

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Betty Barnes, Sandi Dickey, Stephanie Porter, Izzy Schroder. Council members present by phone: Maria Perez, Catherine Kiewit. City Administrator Jan Brending and City Attorney Chris Lanz were present.

Executive Session

At 5:30 p.m., Betty Barnes announced the council will enter into executive session for 45 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Maria Perez left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

At 6:15 p.m., the council resumed regular session. Betty Barnes announced the council will continue in executive session for 15 minutes.

At 6:30 p.m., the council resumed regular session. Betty Barnes announced the council will continue in executive session for 10 minutes.

At 6:40 p.m., the council resumed regular session taking a break until 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Betty Barnes, Sandi Dickey, Stephanie Porter, Izzy Schroder, Monica Lizama. Council members present by phone: Catherine Kiewit. Council members absent: Maria Perez. City Administrator Jan Brending and City Attorney Chris Lanz were present. Audience: Ryan Maxwell, Mike Hepner, Mariah Rawding, Corrie Brending, Jeff Baker, Ira Martin, Craig Spaeth, Laura Mann, Soroush Kermani, Amber Marra

Public Comment

Laura Mann, Bingen

Laura Mann asked about the status of repainting the arrows on Highway 14 at Steuben and Oak. She said they are invisible. Mann also asked about redoing the crosswalks.

Staff will contact the Washington Department of Transportation about the status of repainting the arrows on Steuben and Oak. City crew may have to redo some of the crosswalks on Steuben as a long-term solution is not anticipated until 2015.

Jeff Baker, Trout Lake

Jeff Baker introduced himself as running for West District Court Judge. He said he has been practicing law in the area for 18 years and has 27 years of experience.

Certificates of Appreciation

Monica Lizama, Student Council Member

Betty Barnes presented Monica Lizama a certificate of appreciation for her service on city council as student council member for 2013 and 2014.

Corrie Brending, Student

Betty Barnes presented Corrie Brending with a certificate of appreciation for her volunteer service at the 2012 and 2013 Gorge Out fundraising events.

Approval of Minutes

Sandi Dickey moved to approve the meeting minutes of the May 6 regular council meeting as presented. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department Update

Mike Hepner noted the park restrooms are still locking at 5:00 p.m. He suggested placing a garbage can on the hill by the skatepark. Hepner said the skatepark looks great and is very busy.

US Autocare – Flood Hazard Protection Review and Action

Jan Brending provided an overview of the proposed US Autocare development at 417 W. Steuben. She said the property is located in a flood hazard zone and is subject to the city's flood hazard protection ordinance. Brending said Ira Martin, Klickitat Planning and Design, has submitted a report documenting how the proposed project meets the requirements of the city's ordinance. She said she recommends authorizing a development permit based on the proposed development and building being

constructed as presented to the city and information submitted by Ira Martin, PE. Brending recommended that the applicant be notified that per Bingen Municipal Code 15.16.044 that:

The degree of flood protection required by this chapter (BMC 15.16) is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur on rare occasions, Flood heights may be increased by manmade or natural causes. This chapter does not imply that land outside the areas of special flood hazards or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damages. This chapter shall not create liability on the part of the city, any office or employee thereof, or the Federal Insurance Administration, for any flood damages that result from reliance on this chapter or any administrative decision lawfully made hereunder.

Brending also recommended that the applicant should be made aware that the approval of the development permit does not remove the subject property from the flood hazard zone nor does it negate the need for flood insurance.

Izzy Schroder moved to authorize a development permit for US Autocare based on the report submitted by Ira Martin, PE and notifying the applicant that: the degree of flood protection required by chapter BMC 15.16 is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur on rare occasions, Flood heights may be increased by manmade or natural causes. This chapter does not imply that land outside the areas of special flood hazards or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damages. This chapter shall not create liability on the part of the city, any office or employee thereof, or the Federal Insurance Administration, for any flood damages that result from reliance on this chapter or any administrative decision lawfully made hereunder and approval of the development permit does not remove the subject property from the flood hazard zone nor does it negate the need for flood insurance. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

2013 Annual Report – Review and Acceptance

Jan Brending presented the 2013 Annual Report to the city council. She said documents have been included showing how ending balances from 2012 equal the 2013 beginning balances and how the bank balances reconcile with the report.

Izzy Schroder moved to accept the 2013 Annual Report. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Purchase of Computer Equipment with Installation – Review and Action

Jan Brending reviewed the quotes for computer equipment and installation costs presented by Radcomp Inc. She said the cost for city hall equipment is \$19,399.27 and recommends the costs be paid for from the General Equipment Fund in which the city has set aside \$22,226 for equipment purchases. Brending said the costs for the treatment plant desktop computer is \$1,241.81 and for the public works shop desktop computer another \$1,241.81. She recommended the costs for each computer come from the appropriate operations and maintenance fund. Brending said installation and implementation costs are \$4,265.50 and will be prorated to the appropriate funds based on the hours required for installation.

Stephanie Porter moved to approve the costs of computer equipment and installation costs. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update

Communities of Distinction

Betty Barnes said the city was contacted by an organization "Communities of Distinction" who indicated they were interested in featuring Bingen as a Community of Distinction. She said that after the initial presentation was made she and Jan Brending were told there was approximately a \$20,000 fee to participate. Barnes said she recommends the city decline the offer.

There was a consensus of the council to decline the offer from Communities of Distinction.

Update on Water Rights Application

Betty Barnes said Gray & Osborne is keeping the city apprised of how the city's water right application is moving through the process. She said that hopefully by the end of the year the city will have the new non-additive water right.

Pool Punch Cards

Council members asked if the city will be purchasing pool punch cards again. Jan Brending said the city has budgeted for that again this year.

June 3 Council Meeting

The council discussed the June 3 council meeting. Maria Perez and Catherine Kiewit will not be able to attend and Izzy Schroder will be out of town. Izzy Schroder said she can attend via telephone. The council agreed to hold the meeting as scheduled with a light agenda.

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 May20, 2014. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks EFT, 16737-16754 (dated 5/20/2014) totaling \$44825.60. General Fund – \$2745.27; Street - \$1589.25; Water - \$2833.20; Sewer - \$890.64; Treatment Plant - \$1088.57; 1995 Bond Redemption Fund - \$21370.00; Water Construction & Maintenance - \$7351.07; Sewer Construction & Maintenance - \$2658.69; Treatment Plant Improvement Fund - \$4298.91.

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 May 20, 2014. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT, payroll checks 16731-16736 (dated 5/15/2014) totaling \$11844.17. General Fund – \$5059.36; Street - \$1673.16; Water - \$1153.41; Sewer - \$378.41; Treatment Plant - \$3579.83.

The council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor