

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 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, Catherine Kiewit. Council members absent: Maria Perez, Rosi Salguero. City Administrator Jan Brending and City Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Ben Mitchell, Tony Domish.

Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2012 – Regular Council Meeting

Laura Mann moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2012 regular council meeting. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Proclamation – Declaring April 22-28 Week of the Young Child

Betty Barnes presented a proposed proclamation declaring April 22-28 the Week of the Young Child.

Catherine Kiewit asked what kinds of events will be held during the week.

Jan Brending said she believes most of the events will likely be associated with the preschool and Head Start.

Public Hearing – Proposed Amendments to the 2012 Budget, Ordinance 2012-03-600

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing on proposed amendments to the 2012 budget.

Jan Brending said the amendments adds \$50,000 in expenses for the labor attorney. She said the costs are prorated by FTE and attributed to the funds in which the employees work.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approved ordinance 2012-03-600 amending the 2012 budget. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report – March 2012

Jan Brending presented the treasurer's report for March 2012.

Brending said the budget committee will need to meet in May to review the annual report.

Laura Mann moved to accept the March 2012 treasurer's report. Clinton Bryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Old Business

Coal Trains

Catherine Kiewit said she has talked to the staff of the Columbia River Gorge Commission. She said they sent her some documents that she has not read yet. Kiewit said she will read the documents and report back to the council. She said she is looking for answers as to whether or not there is air monitoring in place, if yes then where and what are the standards for air monitoring.

Betty Barnes said she has received some inquiries as to when the Bingen council is going to do something. She suggested writing a generic letter regarding the issue.

Catherine Kiewit said the response should be that the council is still researching the issue.

Betty Barnes said it would be nice to address the issue at the next council meeting.

Gorge Out Fundraiser

Betty Barnes said there is left over inventory of wine that was donated for the event. She said Lloyd Dekay has volunteered to store it for the city and that it will be used at future city fundraising events.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Application

Betty Barnes said the city has received notification that it did not make the short list for funding. She said that because a number of cities received similar scores the Department of Health then used population to narrow the list.

Jan Brending said she is recommending the city apply for a Public Works Trust Fund loan and also submit an application for USDA Rural Development funding.

Laura Mann moved to authorize loan applications for the water line replacement project be submitted both to Public Works Trust Fund and USDA Rural Development. Clinton Bryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Bingen-White Salmon Business Partners

Betty Barnes said she attended a recent Bingen-White Salmon Business Partners meeting. She said the group is looking at supporting the establishment of a BMX track in White Salmon on city property and also supporting the development of an 18-hole Frisbee golf course. Barnes said the BMX track is approximately a \$1000 investment while the Frisbee golf course is about a \$10,000 investment. She said the Business Partners will be working with the recreation department.

Barnes said the Business Partners will also be sponsoring Concerts in the Park again this summer.

Dispatching Medical Calls

Betty Barnes said she spoke with Klickitat County Dispatching regarding paging out for medical calls.

Clinton Bryan said it has gotten better.

Park Usage

Clinton Bryan said it was great to go to the park on Sunday and see approximately 50 people using the park. He said that is a great reward to see the improvements that have been at the park being used.

Betty Barnes said the Easter egg hunt held in the park on Saturday was also well attended.

Downtown

Sandi Dickey said the downtown looks great with the bulbs in bloom.

Committee and Staff Reports

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Tony Domish said he and Tony Warren will be at a conference in Portland next week regarding domestic violence and sexual assault.

Tony Domish reported that Judi Culp is at a class in Everett this week dealing with property and evidence.

Tony Domish reported the department has seizure vehicle up for bid with a minimum bid of \$2,500 and due on Friday, April 20.

Betty Barnes noted that on April 19 Jan Brending will have worked for the city for 13 years.

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 April 17, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks (dated 4/17/2012) EFT, 15128-15147 totaling \$66761.17. Current – \$57980.25; Street - \$443.84; Community Development - \$1987.80; Water - \$3162.70; Sewer - \$504.16; Treatment Plant - \$2682.42.

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 April 17, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks (dated 3/31/2012) 15121-15122 totaling \$434.32. Current – \$434.32.

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 April 17, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (dated 04/13/2012) EFT, 15123-15127, totaling \$15465.14. Current – \$6347.46; Street - \$2290.69; Water - \$1841.13; Sewer - \$286.97; Treatment Plant - \$4698.89.

At 7:55 p.m. the city council adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor