is a good point and would need to be considered for future fundraising events.’”

Page 2, 12th paragraph, last sentence should read: “Barnes said the proposed budget is a 25% increase for Bingen over the original 2011 budget adopted by White Salmon.”

Page 3, 4th paragraph, last sentence should read: “She said no interest or fees are charged for either program unless the city is late in paying the regular charges.”

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

Treasurer’s Report – May 2011

Jan Brending presented the May 2011 treasurer’s report. She said the city council will review a proposed budget amendment from White Salmon at the next council meeting. Brending said she anticipates putting a budget amendment before the city council at the August 19 council meeting. Brending said she will also present a 2012 budget preparation schedule to the council at the August 19 meeting.

Clinton Bryan moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for May 2011. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Old Business

Water Use – Continued Discussion

Betty Barnes reviewed the steps that staff has taken to address the distribution system leakage problem. She said staff from Evergreen Rural Water will be here on July 27.

David Spratt said that there are some issues with changing from pulling White Salmon water from Highway 14 to pulling it from Highway 141. He said the PRV was recently rebuilt and that he had Todd Carter (a consultant) check the system. Spratt said he also has had CenturyLink in checking the telephone lines because the city has had communications errors when trying to open the PRV. He said that until the communication problem is cleared up the city cannot switch to the Highway 141 PRV. Spratt said he will continue to seek technical assistance to determine the problem.

Staff will provide weekly updates to the council on the status of steps taken to determine where the problems might be.

Mayor’s Update and Council Comments

Open Filing Period

Betty Barnes reported that Maria Perez has filed for Guillermo Fisch’s position during the open filing period.

Guillermo Fisch Resignation

Betty Barnes said the council has received Guillermo Fisch’s resignation effective July 20, 2011. She thanked Guillermo Fisch for his services to the city and for being a good council member.

Betty Barnes said the city will advertise the vacancy. She said that she expects Maria Perez will apply for the position. Barnes asked that interviews be scheduled for the first meeting in August. She noted that the person appointed will only serve through the election in November.

Insitu

Betty Barnes said that she has not heard anything yet from Insitu about where they will build.

Park

Betty Barnes said that she recently received a nice text picture from the police chief showing some young men cleaning up the park.

Guillermo Fisch said that while his two grandsons were staying with him he spent some time at the park. He said that he is concerned with the level of teenage blasphemy and language and aggressive behavior. Fisch also noted that an enormous number of teenagers are driving fast in the area of the park. He said that the overall behavior at the park was unpleasant.

Council members discussed park and skatepark issues.

Betty Barnes said that Tony Domish has taken some measures at the park but that the city cannot expect the police to be present all the time.

Tony Domish said that he believes the park elements – skatepark, basketball court, and playground are too close together. He said that the behavior that is happening at the park happens everywhere. Domish said that he believes additional signage will be a waste of time. He said the police department has been patrolling the park more often. Domish said that three kids have been told that they cannot come back to the park until school starts.

Jan Brending said she can ask Linda Schneider to talk to the kids who use the Youth Center about the park and skatepark.

The council asked that staff prepare a draft ordinance that would limit the speed limit around the park to 15 miles per hour.

Part-time Employee

Betty Barnes said the city has hired a part-time employee through Barrett Business Services to help David Spratt. She said the city has hired Sean Baker.

Fire Meeting

Betty Barnes said that she, Jan Brending and David Spratt will be attending a fire meeting put together by Fire District 3 on July 27. She said David Spratt will report back to the council on that meeting.

Pool Bucks

Jan Brending recommended the council authorize the use of pool bucks for swim lessons.

Laura Mann moved to authorize the use of pool bucks for swim lessons at the White Salmon pool. Clinton Bryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Concert in the Park

Betty Barnes announced a “Concert in the Park” will take place on July 30 at Daubenspeck Park. She said the Connolly Brothers will be playing. Barnes said Kevin Kelly might be bringing a fire truck down to the park for the kids to look at.

4th of July

Laura Mann said she thought the 4th of July went really well. She said she does not feel there were too many problems.

Police Fundraiser

Catherine Kiewit asked if Tony Domish had looked at the fundraising numbers and see whether or not police officers were paid to work the event.

Tony Domish said he will look at that issue and that it is a good point. He said the fundraiser will support the purchase of uniforms. Domish said that David Spratt helped with the fundraiser at the Wine Fusion event in White Salmon. He said that the department will likely have the jail at the county fair and Huckleberry Festival and possibly at the Skamania Fair. Domish said he is getting good feedback.

Committee and Staff Reports

Water Rights

Jan Brending said that if the city wants to drill a new well in the future it should move ahead with submitting a water rights application. She said that the city could use existing water rights with a new well but only if that well is connected to the same aquifer as its existing wells. Brending said there is a high likelihood that they would not be connected. She said she will provide some information at the next

council meeting about the cost of the application and a proposal with costs for an assessment that will be required for the water rights application.

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 July 19, 2011. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 13279-13301 totaling \$8456.47. Current -\$4854.47; Street - \$299.16 Water - \$1796.42; Sewer - \$167.52; Treatment Plant - \$1164.44; 1995 Bond Redemption - \$174.46.

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 July 19, 2011. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (07/15/2011) EFT, 13274-13278, totaling \$11795.37. Current - \$5113.72; Street - \$1746.08; Water - \$1534.93; Sewer - \$219.96; Treatment Plant - \$3180.68.

At 8:40 p.m. the city council adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor