

# BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 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, Izzy Schroder. Council members absent: Maria Perez. Staff present: City Attorney Craig Trummell, City Administrator Jan Brending, Deputy Clerk Kristen Hohensee, Bingen-White Salmon Police Officer Tony Warren, and Bingen-White Salmon Police Officer Ashley Hackett were present. Audience: Amber Marra, Eric Pool, Blake Walker and Ashley Gross.

## Approval of Minutes – February 17, 2015

Changes to the minutes of the February 17, 2015 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph should read “Jan Brending said this is a renewal of an existing agreement the city has with Klickitat County for work done on city streets by Klickitat County Public Works Department.”

Page 1, add the following paragraph after 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph “Catherine Kiewit noted that there may be mild bakery smells which would be acceptable.”

Izzy Schroder moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 regular council meeting as corrected. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

## Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Tony Warren introduced Ashley Hackett as a new police officer with the department. He said she has been licensed in another state. Warren said Hackett will attend the equivalency academy at the end of April and will be working on her own by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ashley Hackett said she is most recently from Virginia but originally came from Battle Ground, Washington.

## Kristen Hohensee, Deputy Clerk

Betty Barnes introduced Kristen Hohensee as Bingen’s new Deputy Clerk.

## Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit Application, Aeroval Corporation

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing for a conditional use permit application submitted by Aeroval Corporation. She asked if any council members have conflicts of interest or have had ex parte contact regarding the proposed conditional use permit. No conflict of interest or ex parte contact was reported.

Eric Pool introduced himself as General Manager for Aeroval Corporation.

Jan Brending provided a review of the proposed conditional use. She said Aeroval proposes to use a facility located at 920 E. Steuben for a light industrial business manufacturing small unmanned aircraft. Brending said the location has previously been approved for conditional use permits for Zepher and Clark College. She said Aeroval has indicated they will employ 6-10 individuals at the proposed location.

Catherine Kiewit asked if Aeroval anticipates the number of employees to grow.

Eric Pool said Aeroval hopes to grow but that the location on Steuben has limitations.

Betty Barnes asked if Aeroval will continue to keep a part of the business in Husum.

Eric Pool said the Husum location will primarily house the engineers and that Aeroval’s goal is to move the assembly of the aircraft to Bingen.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve Conditional Use Permit 2015-001, Aeroval Corporation for operating a light industrial business manufacturing small unmanned aircraft at 920 E. Steuben with the following conditions:

1. All storage of materials must be contained within the existing structure. No outside storage is permitted.
2. All dust from the assembling process must be contained within the facility.

3. The manufacturing process shall not produce odors that are detectable outside of the facility or in adjacent facilities.
4. The manufacturing process shall not produce noises that are offensive outside of the facility or in adjacent facilities.
5. All hazardous materials shall be kept in a hazardous material cabinet.
6. The City of Bingen shall have discretion to make a review of the conditional use and shall do so at least annually.
7. Any new signage must be approved by the Mayor.
8. The conditional use permit applies to the business as proposed in the conditional use permit application and to Aerovel Corporation. If the business changes in nature, a new conditional use permit will be required. The conditional use permit does not apply to the property.

Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Proposed Resolution 2015-003, Establishing Compensation for Volunteer Firefighters**

Betty Barnes reviewed the proposed resolution updating compensation for volunteer firefighters and establishing a rate for overnight out-of-town training. She said she and Jan Brending met with the budget committee to discuss the financial implications. Barnes noted that the budget amendment includes funding for the increased costs.

The council agreed to strike the word “overnight” from the resolution.

Izzy Schroder moved to approve Resolution 2015-003, Establishing Compensation for Volunteer Firefighters as amended. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Public Hearing – Proposed Amendments to the 2015 Budget**

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the 2015 budget.

Jan Brending reviewed the proposed amendments to the 2015 budget noting that all beginning cash balances were amended to reflect actual balances. She said budget amendments also address projects that were continued from 2014 that were either not funded in the 2015 budget or need a slight amendment.

Catherine Kiewit said the budget committee has reviewed the proposed budget amendments.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

### **Proposed Ordinance 2015-02-642, Amending the 2015 Budget**

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-02-642, Amending the 2015 Budget. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

### **Proposed Ordinance – Water Shortage Emergency Procedures**

Betty Barnes said an ordinance is being formally proposed as the city does not have anything in its codes including penalties.

Jan Brending said a policy was adopted regarding water conservation which is similar to the proposed ordinance. She said she used an ordinance from the City of Auburn as an example.

The council and staff discussed the proposed language. Changes in the language were suggested as follows:

13.07.030 B. Stage II – Serious Water Shortage – Limited Outdoor Restrictions. The second sentence should read “In a Stage II water emergency, irrigation of lawns and gardens will be restricted to the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on all days.”

13.07.030 D. Stage IV – Extreme Water Shortage – Outdoor Usage Prohibited. The last sentence should read “Water consumption is permitted for essential indoor purposes only.”

13.07.030 E. Stage V – Maximum Emergency – No Water Use. The last sentence should read “All indoor and outdoor water usage shall be prohibited until the emergency is lifted.”

13.07.060 A. should reference Chapter 1.16 BMC.

There was a consensus of the council to schedule a public hearing for adoption of the proposed ordinance at its next council meeting.

### **Mayor’s Update and Council Comments**

#### ***Conditional Use Permit – MRSC***

Betty Barnes said she noticed in a recent MRSC publication a comment regarding conditional use permits being tied to the property and not the business. She asked if Craig Trummel could have Chris Lanz look into the issue.

Jan Brending said she will also contact MRSC about the issue.

#### ***Letter to Legislature***

Betty Barnes noted that she sent a letter to the Transportation Committees of both the House and the Senate in addition to the legislative delegation regarding support for the Bingen Point overpass and maintaining the railroad crossings in the area.

#### ***Daubenspeck Park Signage***

Betty Barnes said she and Jan Brending met with Sarah Deo and Kelly Echols regarding the park signage and hopes to provide the council some additional information regarding the costs of the sign. Barnes said it appears that the costs will be related to materials only.

The council discussed the opportunity to continue to receive donations for the skatepark.

Jan Brending suggested a letter from the mayor to the editor of The Enterprise might be appropriate.

#### ***Ballot Box***

Betty Barnes reported that she talked to the Klickitat County Auditor regarding the request to have a ballot box in Bingen. She said the answer was no.

The council discussed the issue and request the mayor continue to pursue the request and to ask for any response in writing.

#### **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 March 3, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 17403-17430 (dated 03/03/2015) totaling \$39286.97. General Fund – \$24559.97; Street - \$2606.52; Water - \$7975.21; Sewer - \$227.81; Treatment Plant - \$3917.46.

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 March 3, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 17401-17402 (dated 02/28/2015) totaling \$960.66. General Fund – \$960.66.

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 March 3, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 17394-17400 (dated 02/27/2015) totaling \$19765.94. General Fund – \$8069.52; Street - \$3386.72; Water - \$1676.99; Sewer - \$510.30; Treatment Plant - \$6122.41.

The council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor