

## BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 1, 2013

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

### **Public Comment**

#### ***Pierce Louis, Dirt Huggers***

Pierce Louis said he is with Dirt Huggers a composting facility located in The Dalles, Oregon. He said he has been working with the City of White Salmon to develop a possible compost hauling process. Louis said he has contacted Allied Waste and Bingen Garbage Service to see if they want to compost and they said no. He said the service will be separate from the regular garbage service and there will be a charge for the service. Louis said it makes sense to offer the service in Bingen since it will be offered in White Salmon. He said he will be meeting with the City of White Salmon to discuss a franchise agreement and other issues. Louis said he would be interested in doing a survey with Bingen residents to see if they are interested in a composting service.

Betty Barnes said a survey would be interesting. She said it is possible that someone hauling compost in the State of Washington may need to be licensed through the State Utility and Transportation Commission.

Louis said that organics may be considered a recycling product which is an open market.

Laura Mann said she supports the idea and is interested in seeing what Bingen citizens have to say.

Betty Barnes said she is concerned about pickup occurring every other week due to odor and rodent issues. She said it is hard enough to get current citizens to put their garbage in sealed containers.

Louis said every other week pickup would only work if it was brush. He said the company would need to see what people want. Louis said the pickup of food scraps would need to be done weekly.

Laura Mann moved to authorize including a survey from Dirt Huggers in the city's utility billing. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Approval of Minutes – September 17, 2013**

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the meeting minutes of the September 17, 2013 regular council meeting as presented. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Tamara Kaufman, Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce**

Tamara Kaufman introduced herself as the new Executive Director for the Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce. She said Avery has moved to the Hood River Chamber. Kaufman said she has lived in Husum for the last 5 ½ years and has been involved in lot of community activities. She said she recently worked at Riverview Bank and has owned a photography business.

Kaufman said she is interested in learning what the Chamber can do for the cities. She said the Chamber has revived the brownbag series at the library once a month and will also be reviving the after hours sessions and breakfast club. Kaufman said the Chamber's website is being revitalized and now has an active calendar and newsletter.

Kaufman said new staff has been hired: Maria Foley and Pam Mornault.

Kaufman said the Chamber's three main goals are to serve the tourism industry by contract with Klickitat County, serve its members, and address economic development projects.

Kaufman provided information on an opportunity for a new program that is coming up. She said the county is developing a "Packaged Travel Advisory Group" that will meet October 17 at 7:00 p.m. Kaufman said the project was initiated by the Goldendale Chamber. She said Falcon Crest Inc. has submitted a proposal to the County to develop a process for packaged tours to Klickitat County. Kaufman said the cost is \$27,000 and the county has agreed to provide \$20,000 if the additional \$7,000 can be raised.

### **Proposed Resolutions 2013-010, Adopting Interlocal Agreement Establishing Health Care Program**

Jan Brending said the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) has applied for and been granted by the State of Washington to become a self-insured program. She said this will provide tax advantages to the cities that participate in the health care program as the Affordable Care Act is implemented. In order for the city to participate in the program it must adopt a resolution authorizing the interlocal agreement.

A typographical error was noted in the resolution.

Laura Mann moved to adopt Resolution 2013-010, Adopting Interlocal Agreement Establishing Health Care Program as corrected. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Proposed Public works Shop Driveway Paving, Port of Klickitat Bid – Recommendation and Authorization**

Betty Barnes said the Port of Klickitat approached the city about the paving project they are doing on East Marina Way and asked if we want to pave the Public Works driveway as part of their project.

Jan Brending said she and David Spratt met with Marc Thornsby and identified the area that should be paved. She noted that in exchange for engineering and surveying services provided through the Port, the city crew did some grading along East Marina Way.

Brending said the driveway paving project has been included in the Port's bid document and would be part of their contract if the city approves the project. She said based on the bid accepted by the Port the city's costs would be approximately \$7,742. Brending said the bid is based on line items and therefore the final cost could be slightly higher or lower.

Brending said she and Spratt are recommending the council authorize moving forward with paving the driveway.

Izzy Schroder moved to authorize paving the public works shop driveway through the Port of Klickitat contract. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Notice of Intent to Annex into White Salmon – Dry Creek Ranch LLC – Discussion**

Betty Barnes said the city has received a letter from the City of White Salmon regarding a proposed annexation of Dry Creek Ranch LLC into the City of White Salmon. She said White Salmon has requested that Bingen annex a portion of its property that is not currently in the Bingen city limits so that it does not remain an island.

Jan Brending said she has done some research regarding "islands." She said there is no state statute that prevents island from being created when annexations are completed. Brending said there is also no statute that prevents the county from assessing taxes on islands. She said not creating islands is good planning. Brending said she does not know what the intent of the Johnson's are for the portion of their property that is not included in Bingen's city limits and is not part of the proposed annexation into White Salmon.

Laura Mann moved to respond to the City of White Salmon that the City of Bingen will be annexing the property that belongs to Bingen that is not currently within Bingen's city limits. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Treasurer's Report – August 2013**

Jan Brending presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2013. She noted that she will be presenting the line item detail of the report to all council members as the majority of council members have requested it and it also allows for a discussion to take place about the report if questions come up.

Catherine Kiewit moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2013. Isolde Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

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

#### ***Fall Yard and Garden Debris Pickup***

Betty Barnes said that last year the pickup took place in November and that it was more successful. She said she has asked Jan Brending to speak with David Spratt and determine the best dates to bring back to the council at the next meeting.

### ***Skatepark Construction***

Jan Brending said construction will begin on Monday, October 8. She said the flume will need to be moved.

Betty Barnes said she is working with Jason Spadero to get the flume moved.

A press release will be issued and a notice will be posted at the skatepark that the park will be closed temporarily until construction is complete.

### ***Pirates Fish & Chips***

Betty Barnes said that Pirates Fish and Chips had located their food truck at the city's property at 400 W. Steuben. She said after speaking with Tad Connors she let them know that they needed to move the food truck to private commercial property. The council discussed how food trucks could be accommodated in Bingen.

### ***Fire District 3 Meeting***

Betty Barnes said she attended a meeting on September 26 at Fire District 3. She said the district developed a community level of service task force that was making presentations on its recommendations to the district. Barnes said information presented identified the funding that is provided to Bingen and White Salmon through the mutual aid agreement as a "supplement" to the two cities. She said the district has not made any decisions on the recommendations and that the final report has not been made available yet. Barnes said that when it is available Jan Brending will send it to the council and fire department. She said she had not expected Fire District 3 to provide funding after this year.

### ***Patriot Riders***

Betty Barnes reported that the three individuals who found the remains of the soldier from the White Salmon area overseas visited the grave. She said she attended the ceremony.

### ***Water Quality***

Tad Connors reported that he was recently at Beneventi's and that Paul Beneventi reported that the water is horrible and he is outraged and that it has affected the quality of his food.

Betty Barnes said the city is purchasing about 50% of the water being used from White Salmon while the remainder is coming from the city's well.

Staff will develop a flyer about the hydrogen sulfide issue and what the city is doing about it to be included in the city's utility billing. It will be translated into Spanish.

Jan Brending said she will attempt to see if there is any information about how hydrogen sulfide might affect services being provided in the hair salon business.

### ***Welcome to Bingen Signs***

Cindy Horton has asked when the Welcome to Bingen signs that her son, Kevin Schleicher has built can be installed.

Jan Brending said she has asked Kevin Schleicher to contact David Spratt to arrange for a time for the signs to be delivered so that the brackets can be built and the signs installed.

The council asked that staff contact Kevin Schleicher and arrange for the signs to be picked up by city crew and installation made a priority.

### ***Highway 14 Arrow Marking***

Catherine Kiewit said the arrow markings at Highway 141 and 14 need to be redone. She said there are problems with semi-trucks being in the left hand turning lane when they want to continue east and crowding vehicles that are in the right-hand lane continuing east.

### ***Cougar***

Izzy Schroder said a cougar has been spotted on Hospital Hill (the hillside above Bingen).

### ***Dog Catcher***

Laura Mann asked if there has been an update on the dog catcher.

Betty Barnes said the dog catcher has been in the area. She said that a Goldendale police officer is currently performing the duties until the animal control officer is hired.

Catherine Kiewit said she would like a report of the days and hours for the last 9 months of when the officer has been in Bingen.

**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 October 1, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 16210-16233 (dated 10/01/13) totaling \$79882.82: Current – \$47912.13; Street – \$3275.22; Water - \$2373.12; Sewer - \$289.74; Treatment Plant - \$4941.20; Sewer Construction & Maintenance - \$20860.01; Treatment Plant Improvement Fund - \$231.40.

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 October 1, 2013. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT, payroll checks 16202-16209 (dated 9/30/2013) totaling \$20798.54. Current – \$9118.76; Street - \$2993.27; Water - \$2477.31; Sewer - \$436.04; Treatment Plant - \$5773.16.

The council adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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City Clerk

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