

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 20, 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, Catherine Kiewit. Council members absent: Maria Perez, Rosi Salguero. City Administrator Jan Brending and City Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Ben Mitchell, Lloyd Dekay, Marc Thornsbury, Tony Domish.

Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2012 – Regular Council Meeting

Laura Mann moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2012 regular council meeting. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2012 – Special Council Meeting

Laura Mann moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2012 special council meeting. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Resolution 2012-003, Recognizing Earth Hour and Earth Day

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopted Resolution 2012-013 recognizing Earth Hour and Earth Day. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Reports – January and February 2012

Jan Brending presented the Treasurer's Reports for January and February 2012. Laura Mann moved to accept the treasurer's reports for January and February 2012. Clinton Bryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Old Business

Hydrogen Sulfide

Betty Barnes said the council has been provided information regarding the hydrogen sulfide in the city's water including a report from Gray & Osborne written in 2009. She said the council will discuss the information at an upcoming council meeting.

Water Production and Usage Reports

Betty Barnes said the council has been provided with updated water production and usage reports through February. She **said** that based on early reports for the month of March the city has reduced its distribution system leakage considerably after repairing the leak on Steuben. Barnes said that additional information is needed to confirm what the actual impact of repairing the leak will have.

Drinking Water State Revolving Loan and Gray & Osborne Engineering Proposal

Jan Brending provided additional information about the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan program. She said that a cultural resource field survey is not initially required for the water line projects but may be required depending on findings by the state. Brending said the Gray & Osborne engineering proposal does not include any construction engineering or inspection costs for the project during the construction period. She said she is not asking the council to make a decision on the proposal as the city is asking Gray & Osborne for additional information and costs related to the hydrogen sulfide issue.

Gorge Out Fundraiser

The city council reviewed the details for the Gorge Out fundraiser scheduled for March 24.

Jail Contract

Betty Barnes said the city has received a letter from Klickitat County stating that the county would like to close negotiations with the city. She said the letter also states that effective April 1 Klickitat County will be unable to accept inmates on the behalf of the city.

Tad Connors said the city is close to finalizing an agreement with Skamania County. He said he had spoken with Tony Domish who had suggested having a contract with both counties but it now appears that Klickitat County does not want to establish a contract with the city. Connors said the problems were primarily over the form of the contract.

Catherine Kiewit moved to have the mayor and legal counsel sign a contract with Skamania County based on the best offer. Clinton Bryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Tony Domish said he concurs with the council's decision to contract for jail services with Skamania County.

Committee and Staff Reports

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Tony Domish said the department has been doing training for tazers, use of force and firearms.

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 March 20, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks (dated 3/20/2012) EFT, 15069-15087 totaling \$16062.39. Current – \$3205.40; Street - \$1320.23; Water - \$7886.66; Sewer - \$1123.16; Treatment Plant - \$2526.94.

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 March 20, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (dated 2/10/2012) 15010 totaling \$1189.22. Current – \$1189.22.

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 March 20, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (dated 03/15/2012) EFT, 15064-15068, totaling \$10751.33. Current – \$4765.31; Street - \$1386.61; Water - \$1215.55; Sewer - \$191.30; Treatment Plant - \$3192.56.

At 9:00 p.m. the city council adjourned moving into a closed session regarding professional negotiations.

City Clerk

Mayor