

## BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Sandra Guzman, Catherine Kiewit and Stephanie Porter. Council members absent: Izzy Schroder. Staff present: City Attorney Chris Lanz, City Administrator Jan Brending. Audience: Michelle Scott, Maria Foley, Dan Armstrong.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2015**

Changes to the minutes of the July 7, 2015 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence should read as follows: “Izzy Schroder moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 regular council meeting as presented.”

Page 2, 9<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read as follows: “She said she had not been looking forward to the event but it was one of the best public service events she has done.”

Stephanie Porter moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2015 regular council meeting as corrected. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Council Vacancy**

Betty Barnes said that no one has applied for the council vacancy yet.

Dan Armstrong said he may be interested in the position and is attending the meeting to see how things are done.

The council asked the position to be advertised again in the newspaper.

### **Public Hearing – Critical Areas Ordinances**

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing on proposed amendments to the critical areas ordinances.

Barnes noted the city has received a written request from the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation asking the council to extend the comment period to July 31, 2015. She said there is a memorandum in front of the council that recommends extending the comment period based on discussions with The Watershed Company, the city’s consultant. Barnes said she also spoke with Dave Poucher, City of White Salmon and Dave Sauter, Klickitat County about the request. She said that both told her this is a general practice of the Yakama Nation and that both have told the Yakama Nation no in the past. Barnes said that is up to the council to decide whether or not to extend the comment period.

Jan Brending reviewed the public comment and participation process as outlined in the findings of fact included in the ordinance for adopting the critical areas ordinance. She said the tribes were notified in writing when the city began the critical areas ordinance update and shoreline management plan process. Brending said an open house in addition to two public hearings prior to the current public hearing were held.

Chris Lanz, City Attorney, said he does not think it would hurt to extend the comment period. He said it reduces the opportunities for anyone to criticize the process.

Betty Barnes said the recommendation is to extend the written comment period only to 5:00 p.m. on July 31<sup>st</sup> and that there would be no more public hearings. She said if the council decides to extend the written comment period then it is recommended to table action on adoption of the ordinance until August 18.

Catherine Kiewit moved to extend the written comment period on the proposed amendments to the critical areas ordinances until 5:00 p.m. on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Sandra Guzman seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

### **Proposed Ordinance Adopting Critical Areas Ordinances**

Catherine Kiewit moved to table action on the proposed ordinance adopting critical areas ordinances until the regularly scheduled meeting on August 18. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Public Hearing – Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program**

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing for the proposed Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Jan Brending said she has taken the previous program and extended the dates out one year. She said she also added the Bingen Point Overpass project as the number one priority as it was funded by the state legislature. Brending explained that the funding for the overpass projects is provided over 3 biennium (6 years) and that she expects progress to begin on the project in the fall at the earliest and most likely after the first of the year.

Brending noted that an error incurred in printing the spreadsheet showing the projects. She said Priority Project 11 has a cost of 536,000 and Priority Project 12 has a cost of 12,000 and should be shown in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> years column.

Catherine Kiewit noted that there has been some concrete placed in the shoulder in the 200 block of East Humboldt and was wondering why that was allowed.

Betty Barnes explained that there has been some drainage issues there causing a property owner concern. The city worked with the property owner to insure that his problem was addressed but did not cause problems with neighboring properties.

Jan Brending explained that this segment of East Humboldt is challenging due to the grade.

Catherine Kiewit asked if it should be moved up in priority.

Jan Brending said the priorities can stay the way they are but can be worked on out of order if the opportunity presents itself. She said when developing the budget for 2016 she can see if there is funding for hiring an engineer to look at East Humboldt along with the stormwater drainage issue on East Jefferson.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

## **Proposed Resolution Adopting Six-Year Transportation Program**

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Resolution 2015-001, Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2016 to 2021. Sandra Guzman seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Steuben/Oak Street Waterline Replacement – Acceptance as Complete**

Betty Barnes said Gray & Osborne is recommending the project be accepted as complete.

Jan Brending noted that Crestline has submitted progress payment #2 for approval.

Stephanie Porter moved to accept the Steuben/Oak Street Waterline Replacement project as complete and to authorize payment of the progress payment #2. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Stephanie Porter said she thought the Crestline workers were very conscientious of the citizens and their time.

## **Old Business**

### ***Daubenspeck Park Donor Signage Update and Possible Action***

Betty Barnes said the council has some draft information before them regarding the donor portion of the new sign. She said she has talked to some of the major donors about putting the “Friends” category on the sign. Barnes said everyone feels it shows the community by-in by including the smaller donors. She said she also talked to Maria Perez, Laura Mann and Izzy Schroder who all feel it was the intent to put all donors on the wall if at all possible. Barnes said she visited the Hood River Hospital donor wall that has a lot of donor names on it but are still readable.

The council discussed whether the monetary amounts should be included for each category.

There was a consensus of the council to include all donors on the wall including the “Friends” category and to not include the monetary amounts for each category.

Betty Barnes asked council members to consider different ideas for the donor section of the sign and be prepared to discuss it at the August 18 council meeting.

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

### ***Coffee with Radio Tierra***

Betty Barnes said she and David Poucher will be meeting with Greg from Radio Tierra to discuss making the Independence Eve event an annual event and when they will do a monthly radio broadcast.

### ***Legislative Breakfast***

Betty Barnes reported that she and Dave Poucher had breakfast with Senator King and Representative Johnson after the legislative session closed to discuss the overpass project. She said they also discussed White Salmon's waterfront project.

### ***Highway 14 Chip Seal Project***

Jan Brending reported that the Highway 14 chip seal project is underway. She said that the contractor will be working in the tunnels next week in the evenings and the highway will be completed closed during that time. Brending said the contractor will be in Bingen grinding out the old crosswalks on August 18 and will begin chip sealing on August 31.

### ***Sealing Mosaic in Park***

Catherine Kiewit asked if the mosaic in the park has been sealed.

Betty Barnes said she is waiting for Catherine Kiewit to get back to her about what type of sealant to use.

Catherine Kiewit said she could send a thank to the Arts in Education on behalf of the city. Council members agreed.

## **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 21, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: check 17722 dated 6/30/2015) totaling \$860.86. General Fund – \$860.86.

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 21, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: check 17722 dated 07/09/2015) totaling \$90.00. General Fund – \$90.

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 21, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: check 17730 (dated 07/15/2015) totaling \$420.00. General Fund – \$420.

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 21, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT and checks (dated 07/21/2015) totaling \$214671.52. General Fund – \$8743.19; Street Fund - \$110.13; Water Fund - \$1628.72; Sewer Fund - \$966.18; Treatment Plant Fund - \$1599.24; Water Construction and Maintenance Fund - \$201,624.06.

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 21, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 17725-17729 (dated 07/15/2015) totaling \$12900.71. General Fund – \$5138.97; Street Fund - \$2176.86; Water Fund - \$1102.45; Sewer Fund - \$339.49; Treatment Plant Fund - \$4142.94.

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 21, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT (dated 07/21/2015) totaling \$2327.82. General Fund – \$854.91; Street Fund - \$453.43; Water Fund - \$227.76; Sewer Fund - \$70.28; Treatment Plant Fund - \$721.44.

The council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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City Clerk

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