

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Laura Mann, Sandi Dickey, Clinton Bryan, Maria Perez, Catherine Kiewit, Rosi Salguero. City Administrator Jan Brending and City Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Ben Mitchell, John Newman, David Spratt, Karla Spratt, James Buckland, Jay Hicks

Oath of Office

Rosi Salguero was sworn in as student city council member by Betty Barnes, Mayor.

2011 Employee of the Year

Betty Barnes presented the 2011 Employee of the Year Distinguished Service Award to David Spratt who serves as the city's fire chief and public works superintendent. Barnes noted that David Spratt also serves as a reserve officer with the Bingen-White Salmon Police Department.

Approval of Minutes – January 3, 2012

Changes to the minutes of the January 3, 2012 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 2, 5th paragraph, 1st sentence should read as follows: "Betty Barnes noted that agreements to the number of officers that have been different than in the interlocal agreement have been reached on a year-by-year basis."

Page 3, last paragraph should read: "Jan Brending said the mayors and staff will be meeting with representatives of Tribal Fishco and their consultant in January to discuss the fish processing plant."

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 regular council meeting as corrected. Clinton Bryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Goals and Priorities - 2012

Betty Barnes reviewed the priorities that were established in 2010. She asked for input from the staff who were in attendance.

Jay Hicks suggested developing a dog park.

Council members discussed goals and priorities and set the following as the goals and priorities for 2012:

1. Water Loss and Water Self-Sufficiency
2. Law Enforcement Community Outreach
3. Skatepark Fundraising
4. Wastewater Infrastructure Planning and Wastewater and Water Interlocal Agreements
5. Sign Ordinance Update
6. Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update

Catherine Kiewit noted that the overpass over the railroad into the Port of Klickitat is a serious undertaking and that it needs to be prioritized. The council discussed who would be the lead agency on pursuing the development of the overpass as the location would be outside the city limits. Jan Brending noted that the overpass project is now on several county, state and regional lists as a priority project. She said the next steps would be an impact study and design.

Maria Perez said she would like to see a complete list of infrastructure projects for the entire city. Jan Brending said that after the wastewater planning is completed she would like to present a capital improvement/capital facilities plan to the council for adoption.

Old Business

2012 Law Enforcement Budget

Betty Barnes reported that White Salmon did adopt a 2012 budget including the law enforcement budget. She said the law enforcement budget matches what Bingen has budgeted. Barnes asked the city council if they want to send a letter to White Salmon stating that Bingen accepts the budget.

Tad Connors said that when the Bingen city council adopted the 2012 budget it accepted White Salmon's 2012 law enforcement budget.

Maria Perez moved to approve the 2012 law enforcement budget as adopted by the City of White Salmon. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Laura Mann moved to send a letter to the City of White Salmon stating that the City of Bingen has approved the 2012 law enforcement budget and that the City of Bingen encourages staying within the adopted budget and supports any cost savings measures that can be taken throughout the year. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Bicycle Racks

Betty Barnes said the Klickitat County Health Department will be donating two bicycle racks to Bingen. She asked for input from council members as to where the bicycle racks should be located. Two locations mentioned were near the post office and Beneventi's.

AWC Scholarship

Betty Barnes said the city is participating in a AWC scholarship program.

Jan Brending said seniors can apply to cities throughout the state for the scholarship and then each city selects an application to forward to AWC. She said AWC will be awarding four \$1000 scholarships. Brending said applications are due by February 24 and then will be forwarded to council members for a decision at the March 6th council meeting.

Christmas Lights

Catherine Keiwit asked about the Christmas lights.

Betty Barnes said the lights will be taken down after Valentine's Day. She said the city will be requesting help in taking the lights down.

Coal Trains – Peter Cornelius

Catherine Keiwit said she has received a request from Peter Cornelius to come and speak to the council at its next meeting regarding the increase in coal trains through the Gorge and the environmental impacts.

Betty Barnes said she had also talked to Peter Cornelius and had asked him to get back with Jan Brending to set a date. She said she would like to try to get complete information to the council on the issue. Barnes said he will be tentatively scheduled for February 7.

Community Service

Maria Perez said she is taking a psychology class that requires community service hours. She said there are several students from the area and asked if there are things they could do for the city.

Betty Barnes said to let her know who and what kinds of service they would be interested in.

Meeting with Meyer Trust Foundation

Betty Barnes said the county is hosting a meeting with Meyer Trust Foundation on Thursday.

AWC City Legislative Action Conference

Betty Barnes said Jan Brending will be attending the AWC City Legislative Action Conference in Olympia next week.

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 January 17, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks (dated 12/31/2011) 14934-14947 totaling \$12212.42. Current – \$1743.01; Street - \$1303.19; Water - \$5427.82; Sewer - \$78.72; Treatment Plant - \$201.84; Water Construction and Maintenance - \$3,172.33; Treatment Plant Replacement - \$285.51.

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 17, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 14927, 14948-14962 totaling \$4372.15. Current – \$2591.20; Street - \$679.30; Water - \$582.61; Sewer - \$423.30; Treatment Plant - \$95.74.

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 17, 2012. The council by unanimous

vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (dated 01/15/2012) EFT, 14928-14932, totaling \$12280.34. Current – \$4982.11; Street - \$1651.18; Water - \$1449.98; Sewer - \$228.29; Treatment Plant - \$3968.78.

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 17, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (dated 12/31/2011) 14933 totaling \$791.65. Current – \$328.22; Street - \$108.84; Water - \$63.82; Sewer - \$9.61; Treatment Plant - \$281.16.

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

City Clerk

Mayor