

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 20, 2013

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

Approval of Minutes – August 6, 2013

Corrections to the meeting minutes of the August 6, 2013 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, 8th paragraph, 1st sentence should read: “Wyckoff said he is excited about the hire and that Hepner made a quick and easy transition.”

Page 2, last paragraph, 1st sentence should read: “Laura Mann moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an interlocal agreement with the City of Stevenson for building official services for a one year period with an option to extend the agreement for three years.”

Laura Mann moved to approve the meeting minutes of the August 6, 2013 regular council meeting as corrected. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department Report

Tracy Wyckoff said the department is still busy. He said he has spoken with Centerpointe Community Bank about getting an alarm activation plan in place.

Wyckoff said he has been contacted by the local all-terrain vehicle (ATV) retailer about the new legislation regarding all-terrain vehicles and allowing them on local streets. He said the county and the cities will have to deal with the new legislation. Wyckoff said it will be up to the city as to whether or not to allow the vehicles on city streets. He said he will have some recommendations for the city before it adopts any ordinance.

Betty Barnes said she and Jan Brending have looked at the information. She said there will need to be more research on the issue. Barnes said it is likely that Bingen citizens will want the city to open up the streets to ATVs.

Wyckoff reminded the council that Jim Andring’s retirement party is on Friday, August 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Los Reyes.

Street Closure for Huckleberry Festival

Betty Barnes said she has received a request from the Huckleberry Festival requesting that Humboldt Street from Walnut to Willow Street be closed during the festival. She said the Festival would like to have a salmon feed and there is some concern with bees in the park. Barnes said in addition, there is concern with children crossing the street.

Sandi Dickey asked if the residents on the street have been contacted and what is their opinion.

Catherine Kiewit said she wants to be supportive but feels the decision will reflect on the whole community.

There was a consensus of the council that due to the late timing of the request it would be better not to authorize the closing of Humboldt during the festival but that it could be considered next year with more information, including getting the opinion of the residents.

Betty Barnes said she will contact the festival committee and Jan Brending said she will draft a letter.

Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance 2013-08-618, Sewer Connection Exceptions Process

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing on proposed Ordinance 2013-08-618, Sewer Connection Exceptions Process.

Laura Mann said an excellent job was done in rewriting the ordinance. She said it is now understandable and user friendly.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Proposed Ordinance 2013-08-618, Sewer Connection Exceptions Process

Maria Perez moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-08-618, Sewer Connection Exceptions Process. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Laura Mann said the council will have to adopt a fee for the application process. Jan Brending said she will present a resolution for the fee at the next meeting.

Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance 2013-09-619, Amending the 2013 Budget

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing on proposed Ordinance 2013-09-619, amending the 2013 budget.

Jan Brending said the proposed budget amendments affects the Park Construction & Maintenance Fund and provides funding for the updated design of Phase of the skatepark.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Proposed Ordinance 2013-09-619, Amending the 2013 Budget

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-09-619, Amending the 2013 Budget. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report – July 2013

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

Laura Mann moved to accept the July 2013 Treasurer's Report. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments***Park Committee***

Maria Perez asked when does the Park Committee meet.

Betty Barnes said the committee meets when it is necessary. She said Maria Perez and Izzy Schroder are on the committee.

Jan Brending noted that the City's Community Center and Park Improvements Plan includes information about desired future improvements to the park including a cover for the basketball court and a picnic shelter.

Steuben Crosswalks

Catherine Kiewit said the crosswalks on Steuben look great and she appreciates them being completed.

Thank You Cards

Catherine Kiewit said she has written a special note on each card and returned them to Jan Brending for mailing.

Port of Klickitat – Pedestrian Access

Laura Mann said she is concerned that improvements to Marina Way which includes an overlay and addressing drainage may eliminate the walking area. She said that pedestrians currently have to walk in the road in many areas because there is no pedestrian access. Mann said she wonders if the city council should write a letter to the Port about pedestrian access.

Catherine Kiewit said she believes there is a long-term plan for pedestrian access but is also concerned about the area being user friendly. She recommended council members start off by writing individual letters.

Jan Brending will obtain a copy of the master plan for pedestrian access and e-mail it to council members.

Hydrogen Sulfide

Maria Perez said Ramon Robles would like information regarding the hydrogen sulfide in the water and how it might affect his business.

Jan Brending said she can provide some general information but would not be able to tell him how it might affect his business.

Staff and Committee Reports

Klickitat County Transportation Policy Committee

Jan Brending said she attended the recent meeting of the Klickitat County Transportation Policy Committee for Betty Barnes. She said the committee added two projects to the Klickitat County Regional Transportation Plan list of regional projects – a Freight Mobility Study for Bingen and the Port focusing on the railroad, Highway 14 and Highway 141; and Pedestrian and Bicycle Access on Highway 141 from Bingen to White Salmon.

Hydrogen Sulfide Study

Jan Brending said the council has been provided with the final report on the hydrogen sulfide study conducted by Gray & Osborne.

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 August 20, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: check 16103 (dated 08/07/2013), checks 16108- 16122 (dated 08/20/2013) totaling \$14256.80: Current – \$1978.73 Street – \$1951.11; Park Construction & Maintenance - \$ 2287.50; Water - \$2109.86; Sewer - \$219.56; Treatment Plant - \$5710.04.

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 August 20, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks EFT, 16104-16107 (dated 8/15/2013), totaling \$11614.16. Current – \$4591.94; Street - \$1643.55; Water - \$1451.57; Sewer - \$265.55; Treatment Plant - \$3661.55.

Executive Session

At 8:10 p.m. Betty Barnes announced the city council will meet in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate qualifications of applicants for public employment.

At 8:25 p.m. the council resumed regular session and announced it will continue the executive session for an additional 5 minutes

At 8:30 p.m. the council resumed regular session.

Bingen Volunteer Fire Department

Catherine Kiewit moved to authorize the payment of a stipend for the following volunteer fire officers: Volunteer Fire Chief - \$200 per month, Volunteer Assistant Fire Chiefs - \$100 per month. Maria Perez seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

The council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor