

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 17, 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 Chris Lanz, City Administrator Jan Brending, Bingen-White Salmon Police Chief Tracy Wyckoff were present. Audience: Amber Marra, Sandra Guzman and Carl Warren.

Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2015

Changes to the minutes of the March 3, 2015 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, 6th paragraph, 2nd sentence should read as follows: “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 1st.”

Page 1, 10th paragraph should read as follows: “Eric Pool introduced himself as General Manager for Aeroval Corporation.”

Page 1, 11th paragraph, 2nd sentence should read as follows: “She said Aeroval proposes to use a facility located at 920 E. Steuben for a light industrial business manufacturing small unmanned aircraft.”

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015 regular council meeting as corrected. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Council Vacancy – Interviews and Appointment

Betty Barnes said the city has received one letter of interest and resume from Sandra Guzman. She noted that Guzman was the City of Bingen’s first student council member in 2010.

Sandra Guzman introduced herself and provided a review of her background.

Betty Barnes noted that the person appointed to the position will have to run for office by filing in May 2015 for the election in November.

Izzy Schroder said she is impressed with Guzman’s letter of interest and resume. She said that if Guzman is appointed to the council she would encourage her to ask questions and it is okay if she does not know everything.

Betty Barnes said it is also important to talk to individuals out in the community as not many of them attend council meetings.

Stephanie Porter said she is also fairly new to the city council. She asked Guzman if there is any specific area that she would like to address.

Sandra Guzman said no.

Betty Barnes noted that Sandra Guzman has participated in community service in the past working with kids in cleanup for Community Pride and working at the Gorge Out fundraising event.

Carl Warren asked Guzman if she is bilingual.

Sandra Guzman said yes.

Izzy Schroder moved to appoint Sandra Guzman to Council Position #4. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Conditional Use Permit Decision – 2015-001, Aeroval Corporation

Jan Brending reviewed the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision for the Aeroval Corporation conditional use permit. She noted that on page 1 the Application No. should be 2015-001 not 2015-002.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision for the Aeroval Corporation Conditional Use Permit 2015-001 with correction. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Agreement – Klickitat County, Reimbursable Agreement

Jan Brending said the agreement with Klickitat County is back before the council because the County decided to amend the agreement to provide a time period of one year and changed paragraph 1 to include material purchases.

Catherine Kiewit moved to authorize the signing of the Reimbursable Agreement with Klickitat County for a one-year period. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Resolution 2015-004, Closing the Police Equipment Fund

Jan Brending reviewed the proposed resolution that would close the police equipment fund and transfer the funds to the General Equipment Fund (\$4,954.01), Building Construction Fund (\$10,000.00) and Park Construction and Maintenance Fund (\$4,953.01). She said the proposed transfers are included in the 2015 budget.

Brending said the city council can always create a new fund if it decides to start up its own police department sometime in the future.

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Resolution 2015-004, Closing the Police Equipment Fund. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Resolution 2015-005, Authorizing Signers on Bingen Fire Account

Jan Brending reviewed the proposed resolution. She said the city has a separate checking account for the fire department's use in case they need access to funds while fighting a fire.

Stephanie Porter noted that the Mayor Pro Tempore should read Stephanie Porter instead of Catherine Kiewit.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve Resolution 2015-005, Authorizing Signers on Bingen Fire Account with the proposed correction. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report, January 2015

Jan Brending presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2015.

Stephanie Porter moved to accept the January 2015 Treasurer's Report. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance 2015-03-643, Water Shortage Emergency Procedures

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing for proposed Ordinance 2015-03-643, Water Shortage Emergency Procedures.

The council discussed the proposed ordinance. They directed staff to look at the hours for irrigation during water shortages and to look at the language for washing vehicles and to address commercial car washes.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

There was a consensus of the council to hold another public hearing after the proposed changes have been drafted at the first council meeting in April.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Tracy Wyckoff reported that Officer Lauren Baker is doing well at the police academy. He said Ashley Hackett will attend the equivalency academy in April and EVOC training at the end of March. Wyckoff said Hackett has already attended two additional trainings and feels she is progressing well.

Carl Warren asked how well the police department is staffed.

Tracy Wyckoff said the police department is in Bingen regularly and is fully staffed although two of the officers are currently in training. He said the department will probably not have enough officers all of the time but feels it is adequate at this time.

The council discussed interactions at the skatepark with Tracy Wyckoff.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Mt. Adam's Chamber of Commerce Community and Business Fair

Betty Barnes said the chamber is holding a Community and Business Fair on March 26 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. She said she and Jan Brending will be staffing a table for the city. Barnes asked if any council members would like to assist. Izzy Schroder said she can attend from 5 to 6 p.m. Catherine Kiewit said she can attend from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Daubenspeck Skatepark Groundwater Problem

Jan Brending reviewed a memorandum regarding the groundwater problem in the Phase I portion of the skatepark. She said Grindline has suggested a possible repair for the problem.

The council asked staff to come back with some estimated construction costs and when would the best time be to do the work.

Daubenspeck Park Signage

Betty Barnes said that Kelly Echols has recommended that the sign be larger because of the large space where it will be located. She said he is recommending a 12' x 6' sign versus 8' x 4'.

There was consensus of the council to make the sign larger.

Barnes said the sign is expected to be completed by June 1st.

Highway 14 Chip Seal Project

Betty Barnes said Washington Department of Transportation has notified the city that the Highway 14 chip seal project will be happening this year. She said the Bingen portion is expected to take place between August 1 and September 1 with most of the work happening at night.

Community Pride

Betty Barnes said Community Pride is scheduled for April 24 through April 26. She said public works will pick up yard and garden debris in Bingen on April 23 and 24.

Stephanie Porter said the Kid's Cleanup on April 25 will start at the park at 10:00 a.m.

Animal Control

Betty Barnes reported that Brad Fulton is no longer with the City of Goldendale and that officers from the department will be filling in until someone is hired.

Catherine Kiewit asked staff to follow up with the City of Goldendale regarding monthly animal control reports.

Critical Areas Ordinance

Betty Barnes reported changes are being made to the critical areas ordinances and they will be brought back to the council at its April 7 council meeting.

Waterline Project

Betty Barnes reported that the waterline project is out to bid.

Jan Brending said bids are due on April 14 and a recommendation will be made to the council at its April 21 council meeting.

Legislative Update

Betty Barnes reported that she met with legislators over the past weekend.

Drinking Fountain

Catherine Kiewit said she is working with someone from Arts in Education of the Gorge. She said she will come back to the council after meeting with them to determine how much the project will cost.

Betty Barnes said public works crew removed a time capsule from the old fountain when it was torn out. She said it has not been opened. The council asked staff to try and determine when the capsule was put in the park and if there was any information about when it should be opened.

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 17, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT, checks 17439-17470 (dated 03/17/2015) totaling \$12548.03. General Fund – \$6001.74; Street - \$212.92; Water - \$2190.76; Sewer - \$338.78; Treatment Plant - \$1285.78; Water Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$1460.91; Treatment Plant Improvement Fund - \$1057.14.

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 17, 2105 The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 17431-17438 (dated 03/13/2015) totaling \$11202.14. General Fund – \$4916.94; Street - \$1761.41; Water - \$892.09; Sewer - \$274.75; Treatment Plant - \$3356.95.

The council adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor