

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 2, 2013

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

Approval of Minutes –June 18, 2013

Corrections to the meeting minutes of the June 18, 2013 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, 2nd paragraph, 5th sentence should read: “Fisch said he hired Ira Martin, Klickitat Design, to verify that the four inch line could handle the sewage.”

Page 2, 12th paragraph, last sentence should read: “He said he is working with Klickitat and Skamania Counties and other agencies.”

Page 5, 4th paragraph should read: “Betty Barnes said that has been moved to July.”

Page 5, 5th paragraph, last sentence should read: “She said she is interested in conserving the rest of the trees in the community and suggested the city contact an arborist to facilitate removal of diseased trees and protecting the city’s trees.”

Page 5, 6th paragraph should read: “Laura Mann said Chris Zorza with Columbia Tree has suggested the city may want to place some scent bags on the trees in the park as a deterrent to the beetles. She said Zorza said it is not proven science but it is a very low cost method that might work.”

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the meeting minutes of the June 18, 2013 regular council meeting as corrected. Maria Perez seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer’s Report – May 2013

Jan Brending presented the Treasurer’s Report for May 2013.

Sandi Dickey moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for May 2013. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor’s Update and Council Comments

Skatepark

Catherine Kiewit said she thinks it would be good to invite the large contributors to the skatepark to a groundbreaking event for Phase 2. She said she it would be nice to have the mayor and council sign cards of appreciation for the larger contributors in addition to the general thank you letters that have gone out.

Laura Mann said she agrees and said the city still needs to figure out the wall.

Catherine Kiewit said she hopes to begin working on the wall.

Staff and Committee Reports

Water Meeting with City of White Salmon

Catherine Kiewit provided an update on the meeting Bingen’s water committee had with the City of White Salmon. She said it was a nice presentation which was informative. Kiewit said water rights and water usage were discussed but no decisions were made. She said there will be a follow-up meeting in a couple of weeks. Kiewit said it is good to look at the options both cities have related to water rights.

Laura Mann said it will help Bingen look at the different scenarios and costs in order to present information to the public.

Catherine Kiewit asked if the recharging of the Reservoir Well is happening during the weekend and if that is part of the cause of a higher hydrogen sulfide odor and taste during the weekends.

Jan Brending said she can check to see if it is happening on the weekends and suggest that the recharging of the well happen during the week.

Sidewalk Buckling

Jan Brending reported several areas of sidewalks along Highway 14 have buckled due to the heat. She said David Spratt intends to repair the sidewalks when Jay Hicks returns from vacation and the temperature lowers.

Exceptions Process

Laura Mann asked if it becomes necessary to delay discussion of an exceptions process related to the city’s sewer ordinance due to the need for a closed session to address union negotiations at the next council meeting, does the council want to fast track review and hold a public hearing at the same meeting, which would be the first meeting in August. There was a consensus of the council not to fast track the exceptions process and to not hold a public hearing before having a chance to review and discuss the process first.

City and Staff Priorities

Izzy Schroder asked if the council could receive an update on city priorities.

Voucher

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 July 2, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 16010 – 16030 (dated 07/02/2013), totaling \$64536.87: Current – \$53963.07; Street – \$6074.72; Water - \$2048.16; Sewer - \$156.58; Treatment Plant - \$2294.34.

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 July 2, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks EFT (dated 06/28/2013), 16007-16009 (dated 06/28/2013), totaling \$20491.13. Current – \$8504.40; Street - \$3026.55; Water - \$2540.92; Sewer - \$436.99; Treatment Plant - \$5982.27.

Executive Session

At 7:35 p.m. Laura Mann announced the city council will go into executive session to discussion potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.100(1)(i) for 10 minutes.

The city council resumed regular session at 7:45p.m. and announced the council will continue executive session for an additional 5 minutes.

The council resumed regular session at 7:50 p.m. and adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor