

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 19, 2016

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

Public Comment

Maria Foley, Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce

Maria Foley said the Chamber is holding a business fair, "Northshore Expo" on Thursday, January 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Skyline Hospital. She said there is also a ribbon cutting for a new business, Tarwater Tavern, in White Salmon on Friday, January 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Vacancy

Betty Barnes said she is seeking direction on advertising. There was a consensus of the council to begin advertising the position in the legal notice section of The Enterprise.

Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2016

Page 1, 7th paragraph should read 'The use of "separate" versus "seperate" was requested to be checked.'

Page 1, 10th paragraph, last sentence should read "She reminded the council that it recently amended the zoning code related to manufactured homes."

Page 3, add the following paragraph after the 11th paragraph "Purchasing the ATV as soon as possible was discussed."

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting on January 5, 2016 as corrected. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Animal Control

Betty Barnes provided information to the city council regarding the recommendation to hire a part-time animal control officer. She said she believes the city will have more control over how patrol is handled than if the city contracted for the same services.

The council discussed the options for impound services using either Hood River County or Alpine Vet.

Betty Barnes and Jan Brending said they are recommending using Hood River County as they feel they are better situated as an impound facility. It was noted that if a dog owner picks up the dog at Hood River County they are responsible for the Hood River County impound fees in addition to a \$50 charge from the City of Bingen.

Izzy Schroder said she supports using Hood River County for impound services.

Catherine Kiewit asked if there will be a charge from the county if a dog has to be euthanized.

Jan Brending said she will need to check on that and make sure it is covered in a contract.

The council discussed the job description for the position. There was a consensus to change a number of the references of "animal" to "dog". The last sentence in the full paragraph under "Essential Duties and Responsibilities" was changed to read "The individual may perform other duties as assigned." The last paragraph under "Physical Demands and Working Conditions" was changed to read "Outdoor and vehicle environment. May encounter hostile or abusive members of the public. May be required to work nights, weekends, holidays, and non-standard hours. Possible exposure to dog attacks. Subject to 24/7 emergency call-out."

The council also discussed the job position advertisement suggesting it should have a more positive tone than just focusing on dealing with hostile members of the public.

Stephanie Porter moved to adopt the job description for Animal Control Officer as corrected. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Catherine Kiewit moved to establish a contract with Hood River County for impound services for a 1-year term with a renewable option. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Jan Brending will send the draft job notice to Izzy Schroder and Catherine Kiewit for review before publication.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Daubenspeck Donor Signage

Jan Brending said she and Catherine Kiewit met with Print It to go over the decisions on the signage. She said black with a sand finish was chosen for the background along with a single-bevel edge. Brending said Print It is looking into how the different mounting options would be affected by the city's desire to be able to remove the plaques if necessary. She said the headings for the different sponsorships will be placed within the border to differentiate them from the names. Brending provided a drawing of showing the middle sign recognizing council and staff members.

LED Street Lights

Betty Barnes said Pat Munyan has asked if the City of Bingen was going to apply for a grant to replace its street lights with LED lights.

Jan Brending said she has spoken to Pat Munyan about the grant. She said the grant is through the Transportation Improvement Board and would pay for replacing city street lights with LED lights. Brending said she needs to meet with Ron Schultz of the PUD to discuss the city's lights, including the decorative lights on Steuben. She said the grant is also based on a cost savings formula, i.e. the city would need to show a significant cost savings to be eligible for grant. Brending said she is also concerned about whether or not the lights will provide as much light as the current street lights do.

Deputy Clerk

Betty Barnes said Cheyenne Willey has been hired as the new deputy clerk and will start on January 27.

John Longfellow, Klickitat County Solid Waste

Betty Barnes reported that John Longfellow with Klickitat County Solid Waste had a major heart attack but is now at home recovering.

ATV Equipment Bid

Jan Brending said the ATV equipment is out to bid and the results will be presented to the council at the February 2nd meeting for action.

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 January 19, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 18141-18154 (dated 12/31/2015) totaling \$8,288.45. General Fund – \$3,550.06; Street - \$53.71; Water - \$3,560.31; Sewer - \$142.36; Treatment Plant - \$142.36; Court Remittance Agency Fund - \$973.97.

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 January 19, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 18155-18167 (dated 01/19/2016) totaling \$25,957.20. General Fund – \$24,647.17; Street - \$643.24; Park Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$6.12; Water - \$495.76; Sewer - \$143.25; Treatment Plant - \$21.66.

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 January 19, 2016 The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 18137-18140 (dated 01/15/2015) totaling \$12,669.72. General Fund – \$5,567.49; Street Fund - \$1,693.98; Water Fund - \$1,365.15; Sewer Fund - \$233.50; Treatment Plant Fund - \$3,809.60.

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 January 19, 2016 The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT (dated 01/19/2015) totaling \$492.49. General Fund – \$492.49.

Executive Session

At 8:30 p.m. Betty Barnes announced that the council will go into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 8:40 p.m. the council resumed regular session.

Izzy Schroder moved to accept the proposal from Rapid Ready Mix that the city property at the reservoir site will be restored to the city's satisfaction and that the company will install the gate at a location agreed upon by both parties. Dan Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

The council adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor