

# BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 2, 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. Deputy Clerk Dena Riggleman and City Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Randy Porter, Isolde Schroder, Ben Mitchell, Lori Stephenson and Jason Spadaro.

## **Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2013**

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the meeting minutes of the March 19, 2013 regular council meeting as presented. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Council Vacancy – Interviews and Appointment**

Betty Barnes said that Stephanie Porter could not make it to the meeting due to a previous engagement but noted that Stephanie Porter had submitted a letter explaining her interest in the position.

Betty Barnes recognized Isolde Schroder and asked if Schroder would like to introduce herself to the council. Schroder said her friends call her Izzy and that she has lived in Bingen since 2008 and is interested in running for the council position that is open. Catherine Kiewit said she thought the letter was great.

Betty Barnes introduced Lori Stephenson who said that she was still interested in the position also. Catherine Kiewit said she appreciated the updated letter from Lori Stephenson.

Sandi Dickey said she would like to say on Stephanie Porter's behalf that Porter was a wonderful help at the Gorge Out.

Betty Barnes called for a vote from the council members on the vacant position. Catherine Kiewit nominated Isolde Schroder. Laura Mann and Maria Perez said they support the nomination of Schroder. Sandi Dickey said she would like to support Stephanie Porter.

The nomination of Isolde Schroder passed 3 to 1 with the following vote: Catherine Kiewit-Aye, Laura Mann-Aye, Maria Perez-Aye and Sandi Dickey-Nay.

Betty Barnes thanked the ladies for their interest in running for the city council position and mentioned that there will be another opening in the future.

## **Proposed Ordinance 2013-05-615, Adopting Bingen Municipal Code 10.35, Railroad Crossing Closures**

The council discussed the wording on the document with Jason Spadaro.

Laura Mann made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-05-615, Adopting Bingen Municipal Code 10.35, Railroad Crossing Closures with typographic errors to be corrected by Tad Connors. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Memorandum of Agreement - City of Bingen and SDS Lumber Company**

The council discussed the language with Jason Spadaro.

Laura Mann made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between City of Bingen and SDS Lumber Company with the changes suggested by Tad Connors. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Old Business**

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

Betty Barnes said that the Gorge Out was a success and it raised approximately \$40,594.28. Barnes said that she will be meeting with Jan Brending on possible grants to finish the project and the city might have to do an interfund loan to complete Phase 2 of the skatepark.

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

### ***Community Pride***

Betty Barnes said that the Community Pride Clean Up will be held on April 26-28 and that the Chamber of Commerce is still looking for volunteers to help out.

Maria Perez said she would like to contact Scott Kasenga about getting some high school volunteers to help with the clean up. Perez said she was in charge of doing it last year and really wanted to be able to do it again this year.

***National Medication Take-Back Day***

Betty Barnes noted that during Community Pride people will be able to take their old prescription drugs to Skyline Hospital for disposal.

***Meeting with Legislators in Olympia***

Betty Barnes said that she and Sandi Dickey went to Olympia to meet with Washington Legislators regarding railroad crossings and discussed the possibility of funding a freight mobility study.

***PUD – Guide Wires***

Laura Mann asked to have the PUD notified to cover the guide wires on Ash Street.

**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 2, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 15849-15851(dated 03/22/2013) totaling \$250- Park Construction & Maintenance Fund; checks 15857-15876 (dated 04/2/2013) totaling \$75107.67 Current – \$61644.57; Street – \$1736.44; Park Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$2035.39; Water - \$6518.12; Sewer - \$387.08; Treatment Plant - \$2786.07.

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 2, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks EFT (dated 3/29/2013), 15853-15856 (dated 3/29/2013), totaling \$22533.88. Current – \$11064.32; Street - \$3009.14; Water - \$2606.93; Sewer - \$431.85; Treatment Plant - \$5421.64.

**Executive Session**

At 8:05 p.m. Betty Barnes announced the city council will go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 8:20 p.m. the city council resumed regular session and announced it will resume executive session for an additional 15 minutes.

At 8:35 p.m. the city council resumed regular session and announced it will resume executive session for an additional 10 minutes.

At 8:45 p.m. the city council resumed regular session.

Catherine Kiewit made a motion to have Tad Connors write a letter to the City of White Salmon reiterating the request for mediation as the City of Bingen council does not agree with the position made by the City of White Salmon in their recent letter. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 9:00 p.m. the city council adjourned.

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City Clerk

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Mayor