

# **BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

## **Special Meeting**

**January 2, 2013**

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

### **Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2012**

Changes to the minutes of the December 18, 2012 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 2, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read: “He said the culprits have been caught and they will make restitution for the damage that was done.”

Page 3, 9<sup>th</sup> paragraph should read: “Tad Connors said Chris Lanz is not retiring and he has asked Lanz to attend some council meetings so he can familiarize himself with the City of Bingen.”

Page 4, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read: “She said White Salmon has sent a letter requesting that join wastewater committee meetings resume and requesting Bingen clarify the budgeted transfer to the Treatment Plant Reserve Fund.”

Clinton Bryan moved to approve the meeting minutes of the December 18, 2012 regular council meeting as corrected. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Bingen-White Salmon Police Department**

Tracy Wyckoff said things are going fine with the department. He said he hopes to make a decision soon on which of the lateral applicants to move to the psych and polygraph tests. Wyckoff said both Christmas and New Year’s were quiet.

Betty Barnes asked if the department has lost a reserve officer.

Wyckoff said he has not heard from the reserve office directly and that he has not discussed it with Tony Warren. He said reserve officers require 6 months of training. Wyckoff said he knows of several people who might be interested but if there is no training available in Goldendale then the candidates would have to travel to Clark County. He said he ran a reserve program in the past for many years and encouraged the reserves to work with him. Wyckoff said getting the initial training completed is usually the problem.

Laura Mann asked how many times a week a candidate has to attend training.

Wyckoff said 2 to 3 times a week for six months generally in the evening. He said that traveling over a distance can be a problem for someone who works.

### **Treasurer’s Report – November 2012**

Jan Brending presented the treasurer’s report for November 2012.

Laura Mann moved to accept the November 2012 treasurer’s report. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Gorge Out Fundraiser***

The council discussed the Gorge Out Fundraiser scheduled for March 2013.

There is no phone at the Bingen School for using a credit card machine. Betty Barnes noted that Jan Brending is exploring options using a cell phone and that Diane Murphy at Riverview has volunteered her time to operate a bank machine that would be available for non-profit events.

Maria Perez will be in charge of the volunteers.

The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to provide the temporary liquor license and be in charge of the bar.

Rocky Webb has agreed to act as the auctioneer.

C's Market, Beneventi's, Solstice and Los Reyes have committed to participating in the event.

It was agreed to have at least 20 items for the live auction. Council members will e-mail a list of ideas for the auction.

Suggestions for volunteers are: ladies from the Eagles, Stephanie Porter and Phoebe Olgesby.

It was agreed to use adults only for security at the doors of the facility.

It was suggested contacting the local banks and Zepher for sponsorships.

The council agreed to contact the guitarist who played at the event last year to see if he would be interested in playing this year. It was also suggested to ask him if he had a sound system that could play music when he is taking a break.

### **Mayor's Update and Council Comments**

#### ***City of White Salmon Draft Water System Plan***

Betty Barnes said the City of White Salmon has issued a draft Water System Plan that includes some information related to Bingen. She said that she and Jan Brending will be meeting with Dave Poucher and Pat Munyan to discuss water purchase rates.

Jan Brending noted the City of Bingen will have an opportunity to correct misinformation related to Bingen if necessary.

Betty Barnes asked council members to provide her with any comments regarding the White Salmon draft Water System Plan. She noted that she intends to meet with Brian Prigel regarding water and wastewater issues.

#### ***City of Bingen Distribution System Leakage Report***

The council was provided with the city's distribution system leakage report through the end of 2012.

#### ***City Legislative Action Conference***

Betty Barnes said Jan Brending will be attending the AWC City Legislative Action Conference in February and that she will be meeting with state legislators.

#### ***Water and Wastewater Interlocal Agreements***

Betty Barnes said that Dave Poucher contacted her about having Pat Munyan and Jan Brending work on developing the interlocal agreements for water and wastewater. She said she and Poucher have directed Munyan and Brending to work together beginning with the water interlocal agreement first. Barnes said that once Munyan and Brending have a draft it will be reviewed by the mayors and then it will go the joint committee and then to the councils for approval.

#### ***Santa in the Park***

Betty Barnes said the parade and Santa in the Park went well with over 30 pizzas being served. She said approximately 200-250 people were in attendance.

Clinton Bryan suggested that in 2013 the event be held the Saturday prior to Christmas day.

#### ***Clinton Bryan Resignation***

Clinton Bryan said he is resigning from the city council at the end of January and will be in attendance at one more meeting.

### **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 2, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 15649-15650 (dated 12/21/2012), checks 15653-15672 (dated 12/28/2012), checks 15678-15679 (dated 12/31/2012) totaling \$12015.42. Current – \$7613.91; Street – \$1269.53; Water - \$736.75; Sewer - \$262.78; Treatment Plant - \$840.31; Sewer Construction & Maintenance - \$911.06; Treatment Plant Replacement - \$363.08.

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 2, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 15673-15677 (dated 01/02/2013) totaling \$6229.90. Current – \$2476.48; Street – \$604.11; Water - \$1272.60; Sewer - \$1272.61; Treatment Plant - \$604.10.

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 2, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (dated 12/31/2012) EFT, 15651-15652, totaling \$11098.52. Current – \$4270.45; Street - \$1517.42; Water - \$1329.44; Sewer - \$209.21; Treatment Plant - \$3772.00.

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 2, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (dated 01/02/2013) 15680 totaling \$9491.88. Current – \$4529.45; Street - \$1401.63; Water - \$1033.71; Sewer - \$172.23; Treatment Plant - \$2354.86.

At 8:15 p.m. the city council adjourned.

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City Clerk

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Mayor