

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 18, 2015

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

Oath of Office – Dan Armstrong

Betty Barnes swore in Dan Armstrong to City Council Member Position 1.

Approval of Minutes – August 4, 2015

Changes to the minutes of the August 4, 2015 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 2, 3rd paragraph should read: “Izzy Schroder moved to appoint Dan Armstrong to Council Position #1. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.”

Page 2, 5th paragraph should read: “Betty Barnes said the city received a letter from Insitu regarding the Bingen Point overpass.”

Page 2, 7th paragraph: the work “Yakima” should be changed to read “Yakama” in both the title and paragraph.

Page 2, 10th paragraph should read: “Izzy Schroder asked if Barnes has had a conversation with Public Works staff regarding communications.”

Stephanie Porter moved to approve the meeting minutes of the August 18, 2015 regularly scheduled meeting as corrected. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Melissa’s Color Run Proposal

Teresa Fortanel presented a proposal to hold a color run in Bingen. She said this is her senior project. Fortanel noted that the run will be held on September 26 instead of during Huckleberry Festival in order to avoid conflicts. She said it will also take a different route than originally proposed. Fortanel said the route will begin at the east end of Humboldt running to Maple and then down Maple across Steuben (Highway 14) out to the Port and then back on Maple to Depot Street and then to Walnut across Steuben into the park. Fortanel provided information on the organization that she is raising funds for.

Catherine Kiewit asked if Fortanel would be open to feedback on the route. She suggested starting at the park and ending at the park so people do not have to walk back to the park. Kiewit said there might be a better route through the Port property. She said she would be willing to talk to the Port about a different route.

Fortanel said that starting at the park is a good idea.

Jan Brending noted that Fortanel will need to obtain a “Letter of Acknowledgement” for the run crossing the highway. She said there is an online application that can be used.

Izzy Schroder said she thinks the project is great and that there could be a good turnout.

Council members asked Fortanel if she has a contingency plan if it rains. Fortanel said that at this time she does not.

Catherine Kiewit moved to allow Melissa’s Color Run to take place on Bingen streets starting and ending at the park on September 26 and to authorize the public works department to make cones available if needed. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – 2015 Water system Plan and Water Use Efficiency Goals

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing on the 2015 Water System Plan and Water Use Efficiency Goals.

Ken Alexander, Gray & Osborne, reviewed the 2015 Water System Plan and water use efficiency goals. He said the city responded to comments from Washington Department of Health including addressing overlapping service areas with White Salmon, including the area east of the Bingen city limits within the city’s service area and the nonadditive water right that was issued to the City of Bingen covering its

purchase of water from White Salmon. Alexander said the City of White Salmon will be submitting an amendment to its water system plan eliminating the overlapping service area. He said the city has included the area east of Bingen's city limits with language that if additional hookups in that area are requested property owners will have to pay for expansion of the system.

Catherine Kiewit said she thought the City of Bingen could not produce enough water with its wells to supply the needs of the city.

Jan Brending said that if less water was used in the summer then the city could exist for a short period of time on its own water.

Betty Barnes noted there were a couple of years the city purchased no water from White Salmon when White Salmon was on a boil water order.

Ken Alexander said based on current information the city has enough capacity. He said one of the limiting factors is storage and has included replacement of the old reservoir as a future project to increase capacity. Alexander said if the growth projections change then the city may need to consider developing a new well. He said the city's main focus should be eliminating distribution system leakage (DSL) and meter replacement.

Catherine Kiewit asked if the city develops a new well can the city transfer the existing water right covering purchases from White Salmon to the new well.

Ken Alexander said no that it would have to transfer existing water rights to the new well and that it would be necessary to show connectivity between the existing wells and the new well which can sometimes be a problem.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Proposed Resolution 2015-012, Adopting Water System Plan

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Resolution 2015-012, Adopting Water System Plan. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Resolution 2015-013, Adopting Water Use Efficiency Goals

Stephanie Porter moved to adopt Resolution 2015-013, Adopting Water Use Efficiency Goals. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Proposed Ordinance 2015-06-646, Adopting Critical Areas Ordinance

The city council was provided a copy of the letter from the Yakama Nation saying that they had no comments on the critical areas ordinances.

Betty Barnes said the ordinances are ready for adoption.

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-06-646, Amending Bingen Municipal Code 17.65 Critical areas, 17.66 Slope Hazard Overlay Zone, and 17.67 Wetlands and Wetland Buffers. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Ordinance 2015-07-647, Amending Bingen Municipal Code 10.14.030, Commercial Area Parking

Betty Barnes said Gorge Action Programs has requested a disabled persons parking space on Steuben in front of their new location. She said the proposed amendment moves the exiting disable persons parking space in front of C's Market to the corner of Ash and Steuben in front of Gorge Action Programs. She noted C's Market has off-street disable persons parking.

Barnes said the proposed amendments also creates a loading only zone in front of the driveway cut to the Tacqueria. She said the driveway and surrounding parking does not meet state standards. Barnes said if it did meet state standards two parking spaces would be eliminated.

Izzy Schroder moved to approve Ordinance 2015-07-647, Amending Bingen Municipal Code 10.14.030, Commercial Area Parking. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Agreement for Summer/Fall Pilot Test – City of Bingen, City of White Salmon, Tribal FishCo LLC

Jan Brending said an amended agreement is on the table before the council. She said this is the third pilot test that will be conducted. Brending said Tribal FishCo has been told that this is the last test and that if they wish to pursue processing at the plant then they will need to establish a users agreement with White Salmon.

The council and staff discussed the proposed load limits and billing. Brending noted that Tribal FishCo's consultant worked with Tom Hons to develop the increased load limits. She said the goal is to see what the plant can really handle. The council asked if the City of Bingen receives any funding from the billing. Brending said the bills that come directly from Bingen for testing and any of Tom Hon's time will be paid directly to Bingen. She said White Salmon will pay the ERU amount to Bingen for treatment based on the interlocal agreement that is currently in place.

Changes to the proposed agreement included adding that discharging will take place during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and that if Tom Hons is required to work after hours or on weekends Tribal FishCo will be billed the appropriate salary/benefit rate as required by the city's union contract and deleting the option for a bond in item number 15.

Izzy Schroder moved to approve the proposed agreement with the City of White Salmon and Tribal FishCo for the 2015 Summer/Fall Pilot Test with the proposed changes. Dan Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Reports – April, May and June 2015

Jan Brending presented the Treasurer's Reports, for April, May and June 2015. She noted the April report is a corrected report due to a voucher being voided. Brending said the city received an e-mail noting an EFT had been processed by the Port of Hood River for the Breezeby pass. She said she later learned when it didn't show up on the bank statement that the EFT was for her personally. Brending said she has asked the Port not to send personal information to the city's e-mail addresses.

Catherine Kiewit moved to accept the corrected April 2015 Treasurer's report. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Stephanie Porter moved to accept the May 2015 Treasurer's report. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Catherine Kiewit moved to accept the June 2015 Treasurer's report. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Old Business

Daubenspeck Donor Signage

Catherine Kiewit moved to table discussion of the Daubenspeck donor signage until the September 1st meeting. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

White Salmon Concert

Betty Barnes noted that a concert will be held on August 29th in the White Salmon park. She said Community Partners are looking for volunteers.

Huckleberry Festival

Betty Barnes said the Huckleberry Festival is coming up in September. She said the committee needs volunteers.

Audit

Betty Barnes said the auditors will be in the office for two weeks beginning August 25, auditing 2012 through 2014.

Animal Control Reports

Betty Barnes said an animal control report has been provided to the council.

Jan Brending said she has received additional information from Reggie Bartkowski who is the new police chief for Goldendale. She said she will provide the information at the next council meeting.

Catherine Kiewit said that she finds it hard to understand that with 120 hours in Bingen why there is not more than 1 citation and no impounds.

Council members asked staff to contact the animal control officer and have him doing some walking in town instead of just driving around.

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 August 18, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT and checks 17795-17820 (dated 08/18/2015) totaling \$15,930.09. General Fund – \$9,555.45; Street - \$91.03; Water - \$\$2,406.62; Sewer - \$310.29; Treatment Plant - \$3,566.70.

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 August 18, 2015. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 17889-17793 (dated 08/14/2015) totaling \$13,387.05. General Fund – \$5,288.26; Street Fund - \$2,240.75; Water Fund - \$1,308.22; Sewer Fund - \$349.50; Treatment Plant Fund - \$4,200.32.

The council adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor