

## BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Sandra Guzman, Izzy Schroder and Stephanie Porter. Council members absent: Catherine Kiewit. Staff present: City Attorney Chris Lanz, City Administrator Jan Brending, Bingen-White Salmon Police Chief Tracy Wyckoff. Audience: Michelle Scott.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2015**

Izzy Schroder moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 special council meeting as presented. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Bingen-White Salmon Police Department**

Tracy Wyckoff reported that things are going well. He said Ashely Hackett is working on her own. Wyckoff said Lauren Baker will be working with Tony Warren and Mike Hepner and he hopes that by late September she will be working on her own also. He said that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July went well. Wyckoff reported there were no fires and he responded to approximately 4 calls.

Betty Barnes noted that Tracy Wyckoff put in a long day on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and thought he did an awesome job.

Barnes reported that she went down to the Port of Klickitat on the 4<sup>th</sup> and estimated there were approximately 225 to 250 people in attendance.

Tracy Wyckoff reviewed the vehicle status of the department noting that they now have 2 new vehicles that were purchased this year. He said the Intrepid will be used for parking enforcement and the Trail Blazer will be used as a spare vehicle for in the winter.

### **Council Vacancy**

Betty Barnes asked if anyone had applied for the vacant council position.

Jan Brending said no. She said there is someone who might be interested but she wanted to attend a few council meetings before applying. Brending noted that the individual had mentioned she is currently working in The Dalles and does not get off work until 6:30 p.m. making the 7:00 p.m. meeting time a possible problem until she can transfer to Hood River.

Betty Barnes asked Brending to publish notice of the vacancy for two more weeks and to continue to have it posted.

Barnes noted that when she attended the Independence Eve event she took the opportunity to talk about the vacancy because the event was also being translated into Spanish.

### **Resolution 2015-010, Authorizing Interfund Loan to the Water Construction and Maintenance Fund from the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund**

Jan Brending said the city has a DWSRF loan for the waterline replacement project. She said funds are not provided up front and must be requested in a reimbursement format. Brending said that due to the paperwork that must be filed and reviewed the reimbursement for the first payment is not coming in as timely as she had hoped. She said because there is not enough funds in the Water Fund and Water Construction and Maintenance Fund a short-term interfund loan from the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund is needed. Brending said the resolution provides for a loan up to \$400,000. She said she hopes that it will not be necessary to use take the full amount. Brending said the resolution also provides for an interest rate based on the current interest rate in the State Local Investment Pool. She said the interfund loan will be repaid by the end of the year.

Stephanie Porter moved to adopt Resolution 2015-010, Authorizing Interfund Loan to the Water Construction and Maintenance Fund from the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund in the Amount of \$400,000 and Setting Repayment and Interest Calculations. Sandra Guzman seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

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

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing for the proposed 2015 budget amendments.

Jan Brending reviewed the proposed amendments to the 2015 budget. She said there is an adjustment to the park fund increasing professional services to cover the costs of the Arts in Education project, providing funding for the new park sign and donor signage, and providing for the interfund loan.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

### **Proposed Ordinance 2015-05-645, Amending the Budget for the Year 2015**

Sandra Guzman moved to approve Ordinance 2015-05-645, Amending the Budget for the Year 2015. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **2016-2018 Collectively Bargained Agreement between City of Bingen and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 701**

Betty Barnes said she is asking the city council to ratify the proposed bargaining agreement with the union for 2016 to 2018. She said the Union has already ratified the proposed agreement.

Stephanie Porter moved to approve the 2016-2018 Collectively Bargained Agreement between City of Bingen and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 701. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

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

#### ***Independence Eve Event***

Betty Barnes reported that she attended the Independence Eve event at the Bingen Theater which was a fundraiser for several organizations. She said she had not been looking forward to the event but it was one of the best public service events she has done. Barnes said it was a bilingual event celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She said she and David Poucher along with the Mayor of Hood River did a welcome and introduction. Barnes said she and David Poucher will now be doing a monthly spot on Radio Tierra.

#### ***Washington State Budget***

Betty Barnes said the Washington Legislature has adopted a budget including a transportation package that includes the Bingen Point Overpass project budgeted at 22.9 million. She said there are several things that still need to be done by the legislature before the transportation package can move forward including adopting the bond legislation that will fund the package.

#### ***Steuben Street Lights***

Betty Barnes said that it appears the Steuben Street lights are not working. She said that if they don't come on tonight she will have to call an electrician on an emergency basis as it is necessary for public safety to have the lights working.

#### ***Park Celebration***

Betty Barnes said that she thought the celebration went well.

### **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 July 7, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks EFT and checks 17683-17721 (dated 07/07/2015) totaling \$79171.80. General Fund – \$32054.33; Street - \$2558.88; Water - \$10987.04; Sewer - \$953.63; Treatment Plant - \$3044.59; Water Construction and Maintenance Fund - \$28414.92; Treatment Plant Improvement Fund - \$1158.41.

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 July 7, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: check 17681 (dated 06/26/2015) totaling \$1,000.00. General Fund – \$1,000.00.

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 July 7, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT and check 17682 (dated 06/30/2015) totaling \$730.00. General Fund – \$730.00.

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 July 7, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 17675-17680 (dated 06/30/2015) totaling \$21012.84. General Fund – \$8974.96; Street - \$3386.71; Water - \$1911.59; Sewer - \$510.29; Treatment Plant - \$6229.29.

**Executive Session**

Betty Barnes announced at 7:50 p.m. that the City Council will enter into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

The council resumed regular session at 8:00 p.m. and Betty Barnes announced the council will continue in Executive Session for 30 minutes.

The council resumed regular session at 8:30 p.m. and directed Legal Council, Chris Lanz to respond to the letter from Roger Knapp, representing Dickey Farms.

The council adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor