

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 15, 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, Maria Perez, Catherine Kiewit. City Administrator Jan Brending and City Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Tracy Wyckoff and Ben Mitchell.

Approval of Minutes – January 2, 2013

Changes to the minutes of the January 2, 2013 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 2, 9th paragraph should read: “It was agreed to use adults only for security at the doors of the facility.”

Laura Mann moved to approve the meeting minutes of the January 2, 2013 regular council meeting as corrected. Maria Perez seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Resolution 2013-001, Establishing 2013 Salary Schedule

Betty Barnes said the proposed resolution continues the 2012 salary schedule until a union contract is signed.

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Resolution 2013-001, Establishing 2013 Salary Schedule. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Tracy Wyckoff reported that he is moving along with getting an officer hired. He said he hopefully will have someone hired by the middle of February.

Wyckoff said he is obtaining bids for the retrofit of a new vehicle. He said he believes he can purchase the equipment and retrofit at a lesser cost than through the same contract for the purchase of the vehicle. Wyckoff said radios obtained from Skamania County are ready to be installed. He said the department will need to obtain some antennas and a new console for the SUV.

Wyckoff said there have been a couple of incidents in Bingen involving juveniles: some safety issues and one altercation between 2 juveniles. He said charges will be filed in that case.

Old Business

Special Events Ordinance

The city council reviewed and discussed a draft “Special Events” ordinance.

There was consensus for the following changes:

Section 12.10.030 Permit application. Change the submission date from 60 days prior to the proposed event to 30 days prior to the proposed event.

Section 12.10.030 Permit application item 2, change the word “even” in last sentence to “event.”

Section 12.10.06 Block party permits. Change the words “block party” to “street closure”

Section 12.10.060 item 2a. Change the word “approve” to “approved.”

Section 12.10.060 item 2c. Delete.

Section 12.10.060 item 2f. Change the wording “Sidewalks shall be kept clear.” To “36” wide inches of sidewalks must be kept clear.”

Section 12.10.070, General Conditions. Item 4 should be reworded and shortened.

The city council agreed to review and discuss a revised version of the draft ordinance at its next council meeting.

Gorge Out Fundraiser

Betty Barnes said the date for the fundraiser is March 23. She said she met with Laura Mann to brainstorm and identify tasks that will need to be completed.

Barnes said Centerpointe Community Bank has agreed to provide a \$500 sponsorship for printing and advertising. She said she will contact several of the other banks as well.

Jan Brending said she will check prices for printing including looking online.

Clinton Bryan suggested the city should use local services where possible.

Betty Barnes said there were quite a bit of supplies left over from last year's event and we should only have to replenish them slightly.

Jan Brending will check on prices for the bead necklaces for the "Heads/Tails" event and display boards for the auction items.

Betty Barnes said she hopes to be able to get ice from the White Salmon Fire Department and from Chips. She said the Chamber of Commerce will be handling the liquor license.

Maria Perez said she will manage the volunteers for the event.

Laura Mann and Jan Brending will work on the checkout process.

Sandi Dickey and Phoebe Olgby will put together silent auction packages.

Catherine Kiewit will help put the packages together for the live auction and determine the price that we should be able to get for them.

Catherine Kiewit will work on press releases and work with Craig Spaeth on posters.

Betty Barnes said she hopes to be able to purchase advertising with the sponsorships.

Rainier Billingsley will perform during the event.

Volunteers could be used to put up posters and the week before the event to help put the display boards together.

Betty Barnes said she hopes the fire department can help out with parking. She said the goal is to get more adult help.

The city council discussed whether or not babysitting should be provided with a separate meal and price for children. There was a consensus of the council not to change the price of tickets and not to provide babysitting. The price for tickets will be \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

Betty Barnes said Henni's, Solstice, Los Reyes, C's Store, and Beneventi's have committed to providing food for the buffet.

Betty Barnes said a letter was created last year to solicit donations. She asked staff to print copies of the letter for council members. There was a consensus to include the pie chart showing current donations and what is needed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Clinton Bryan Thank You

Betty Barnes said she wanted to thank Clinton Bryan for his dedication to the city. She said she will miss him at council meetings but looks forward to seeing him around in other areas.

White Salmon Water Purchase Rates

Betty Barnes said she and Jan Brending met with Dave Poucher and Pat Munyan last week. She said Brending and Munyan will be working on interlocal agreements for both water and wastewater that will then be submitted to the councils.

Barnes said she also wanted to get clarification regarding the price of water purchased from White Salmon. She said she was reassured that the price of water will be a negotiated rate within the confines of the interlocal agreement and will not start now or be retroactive.

Fire Chief

Clinton Bryan said he thinks it would be beneficial for the city to consider making the fire chief a paid position. He said the position takes serious dedication from an individual and creating a paid position might provide a way for accountability. Bryan said he does not think the position needs to be full-time.

Laura Mann said she thinks it would be a good idea to look at.

Clinton Bryan said he thinks a salary of \$400 might be appropriate which is similar to what other communities are paying.

Committee Reports and Staff Comments

Farmer’s Market

Jan Brending said she and Betty Barnes met with representatives from Healthy Alliance and Gorge Grown regarding the possibility of a Farmer’s Market in Daubenspeck Park. Brending said they are looking at several locations including Bingen, White Salmon’s Park, the current location, or at Feast. She said a meeting will be held tomorrow evening at the library regarding the Farmer’s Market.

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 15, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 15703-15714 (dated 1/15/2013), totaling \$56434.01. Current – \$55021.04; Street – \$658.47; Water - \$257.15; Sewer - \$82.56; Treatment Plant - \$414.79.

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 15, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 15685-15702 (dated 12/30/2012) totaling \$16563.63. Current – \$4158.57; Street – \$1260.60; Water - \$5190.43; Sewer - \$227.52; Treatment Plant - \$5726.51.

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 15, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (dated 1/15/2013) EFT, 15681-15684, totaling \$12178.16. Current – \$4763.60; Street - \$1753.64; Water - \$1548.58; Sewer - \$360.09; Treatment Plant - \$3752.25.

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 15, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (dated 12/31/2012) EFT totaling \$2905.74. Current – \$1125.41; Street - \$415.10; Water - \$333.00; Sewer - \$62.85; Treatment Plant - \$969.38.

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

City Clerk

Mayor