

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 16, 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. City Administrator Jan Brending and City Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Stephanie Porter, Ben Mitchell, Tracy Wyckoff.

Approval of Minutes – April 2, 2013

Corrections to the April 2, 2013 meeting minutes were noted as follows:

Page 1, 5th paragraph, last sentence should read: “Catherine Kiewit said she appreciated the updated letter from Lori Stephenson.”

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

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Tracy Wyckoff said the police department has been a little bit busier due to the nicer weather. He said the department is getting the workload caught up. Wyckoff said one applicant took the lateral test but did not pass it. He said he is now looking at entry level candidates and will be doing a thorough background check of all candidates.

Catherine Kiewit thanked Chief Wyckoff for his thoroughness.

Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance 2013-06-616, Amending Bingen Municipal Code 10.14.030, Commercial Area Parking

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing regarding proposed ordinance 2013-06-616 amending Bingen Municipal Code 10.14.030, Commercial Area Parking.

Jan Brending said that when reviewing the code to add in the newly identified disable parking space on Humboldt she learned that none of the disabled parking spaces were addressed in the city’s code. She said they have all been identified and are included in the proposed amendment.

Laura Mann noted that #2 under G on page 3 should be “One parking space on the west side of Alder Street..” not on the east side of Alder Street.

The public hearing was closed.

Sandi Dickey moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-06-616, Amending Bingen Municipal Code 10.14.030, Commercial Area Parking with the one correction. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance 2013-07-617, Adopting Bingen Municipal Code 12.10, Complete Streets

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing for proposed ordinance 2013-07-617, adopting Bingen Municipal Code 12.10, Complete Streets.

Barnes said the Klickitat County Health Department brought the Complete Streets program to the attention of the city. She said at the present time there is no funding for the program through the State of Washington but hopefully there will be in the future. Barnes said the proposed ordinance provides for developing complete streets that not only address vehicles but pedestrians and bicycles. She noted that there is flexibility in the ordinance to address lack of funding or the lack of a need for complete streets.

Laura Mann said she is happy that the ordinance has been brought forward.

Stephanie Porter said she supports establishing sidewalks.

The public hearing was closed.

Laura Mann moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-07-617, Adopting Bingen Municipal Code 12.10, Complete Streets. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Skatepark Funding

Betty Barnes said she spoke with Jason Spadero regarding funding. She said Spadero said members of the SDS board may donate individually to the skatepark.

Betty Barnes said that Isaac Riley who runs the "car show" that was held last year in the park said that the funds raised this year may be donated to the skatepark. She said the date for the car show and concert has yet to be identified.

Community Pride

Betty Barnes said Community Pride will be held April 26th through the 28th.

Upcoming Agenda Items

Betty Barnes said staff is working on identifying solutions for the Steuben Street crosswalks, working on the annual financial report and working to get an update from Grindline Skateparks. She said Phase 2 of the skatepark will include lighting and irrigation.

Catherine Kiewit said she would like to begin looking at the wall that include the list of donors and develop something that is artistic.

August Absenteeism

Maria Perez inquired about the policy for council members being absent from meetings. She said she may need to be absent the entire month of August.

Betty Barnes said the council can excuse council members from meetings.

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 16, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 15877 (dated 04/05/2013), EFT and checks 15884-15903 (dated 04/16/2013) totaling \$13,389.30: Current – \$2253.71; Street – \$107.83; Park Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$13.50; Water - \$1913.27; Sewer - \$309.58; Treatment Plant - \$1909.12; Water Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$1496.32; Sewer Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$3355.63; Treatment Plant Improvement Fund - \$2030.34.

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 16, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 15882-15883 (dated 03/31/2013) totaling \$1771.54: Current – \$1771.54.

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 16, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks EFT (dated 04/15/2013), 15878-15881 (dated 04/15/2013), totaling \$14415.96. Current – \$5691.57; Street - \$2100.92; Water - \$1845.82; Sewer - \$338.00; Treatment Plant - \$4439.65.

Executive Session

At 7:50 p.m. Betty Barnes announced the city council will go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 8:00 p.m. the city council resumed regular session and announced it will resume executive session for an additional 10 minutes.

At 8:10 p.m. the city council resumed regular session.

The city council directed City Attorney Tad Connors to contact Ken Woodrich, White Salmon City Attorney, to let him know that the City of Bingen does not accept White Salmon's proposed mediator and requests that a mediator for dealing with contracts be proposed.

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

City Clerk

Mayor