

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, Stephanie Porter, Maria Perez (by telephone). Council members absent: Izzy Schroder. City Attorney Chris Lanz and City Administrator Jan Brending were present. Audience: Amber Marra, Teresa Earle

Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2015

Stephanie Porter moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 regularly scheduled meeting as presented. Maria Perez seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Conditional Use Permit Application 2014-006, Bio-Creations LLC

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing for proposed conditional use permit application submitted by Bio-Creations LLC.

There was no ex-parte contact or conflict of interest reported by council members.

Jan Brending reviewed the proposed conditional use. She said Bio-Creations LLC, Teresa Earle, is proposed to operate a light industrial facility manufacturing gluten-free baked goods for wholesale purposes. She said the property is located at 734 E. Steuben in a facility where Big T's Diner was previously. Brending said because the proposed use is a manufacturing facility for wholesale purposes and not a retail bakery it requires a conditional use permit. She said no written comments have been received.

Teresa Earle, Bio-Creations LLC, said she is leasing the property with an option to purchase and is proposing to just use the kitchen facility at the present time. Earle said Bio-Creations sells fresh or frozen goods wholesale to customers in the Gorge. She said she feels the business will be a great addition to the city.

The council discussed the difference between a wholesale commercial bakery and a retail bakery.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the conditional use permit for Bio-Creations LLC for a light industrial facility producing gluten-free baked goods for wholesale purposes in a facility located at 734 E. Steuben with the following conditions:

1. All storage of materials must be contained within the existing structure. No outside storage is permitted.
2. The manufacturing process shall not produce odors that are detectable outside of the facility or in adjacent facilities.
3. The manufacturing process shall not produce noises that are offensive outside of the facility or in adjacent facilities.
4. The City of Bingen shall have discretion to make a review of the conditional use permit and shall do so at least annually.
5. All signage requires a permit from the city.
6. The conditional use permit applies to the business as proposed in the conditional use permit application and to Bio-Creations LLC. If the business changes in nature, a new conditional use permit will be required. The conditional use permit does not apply to the property.

Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Small Works Roster Bid Results – Park Well Pump Repair

Betty Barnes and Jan Brending reviewed the proposed small works roster bid for inspecting and repairing the Park Well pump. Jan Brending noted that the pump recently failed and it was determined that either the wiring in the well or the pump itself has failed. She said a driller is needed to pull the pump and inspect and then repair or replace the pump.

Brending said the bid was sent to three different companies with only one responding – M-K Drilling. She said M-K Drilling’s price of \$225 per hour includes the equipment necessary to pull and then replace the pump in the well. Brending said the contract would be a time and materials contract because it is not known what is needed to repair or replace the pump at this time. She said she recommends signing a time and materials contract with M-K Drilling for \$225 per hour (plus taxes).

Catherine Kiewit moved to authorize the signing of a time and materials contract with M-K Drilling for \$225 per hour (plus taxes) to repair the Park Well pump. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Daubenspeck Park Signage Discussion

The city council reviewed previous comments regarding the Daubenspeck Park signage. The council agreed that the signage should be mounted on pedestals approximately two feet off of the ground. There was a suggestion to see if the lettering could possibly be a metallic copper power-coated color to be more reflective.

Mayor’s Update and Council Comments

Everybody’s Brewing

Betty Barnes noted that the city has written a letter to the City of White Salmon regarding the need for a User’s Agreement with Everybody’s Brewing related to industrial waste.

Peter Cornelison, Coal/Oil Trains

Betty Barnes said she was contacted by Peter Cornelison about making a presentation to the city council regarding coal/oil trains.

The council decided that once the new council member is on board then the presentation could be scheduled.

Council Member Vacancy

Betty Barnes reported the city has not received any resumes for the vacant council position but will advertise again.

Jan Brending said she intends to place a display ad in the newspaper this time instead of a public notice.

Highway 141 Speed Limit

Betty Barnes said she recently attended a meeting with White Salmon and representatives from Washington Department of Transportation regarding the speed limit of Highway 141 from Loop Road down to Highway 14. She said the meeting came out of a request from White Salmon to reduce the speed limit along the “Loop Trail” portion that runs along Highway 141 in the White Salmon area.

Barnes said WSDOT’s response was to suggest changing the speed limits from Loop Road all the way down to Highway 14 to 30 miles per hour. She said this would mean an increase in the speed limit on Oak Street (Highway 141) from 25 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour. Barnes said WSDOT has suggested that they would construct “bubbles” at the crosswalk at Humboldt and Oak and also would provide the signage. She noted that it was also suggested that a “recommended speed limit sign of 25 mph” could be installed but would not be enforceable unless there was a weather related incident or driving recklessly incident. Barnes said she wonders if the city should hold a public hearing about the speed limit.

Stephanie Porter said she would not be supportive of increasing the speed limit on Oak Street.

Catherine Kiewit and Maria Perez said they would be supportive of a public hearing.

One Gorge

Betty Barnes said she has been attending the One Gorge meetings. She said questions regarding the structure of the organization have not been answered and that the organization at this time is staying informal.

Deputy Clerk Position

Betty Barnes said she and Jan Brending will be interviewing 3 candidates for the position this week.

Executive Session

At 8:15 p.m. Betty Barnes announced the city council will enter into an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

The council resumed regular session at 8:45 p.m.

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 February 3, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 17341-17342 (dated 1/31/2015) totaling \$283.64. General Fund – \$283.64.

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 February 3, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 17343-17368 (dated 02/03/2015) totaling \$55620.88. General Fund – \$36168.18; Street - \$2748.93; Water - \$13100.63; Sewer - \$296.07; Treatment Plant - \$3307.07.

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 February 3, 2105 The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll check 17333 (dated 1/21/2015) totaling \$83.20. General Fund – \$22.30; Street Fund - \$9.98; Water Fund - \$5.20; Sewer Fund - \$1.62; Treatment Plant Fund - \$44.10.

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 February 3, 2105 The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 17334-17340 (dated 01/30/2015) totaling \$18613.57. General Fund – \$6874.47; Street - \$3277.77; Water - \$1985.35; Sewer - \$565.60; Treatment Plant - \$5910.38.

The council adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor