

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 2, 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, Stephanie Porter. City Attorney Chris Lanz and City Administrator Jan Brending were present. Audience: Tracy Wyckoff, Dennis Mullen, Jane Beatty, Amber Marra.

Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2014

Corrections to the meeting minutes of the August 19, 2014 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 2, 6th paragraph should read as follows: “Betty Barnes said that if an individual has any concerns they can call the police who will make contact with them.”

Izzy Schroder moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2014 regularly scheduled meeting as corrected. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department Update

Tracy Wyckoff said he is working on tagging some vehicles on city streets that have plates that have expired. He said most of the vehicles have been moved except for 2 and if they are still there tomorrow they will be towed. Wyckoff said three vehicles are parked on right-of-way but not on city streets. He said the city should write letters to them to notify them that they need to be properly licensed or moved out of the right-of-way. Wyckoff said three vehicles were stolen recently with one recovered out of Bingen and one out of White Salmon. He said it is important not to leave the keys in the car. Wyckoff said he is not sure if there is one person committing the crimes or different individuals.

Maria Perez said something was stolen from her yard. She asked if it could still be reported.

Wyckoff said yes.

Perez said it was a foldable ladder and that several neighbors had things taken also.

Wyckoff said all thefts should be reported immediately. He said it is important so the police department can focus on areas of concern.

Betty Barnes asked Wyckoff if he has been able to get assistance for Huckleberry Festival.

Wyckoff said he has 5 officers committed to help with the parade.

Wyckoff said he is still working on the sergeant promotion and hiring an officer. He said it is dependent on the Civil Service Commission.

Jan Brending noted the Civil Service Commission will meet next week.

Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance 2014-09-636, Granting Franchise to Charter Communications

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing regarding proposed ordinance 2014-09-636, granting a franchise to Charter Communications.

Jan Brending said the ordinance and franchise agreement will be effective September 16, 2014 based on publication of the ordinance adoption.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-09-636, Granting a Franchise to Charter Communications. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit Application, Clark College

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing for a conditional use permit application submitted by Clark College.

Jane Beatty said she is representing Clark College. She said the college has been looking for space for classroom training and a makerspace. Beatty said that because the college was up against a deadline for

the fall quarter it obtained some temporary space at the new Zepher building at the Port. She said the college continues to look for a more permanent location in Bingen.

Catherine Kiewit asked if the facility proposed by Clark College was the space previously used by Zepher who had a conditional use permit from the city.

Jan Brending said yes.

The council discussed opportunities for public transportation for students attending the classes provided by Clark College. It was noted that Mt. Adams Transportation can provide transportation on a dial-a-ride basis to the facility.

Jan Brending said the transportation issue is ongoing and would be an issue at any location in the county.

Catherine Kiewit said she thinks the proposed location is a little out of the way but loves that the facility will be in Bingen.

Jane Beatty said the college is looking at another space where Custom Interface used to be located but the east end location is the first space that came available and they want to keep all options open. She said the college is looking at what will be the least costly for the classroom portion. Beatty said any feedback is great.

Catherine Kiewit said the Custom Interface location is more visible.

Jane Beatty said the college is working on an economic development grant to help with the funding. She said they will be working on the permanent location over the next six months. Beatty said the college has a year agreement with Zepher at the Port. She said the college will be hiring someone to manage the space.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Betty Barnes noted that the proposed conditional use permit meets the city's zoning requirements

Sandi Dickey moved to approve the conditional use permit application submitted by Clark College for a classroom and makerspace facility at 920 E. Steuben. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Small Works Roster Bid Results – 2014 Dry Creek Sewer Construction

Betty Barnes said the city has received two bids for the 2014 Dry Creek Sewer Construction project: Crestline Construction - \$8,707.50 and Artistic Excavation - \$23,650. She said Jan Brending and Pioneer Engineering are recommending the city accept the bid from Crestline Construction.

Jan Brending noted that after review of the city's file Artistic Excavation is on the city's small works roster.

Catherine Kiewit moved to award the bid from Crestline Construction of \$8,707.50 for the 2014 Dry Creek Sewer Construction project. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Resolution 2014-006, Surplus of Equipment

Jan Brending reviewed the proposed resolution and list of equipment to be surplus.

Betty Barnes noted that the light bar from the police vehicle is not on the list because it was actually on loan from the fire department. She noted that Chief Wyckoff does not recommend that light bars be sold to the public.

Izzy Schroder moved to approve Resolution 2014-006, Surplus of Equipment. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Letter of Authorization and Agreement Between Klickitat County and Bingen Fire Department Relating to Radio Use

Betty Barnes reviewed the letter of authorization and agreement between Klickitat County and the fire department relating to radio use.

She said that she and Jan Brending attended a class put on by the Emergency Management Department about radio use.

Maria Perez moved to authorize the mayor to sign the letter of authorization and agreement between Klickitat County and the fire department related to radio use. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Old Business

Drinking Fountain – Daubenspeck Park – Reconsideration of Previous Decision

Betty Barnes said she spoke with Catherine Kiewit who visited the park and noted that there was a previous drinking fountain as part of the rock water fountain.

Betty Barnes reviewed an e-mail from David Spratt regarding making the existing drinking fountain workable. She said the whole thing would have to be dismantled to fix the plumbing. She said the existing drinking fountain is also hidden and not very visible.

Catherine Kiewit thanked Betty Barnes for looking at it.

There was a consensus of the council to continue with the previous decision of replacing the entire fountain with a new fountain.

Barnes said she would like to suggest that some kind of plaque honoring Priscilla and Wally Stevenson, who recently passed away, be incorporated into the new fountain area.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Angel's Bakery Signage

Sandi Dickey asked if she could receive some information about signage requirements related to Angel's Bakery signage. Jan Brending said she will send her an email providing some direction.

Governor Visit

Betty Barnes said she attended a meeting with the governor last Wednesday at Bingen Point about the beetle kill in the Gorge. She said the beetle kill appears to be running its course but that another type of beetle appears to be ramping up. Barnes said she noted in the discussion that the city has done it getting rid of dead or dying trees of its own property or out of the rights-of-way but that there are private property owners who cannot afford to remove trees. Barnes said Underwood Conservation District will be receiving some grant funds and they will provide the city with some information on how those funds can be accessed.

Catherine Kiewit said she thinks it would be in the best interests of the city to provide information to affected property owners once it becomes available.

Huckleberry Festival

Betty Barnes said Huckleberry Festival is this weekend. Maria Perez asked if anyone wants to help at the beer garden on Friday from 8 to 10 and 10 to 12.

Betty Barnes said she can help from 8 to 10.

Betty Barnes said SDS will be doing street sweeping this week for the city since White Salmon's sweeper is not currently working.

Travel Package Update

Betty Barnes said the Goldendale Chamber of Commerce has provided an update on the travel package program. She noted the chambers are asking for funding from the county for marketing tourism.

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD)

Jan Brending reported that Klickitat County has reappointed her to the MCEDD Board.

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 September 2, 2014. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 16974-16996 (dated 09/02/2014) totaling \$55071.95. General Fund – \$23813.06; Street - \$3742.01; Water - \$1840.67; Sewer - \$712.01; Treatment Plant - \$3761.37; Water Construction and Maintenance - \$10932.59; Sewer Construction and Maintenance - \$7492.04; Treatment Plant Improvement - \$2778.20.

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 September 2, 2014. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT, checks 16971-16972 (dated 08/31/2014) totaling \$604.09. General Fund – \$604.09.

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 September 2, 2014. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT, payroll checks 16963-16968, 16973 (dated 8/29/2014) totaling \$20684.56. General Fund – \$9343.63; Street - \$2887.18; Water - \$1951.43; Sewer - \$635.77; Treatment Plant - \$5866.55.

The council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor