

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Laura Mann, Sandi Dickey, Maria Perez, Catherine Kiewit, Stephanie Porter. City Administrator Jan Brending was present. City Attorney Tad Connors was absent. Audience: Brandy Miller, Stephanie Porter, Lori Stephenson, Ben Mitchell, Tim Shampoe, Tracy Wyckoff, John Newman.

Oath of Office – Stephanie Porter

Stephanie Porter was sworn into the office of city council member by Betty Barnes.

Public Comment

Tim Shampoe

Tim Shampoe said he is a teacher at the Henkle Middle School and would like to be placed on a future agenda to discuss ideas with the council regarding drug and gang activities that are taking place among the communities' youth and is being evidenced at the middle and high schools.

The council agreed to place Tim Shampoe on the March 5th agenda.

Tracy Wyckoff, Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Tracy Wyckoff said he has seen an increase in youth drug and gang activity also. He said it seems to be occurring among the same group of people. Wyckoff said he is working with juvenile probation and is trying to get the issues dealt with immediately.

Wyckoff said he has received bids for the new vehicle and for the radio retrofits.

Wyckoff said the department has been busy but not with anything super major. He said he is pushing the officers to be more active especially at night.

Lori Stephenson asked if the police department would be interested in teaming up with a program such as "Teen Challenge"?

Wyckoff said he would be glad to work with people but is currently short of staff so may be limited in his involvement. He said he worked in the DARE program in the past.

Catherine Kiewit said she appreciates seeing more patrols in the community.

Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2013

Maria Perez moved to approve the meeting minutes of the February, 2013 regular council meeting as presented. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report – January 2013

Jan Brending presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2013.

Catherine Kiewit moved to accept the January 2013 Treasurer's Report. Maria Perez seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

308 E. Humboldt

Laura Mann that the door to the property located at 308 E. Humboldt is open. She suggested a letter be written to the property owner regarding securing the property.

Power Lines

Laura Mann said there a tree at Steuben and Cherry is hanging on the power lines.

13-Mile Yard Sale

Catherine Kiewit asked if the city had obtained additional information regarding the 13-Mile Yard Sale.

Jan Brending said she has not contacted the Goldendale Chamber of Commerce yet.

Community Pride

Community Pride is scheduled April 26, 27 and 28. Betty Barnes reported that several organizations may be joining Community Pride this year. She said Dirt Huggers is interested in providing local curb

side collection of waste. Barnes said they were told to contact Jan Brending regarding business license requirements.

Hydrogen Sulfide Pilot Test – Water Taste Test

Betty Barnes reported that a taste test was conducted by Gray & Osborne. She said the results will be provided to the council in their March 5th council packets.

Clarification of Council Member Terms

Catherine Kiewit said she is concerned about four members' terms up at one time. It was noted that the Mayor's term is up and two council members and that the third council member will be on the ballot due to the vacancy that was recently created. Two council members' terms are up at the same and then two years later the remaining three council members' terms are up.

Staff and Committee Reports

Legislative Action Conference

Jan Brending said she met with all three legislators in Olympia and provided them information regarding the city's Public Works Trust Fund loan request and information regarding the proposed railroad overpass and concerns related to BNSF's desire to close the Walnut crossing. She said the legislative delegation noted that they are seeking funding to begin the preliminary design for the overpass project in addition to supporting capital project funding for a housing project that could occur in Bingen and/or White Salmon.

Old Business

Gorge Out Fundraiser Update

Maria Perez said she is still checking with Starbucks and Underwood Fruit for donations.

Laura Mann said North Sports has agreed to donate a standup paddle board and that John Mann will be donating a fly fishing trip.

Laura Mann suggesting seeing if high school youth would be available on Friday, March 15 to help put together display boards. She noted that March 15th is a "built-in snow day" for the schools.

Catherine Kiewit said she has gotten the graphics and images from Craig Spaeth. She said she has been holding off on doing a press release until additional information can be obtained.

The council talked about the possibility of having t-shirts printed up for future fundraising events with the "Bingen Skatepark" logo on them. Jan Brending said she can contact an individual from Trout Lake who does t-shirts to see what kind of price the city could get.

The council discussed the live auction packages. It was suggested that a powerpoint slide show might be helpful in selling the packages. Jan Brending said if someone could obtain the materials for slides she would be willing to put the slide show together. Stephanie Porter volunteered a screen and projector.

Laura Mann said she heard from Custom Interface who cannot donate an I-pad for the event.

Jan Brending will put together a data base of items and donations that have been obtained and send it out on a regularly basis to the council.

The council reviewed the items they have obtained for the event.

Betty Barnes noted the Gorge Out committee will meet with the auctioneer for lunch on March 13th.

John Newman said he wanted to confirm the date of the event. The event will be held Saturday, March 23rd.

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 February 19, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 15762 (dated 2/07/2013), 15770 - 15790 (dated 02/19/2013) totaling \$25830.16. Current – \$5101.95; Street – \$2880.46; Water - \$987.49; Sewer - \$316.85; Treatment Plant - \$746.20; Sewer Construction & Maintenance - \$10443.03; Treatment Plant Replacement - \$5354.18.

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 February 19, 2013. The council by unanimous

vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 15768-15769 (dated 1/31/2013) totaling \$756.94. Current – \$756.94.

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 February 19, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks EFT (dated 2/15/2013), 15763-15767 (dated 2/15/2013), totaling \$10773.73. Current – \$4568.52; Street - \$1469.71 Water - \$1298.04; Sewer - \$237.50; Treatment Plant - \$3199.96.

At 8:20 p.m. the city council adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor