

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Betty Barnes, Sandi Dickey, Catherine Kiewit, Izzy Schroder, Maria Perez. Council members absent: Stephanie Porter. City Attorney Chris Lanz and City Administrator Jan Brending were present. Audience: Amber Marra, Izak Riley, Tracy Wyckoff.

Approval of Minutes – August 5, 2014

Corrections to the meeting minutes of the August 5, 2014 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, 2nd paragraph under “Public Comment” should read: “Betty Barnes asked how the county funds the chamber.

Kaufmann said through lodging tax dollars and the county also provides \$15,000 for economic development that helps pay her salary. She said it pays about half of the chamber’s budget and does not address advertising.”

Page 3, 2nd paragraph should read: “Catherine Kiewit suggested Pope might want to talk to the newspaper. She said there are a lot of people that could be assisting with a neighborhood watch that might not live in the immediate block.”

Page 4, 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence under “Wastewater Treatment Plant Process Computer Upgrade” should read: “Catherine Kiewit moved to authorize the city to sign a contract with Aurora Automation for system integration work in upgrading the wastewater treatment plant process computer for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.”

Page 4, 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence under “Washington State Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) – Insurance Rating” should read: “She said the good news is that the rating did not go down.”

Page 5, 1st paragraph, 3rd sentence under “Oil and Coal Train Forum” should read: “Barnes said she learned that BNSF provides training to local fire departments and that they have training in Colorado that is all expenses paid.”

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2014 regularly scheduled meeting as corrected. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department Update

Tracy Wyckoff said things have been fairly quiet although the park has been busy. He said an assault took place at the park between two juvenile girls but it was dealt with quickly.

Wyckoff said the department has received two grants – one for a radar unit and one for bullet proof vests.

Catherine Kiewit asked if the people who are getting in trouble at the park are they generally from Bingen.

Wyckoff said the two girls were two local individuals but other another incident was not connected to the local community. He said the park has been good that there are a lot of groups coming in from out of the area but everyone has been good in sharing with the other kids there. Wyckoff said two recent issues that took place at the park were not related to the skatepark.

Maria Perez asked if there is a curfew.

Wyckoff said the police department does not enforce a curfew and does not go looking for kids that are running around after 10 pm.

Jan Brending noted that the park is closed at 10 p.m.

Wyckoff said that if kids are running around in the park after hours then the police will ask them to leave. He said that if the police see young kids walking the streets late at night they will be contacted to see if they are okay.

Betty Barnes said that if an individual has any concerns they can call the police who will make contact with them.

Wyckoff agreed.

Izzy Schroder asked who people should call about dead wildlife in the roadway.

Wyckoff said Fish and Wildlife through the State Patrol.

Jan Brending said she recently contacted dispatch about an injured deer and they put her through to the State Patrol and then Fish and Wildlife.

Catherine Kiewit asked Izzy Schroder if she was also talking about who handles road kill such as cats, dogs, etc.

Izzy said that could be included.

Kiewit said she has called the city and they have dealt with it.

Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance 2014-08-635, Mobile/Street Vendors

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing for proposed ordinance 2014-08-635, Mobile/Street Vendors.

The council discussed the proposed ordinance. A question was asked about the difference between a city business license and a vendor license. A vendor license allows the vendor to use city property and city right-of-way.

Corrections to the proposed ordinance were made as follows:

Add 5.06.060 Geographical Restrictions to “Sections.”

Section 5.06.060, Geographical Restrictions, C: add parenthesis to the phrase “not remaining stationary for more than 30 minutes.”

Section 5.06.100, Application, add “City of Bingen Business License” as C and re-letter remaining items.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Sandi Dickey moved to approve Ordinance 2014-08-635, Mobile/Street Vendors with corrections, Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Proposed Interlocal Agreement – Purchase of Water

Betty Barnes provided an update on the agreement for purchase of water.

Jan Brending said the cost for the remainder of the year will go down by \$0.52 per 1000 gallons and that the amount of water available will increase to 75 million gallons per year. She said that the base fee and cost of water will increase 3% each year over the life of the agreement.

Izzy Schroder moved to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of White Salmon for the purchase of water. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Proposed Interlocal Agreement – Law Enforcement Services

Betty Barnes provided an overview of the proposed interlocal agreement with the City of White Salmon for providing law enforcement services.

Catherine Kiewit asked if Tad Connors and Laura Mann have reviewed the agreement.

Betty Barnes said yes.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of White Salmon providing for law enforcement services. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Proposed Bingen-White Salmon Police Department Equipment Buyout

Betty Barnes said a proposed agreement using the City of Bingen’s letter to White Salmon has been prepared providing \$35,000 for the buying out Bingen’s share of the Bingen-White Salmon Police

Department equipment. She said the \$35,000 will be applied towards the first year of cost for law enforcement services reducing the cost from \$270,000 to \$235,000.

Sandi Dickey moved to approve the equipment buyout agreement. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Izzy Schroder said thank you to Betty Barnes, Jan Brending, Sandi Dickey, Laura Mann, Chris Lanz, and Tad Connors for their time and work spent on negotiating the interlocal agreement and equipment buyout.

Betty said it would be nice to get a card for Laura Mann and Tad Connors who did a lot of work on their own time as they were no longer part of the city council.

Records Grant Scope of Work

Jan Brending reviewed the scope of work for the records grant from the Washington Secretary of State. She said this is a grant the city received a number of years ago but due to work loads at the state has never been completed. Brending said this is an updated statement of work.

Catherine Kiewit moved to authorize signing the statement of work. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Proposed Resolution 2014-005, Regarding Changes to the By-Laws and Interlocal Agreement to the Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW)

Jan Brending presented a resolution regarding changes to the by-laws and interlocal agreement to the Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW). She said this is the city's risk insurance. Brending said CIAW is changing their fiscal year.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve Resolution 2014-005, Regarding Changes to the By-Laws and Interlocal Agreement to the Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW). Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – July 2014

Jan Brending presented the treasurer's report for July 2014.

Sandi Dickey moved to accept the treasurer's report for July 2014. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Old Business

Steuben Street Crosswalks

Jan Brending said she has contacted Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) about options to replace the crosswalks on Steuben Street. She said the estimated cost, including engineering, for installing concrete crosswalks is \$264,962.86. Brending said the city would be responsible for the entire costs of installation and maintenance for concrete crosswalks.

Brending said the cost for installing "zebra striping" crosswalks is \$19,106 with the city's share approximately \$9,308 with some additional minor costs for including the project in WSDOT's Highway 14 chip seal contract. She said WSDOT will assume the costs for installation and maintenance of the mainline crosswalks on Steuben while the city would be responsible for the costs for the side streets. Brending said she and Betty Barnes are recommend the installation of "plastic" zebra striping on both the mainline and side street crosswalks. She said the project would be budgeted in 2015 with some possible minor costs related to administrative and engineering costs incurred in 2014.

Catherine Kiewit moved to authorize working with WSDOT for replacing the crosswalks on Steuben Street (mainline and side streets) with plastic zebra striping. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Drinking Fountain – Daubenspeck Park

Jan Brending presented information from her and David Spratt regarding the installation of a drinking fountain in Daubenspeck Park. She said they are recommending the removal of the old rock fountain and installing a metal accessible drinking fountain with new concrete around it in the same location. Brending said the cost of a metal fountain is approximately \$4,000 and that the public works crew will do the installation.

Izzy Schroder moved to install a green metal pedestal drinking fountain in the location of the old rock fountain in Daubenspeck Park. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) Board Appointment

Betty Barnes said the city has received notification that Jan Brending's term serving as the Klickitat County Cities appointee is up at the end of August. She said Brending has expressed interest in continuing to serve. Barnes asked if any council members are interested in serving on the council board. There were none.

There was a consensus of the council to support the reappointment of Jan Brending.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) Training

Betty Barnes reported that BNSF training will take place on September 16 with the fire departments using BNSF tank cars. She said Bingen is hosting the training with White Salmon and Fire District 3 also participating.

White Salmon Water Billing Correction

Catherine Kiewit asked why Bingen received a water billing correction from White Salmon.

Jan Brending said one of the intertie meters is metric and was not set up correctly in White Salmon's billing system. She said she has been working with White Salmon to address the issue as the billing was showing water usage lower than the readings the public works crew were taking.

Police Vehicle - Surplus

Betty Barnes said the city owns a police vehicle that was previously used as a decoy but has been vandalized to the point that it was no longer worth fixing. She asked the council if the vehicle should be surplus.

Staff was directed to provide a resolution for consideration at the next council meeting identifying any surplus equipment the city has including the police vehicle.

Staff and Committee Reports

Open Government Training

Jan Brending said she has provided council members with a link to the State Attorney General's web for open government training. She said the council needs to take the training before the end of the year.

It was noted that Jan Brending and Betty Barnes have completed the training.

Voucher Approval

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 19, 2014. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT, checks 16945-16962 (dated 08/19/2014) totaling \$12493.86. General Fund – \$5165.18; Street - \$403.87; Water - \$4980.96; Sewer - \$318.72; Treatment Plant - \$1625.13.

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 19, 2014. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT, payroll checks 16938-16944 (dated 8/15/2014) totaling \$11902.80. General Fund – \$5204.02; Street - \$1673.21; Water - \$1153.39; Sewer - \$378.39; Treatment Plant - \$3493.79.

The council adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor