

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Betty Barnes, Catherine Kiewit, Sandi Dickey, Maria Perez, Izzy Schroder. Student Council Member Monica Lizama absent. City Administrator Jan Brending and City Attorney Chris Lanz were present. Audience: Pierce Louis, Amber Marra, Craig Trummel.

Public Comment

Craig Trummel, Attorney

Chris Lanz introduced Craig Trummel as his law firm partner.

Craig Trummel said he appreciates the opportunity to work with Chris Lanz and the city.

Oath of Office

Betty J. Barnes, Mayor

Jan Brending administered the oath of office to Betty J. Barnes, Mayor.

Sandi Dickey, Council Member

Betty Barnes administered the oath of office to Sandi Dickey, Council Member.

Izzy Schroder, Council Member

Betty Barnes administered the oath of office to Izzy Schroder, Council Member.

Catherine Kiewit, Council Member

Betty Barnes administered the oath of office to Catherine Kiewit, Council Member.

Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2013

Changes to the meeting minutes of the December 17, 2013 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, 3rd paragraph, 1st sentence should read “Tracy Wyckoff said it has been really quiet and he is busy planning ahead for next year.”

Page 3, 5th paragraph, last sentence should read “She said fire pits will be provided with some barriers in place for protection.”

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the meeting minutes of the December 17, 2013 regular council meeting as corrected. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Organics Recycling Franchise, Dirt Hugger – Discussion

Jan Brending said she contacted the Washington Utility and Transportation Commission who indicated that a solid waste certificate would be required for picking up recycling including organics from any residence. She noted that if Dirt Hugger was only picking up organics from businesses then they would only need to obtain a common carrier certificate.

Pierce Louis confirmed that he had also talked to Penny Ingram at the Utility and Transportation Commission this last week and he was told the same information. Louis said one option is to see if one of the current carriers, Bingen Garbage Service or Republic, would be interested in hauling the organics to Dirt Hugger. He said that in White Salmon he had 0 customers the first two weeks then 4 customers and then down to 3. Louis said it has been a slow start. He said customers are being charged \$7.50 per can or \$15 per month with pickup every other week. Louis said that at this time everything is on hold due to the licensing issue.

Catherine Kiewit asked how many customers does Dirt Hugger need to make it work.

Louise said he would need a total of 50 from the Bingen-White Salmon area. He said Republic has indicated they are not interested in hauling to Dirt Huggers.

Jan Brending suggested contacting Bingen Garbage again. She noted that she believes they are tipping in Oregon already and it might be easy for them to make a stop at Dirt Huggers. Brending said separating the recycling from regular garbage might be an issue.

Catherine Kiewit said she likes the option of having it available but it seems like it will not work without having to put a lot of effort into it. She said she supports the endeavor and would participate if it was available. Kiewit said she thinks it would help to spread the word through outreach to the community.

Izzy Schroder said she supports composting. She said she believes it is difficult to get information out to the community. Schroder said it would be nice to have a table or booth at local events to help people understand more about composting. She said she believes people don't really care about it and it is low on their priority list.

Louis noted they are not in the garbage business in Hood River. He said the material is delivered to them for free.

Catherine Kiewit said the city could provide a letter of support.

Betty Barnes said if recycling organics was to go into effect in Bingen there would need to be some changes in the city's ordinances.

Council Member Vacancy – Discussion

Betty Barnes said the city has not received any applications for the vacant council member position.

The council discussed the issue and agreed to re-advertise the position for two weeks in *The Enterprise* with letters of interest and resumes due in time for the first meeting in February.

Catherine Kiewit agreed to provide some new language for an advertising poster that will be displayed at the post office and city hall.

Washington State Patrol Agreement – State Fire Mobilization Reimbursement

Jan Brending said the agreement is the same as has been signed in the past which provides for reimbursement procedures if the City's fire department participates in a state fire mobilization. She noted that the agreement has David Spratt's name on the agreement but also states "or their successors."

Catherine Kiewit moved to authorize the mayor to sign the Washington State Patrol Agreement for State Fire Mobilization Reimbursement. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Resolution 2014-001, Declaring Certain Warrants and Checks Issued by the City to be Unclaimed Property

Jan Brending said a check issued to Ryan Dunn had been lost. She said the resolution allows for the check to be reissued.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve Resolution 2014-001, Declaring Certain Warrants and Checks Issued by the City to be Unclaimed Property. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Draft Scope of Work for Professional Services – Surveying 1000 Foot Buffer Around Park – Authorization to Proceed to Getting Quotes

Betty Barnes said the city needs to identify the 1000 foot buffer around the park to determine where marijuana related businesses can locate.

Jan Brending noted that there are three retail applications for locations in Bingen.

Chris Lanz noted that the Scope of Work should add in the term "foot" after the number 1000 in several locations.

The council and staff discussed the possibility of a daycare facility being reinstated in Bingen and how that would affect the 1000 foot buffer zone and whether the facility would be allowed if it was within 1000 feet of a licensed marijuana related business. It was determined that additional legal research would be necessary to answer the question.

It was also noted that a buffer from the Bingen Point Marina Park might also be needed.

Sandi Dickey moved to authorize obtaining quotes for establishing 1000 foot buffers to determine where marijuana related businesses can locate. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report – November 2013

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

Catherine Kiewit moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of November 2013. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Dickey Farms

Sandi Dickey said Dickey Farms has removed all of their dead or dying pine trees. She said an agricultural burn permit has also been issued to Dickey Farms.

Santa Parade

Betty Barnes said attendance was down from last year. She said she is not sure why but last year the event was held at 6:00 p.m. on a Friday night versus this year at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday night. Barnes thanked everyone who helped out and participated. She noted Amber Marra with The Enterprise got some great pictures.

Business Fair

Betty Barnes said the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Business Fair at Skyline Hospital on January 16 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Joe Kruppa

Betty Barnes said she and Sandi Dickey attended a memorial service for Joe Kruppa who owned Woodworks, a Bingen business, and passed away recently.

Mayor Pro Tempe

Betty Barnes asked council members to think about the appointment of mayor pro tempe for the next council meeting. She said it needs to be someone who is easily available to sign checks and run meetings in her absence.

Park Tree

Betty Barnes noted that one of the park pine trees is starting to turn brown. She said it is one of the park's weakest trees.

Jan Brending said she will contact Columbia Tree to see when an appropriate time would be to remove the trees.

Kevin Schleicher, Welcome to Bingen Signs

Catherine Kiewit asked Amber Marra if something could be done regarding the Welcome to Bingen sign information that was recently published in the newspaper.

Amber Marra said she has already taken a picture of Kevin Schleicher with the signs and new information will be printed in this week's newspaper.

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 January 7, 2014. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 16462-16467 (dated 01/07/2014) totaling \$7375.70: General Fund – \$2834.78; Street – \$723.40; Water - \$1612.06; Sewer - \$1400.06; Treatment Plant - \$805.40.

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 January 7, 2014. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 16433-16461 (dated 12/27/2013) totaling \$44551.99: General Fund – \$7633.36; Street – \$9518.46; Park Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$19729.20; Water - \$4693.88; Sewer - \$456.12; Treatment Plant - \$2520.97.

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 January 7, 2014. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 16348-16373 (dated 12/31/2013) totaling \$573.07: General Fund – \$573.07.

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 January 7, 2014. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT, payroll checks 16424-16429 dated 12/31/2013)

totaling \$14203.14. General Fund – \$5440.70; Street - \$2045.47; Water - \$1867.81; Sewer - \$324.04; Treatment Plant - \$4525.12.

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 January 7, 2014. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT, payroll checks 16432 dated 101/02/2014) totaling \$8877.93. General Fund – \$4294.45; Street - \$1274.92; Water - \$947.16; Sewer - \$158.46; Treatment Plant - \$2202.94.

The council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor