

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Laura Mann at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, Maria Perez. Council Members absent: Mayor Betty Barnes, Sandi Dickey and Clinton Bryan. City Attorney Tad Connors and City Administrator Jan Brending were present. Audience: Ben Mitchell, James Buckland

Certificate of Achievement

Betty Barnes called in via telephone to congratulate James Buckland, Treatment Plant Operator, on his achievement in completing his Wastewater Operator Level II certification.

Laura Mann presented a Certificate of Achievement to James Buckland.

Betty Barnes left the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2012

Changes to the minutes of the June 19, 2012 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, 8th paragraph, add the following sentence: “There was a consensus of the council to remove the 10 miles per hour signage on Humboldt and Franklin.”

Page 1, 2nd paragraph, last sentence should read “Porter said he has not gone too far with any ideas because he wanted to get permission from the city.”

Page 1, 3rd paragraph, first sentence should read “Betty Barnes noted that it might be possible to do something in conjunction with one of the Concerts in the Park or Huckleberry Festival.”

Page 1, 9th paragraph should read “Page 2, 10th paragraph, 1st sentence should read: ‘Laura Mann said the Solid Waste Committee made changes to the 2000 plan updating it but did not make any substantial changes.’”

Page 5, 3rd paragraph should read “Clinton Bryan said Kevin Kelly was the assistant fire chief.”

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2012 regular council meeting as corrected. Maria Perez seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Public Hearing – Proposed Resolution 2012-005, Adopting 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program for Years 2013 to 2018

Laura Mann opened the public hearing for the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program for Years 2013 to 2018.

Jan Brending said the items on the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program are the same as last years but have been moved out one year and an additional 5% in costs have been added for inflation. She noted that at the present time all projects are shown as being funded with local funds. Brending said that if a project were to qualify for federal or state funds the document could be amended.

The council discussed several projects including the retaining wall along the 600 and 700 blocks of East Steuben. Catherine Kiewit asked if a citizen could install the retaining wall in front of their property.

Jan Brending said yes but the city would likely want them to use similar type, color and pattern of block that has already been installed. She said installing retaining wall will require a building permit that the city could obtain.

Laura Mann closed the public hearing.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve Resolution 2012-005, Adopting 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program of Years 2013 to 2018. Maria Perez seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Resolution 2012-006, Adopting Greenhouse Gas Emission Policy

Jan Brending said the city is required to adopt a greenhouse gas emission policy to qualify for state funding. She said the language comes from a template provided by the Public Works Trust Fund Board. Brending said the mayor and Tad Connors have reviewed the policy.

Laura Mann moved to adopt Resolution 2012-006, Adopting Greenhouse Gas Emission Policy. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Federal Functional Classification Requests – North Ash Street and South Maple Street

Jan Brending said it has been suggested by the Regional Transportation Council that several of Bingen’s streets should be reclassified. She said North Ash Street and South Maple Street are currently classified as “local access.” Brending said it is recommended to request a reclassification of North Ash Street to “rural collector” and South Maple Street as “rural major collector.” She said that reclassification may help in the future with funding.

She said the mayor is requesting authorization to submit the requests to Washington Department of Transportation.

Maria Perez moved to authorize the mayor to submit Federal Functional Classification Requests for South Maple Street and North Ash Street to the Washington Department of Transportation. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Memorandum of Understanding, Skamania County and Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Jan Brending said the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Skamania County and Bingen-White Salmon Police Department authorizing Skamania County deputies to work part-time for the Bingen-White Salmon Police Department has a signature block of Betty Barnes’ signature. She said the mayor is requesting authorization to sign the MOU.

Catherine Kiewit moved to authorize the mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Skamania County and Bingen-White Salmon Police Department. Maria Perez seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

The council discussed the timing in signing the MOU.

Catherine Kiewit moved to authorize Mayor Pro Tem Laura Mann to sign the MOU in the absence of Betty Barnes. Maria Perez seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor’s Update and Council Comments

Certificate of Appreciation

Laura Mann said a “Certificate of Appreciation” event will be held at the July 17th council meeting honoring one of Bingen’s citizens.

Pizza in the Park

Maria Perez said she attended the Pizza in the Park event. She said she spoke to the kids about 4th of July and fireworks and thanked them for keeping the park clean.

Steuben Street Crosswalks

Catherine Kiewit said she would like to discuss what options are available for the Steuben Street crosswalks at the next council meeting.

Brush Growing into Sidewalks

Catherine Kiewit noted that there is brush growing into the sidewalks in several locations and asked staff to write letters reminding property owners to keep brush and trees cut back.

Port of Klickitat Letter

Laura Mann noted the council received a letter from the Port of Klickitat thanking the city for their letter of support for grant funding.

Committee and Staff Reports

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) Meeting

Jan Brending said she attended the meeting with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway representatives from Seattle and Fort Worth. She said Laura Mann and Cheryl Parks with Insitu provided written comments that were shared with BNSF. Brending said the main message was the city is concerned with access and safety. She said she noted that it is important to the city that both at-grade crossings be

maintained when a new overhead crossing is developed. Brending said she explained that these crossings are critical to economic development in the area.

Council members asked if Brending could obtain information regarding how many coal trains are currently traveling through Bingen and what would be the estimated maximum number in the future.

Jan Brending said the representatives also offered to come and update the council directly. The council agreed to discuss a future presentation at its next council meeting when more council members are present.

Upcoming Land Use Planning

Jan Brending said she will be bringing proposals to the council regarding required planning for critical areas and shorelines. She noted that the city's Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1993 and should be updated. Brending said it may make sense to begin that update next year when doing the planning for critical areas and shorelines which are components of the Comprehensive Plan.

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 3, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks (dated 07/03/2012) EFT, 15283-15310 totaling \$81,882.99. Current – \$68,887.74; Street - \$2276.74; Water - \$7321.21; Sewer - \$634.36; Treatment Plant - \$2762.94.

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 July 3, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks (dated 06/30/2012) 15281-15282 totaling \$2624.84. Current – \$2624.84.

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 3, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (dated 06/30/2012) EFT, 15278-15280, totaling \$19558.99. Current – \$8495.95; Street - \$2794.15; Water - \$2255.74; Sewer - \$352.33; Treatment Plant - \$5660.82.

At 8:30 p.m. the city council adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor