

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 21, 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 (by phone), Stephanie Porter. Staff present: City Attorney Chris Lanz, City Administrator Jan Brending, Police Chief Tracy Wyckoff, Police Officer Sean Dawkins, Police Officer Pedro Virgen. Audience: Michelle Scott, Robb Kimmes.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Tracy Wyckoff said the department has received its new car. He said things have been busy with a lot of calls and things going on. Wyckoff said the department is pursuing some people of interest regarding the burglary at the liquor store.

Wyckoff introduced Officers Pedro Virgen and Sean Dawkins. He said he hopes they will be able to attend the July academy.

Betty Barnes noted there was a recent incident with a consultant for Dish who misrepresented himself in that he stated he was working with Charter.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2016

Changes to the minutes of the June 7, 2016 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 2, the reference to the May 16 meeting minutes should reflect the May 17 meeting minutes.

Page 3, 5th paragraph, last sentence should read: “She noted that the second company suggested contacting Big Tree Inc. since they are located closer to Bingen.”

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the meeting minutes of the June 7, 2016 regular council meeting as corrected. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Robb Kimmes, Skyline Hospital District Levy

Robb Kimmes said he is the administrator for Skyline Hospital. He said a levy renewal for the hospital district will be on the August 2 ballot. Kimmes said the City of Bingen is within the hospital district and will be voting on the levy. He reviewed the levy status noting it is an operations and maintenance levy. Kimmes said the hospital district is proposing to renew the levy at the same rate for an additional 20-year period. He explained the funds are used for maintenance, to purchase new equipment and expand services. Kimmes said there are some projects coming up for the hospital including replacing the boilers and electrical upgrades. He said the levy is the only tax the hospital receives. Kimmes noted the hospital district is separate from the EMS district. He reported that the hospital recently negotiated to purchase the property where Northshore Medical is currently located. Kimmes said Northshore Medical will be moving to new facility on Highway 14. He said the hospital intends to move its business functions to the clinic buildings and is considering moving physical therapy also.

Betty Barnes asked if the hospital provides “swing beds.”

Kimmes said yes, the hospital provides transitional care. He said about ½ of the hospital’s patients are in swing beds.

Proposed Memorandum of Understanding – Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, Fire Response Trailer

Betty Barnes said she contacted BNSF regarding staging a foam trailer in Bingen. She said BNSF responded very quickly that they would be glad to stage a trailer in Bingen. Barnes said the Memorandum of Understanding states the trailer will be housed in a City of Bingen facility. She said the trailer can be used on both sides of the river and can be used by the local fire departments for other incidents besides just train fires.

Catherine Kiewit suggested it would be good if Union Pacific could provide a similar trailer in the Hood River area on the Oregon side.

Betty Barnes said two oil trains go through Bingen per day. She said BNSF visually inspects the tracks every day along with other safety inspections. Barnes noted that BNSF will be doing a fire training in Bingen with the local fire departments.

Stephanie Porter moved to authorize the mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad providing a fire response trailer to be housed in a City of Bingen facility. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Public Hearing – Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, 2017-2022

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the years 2017-2022.

Jan Brending noted that the forms look a little different this year since she is using the online program provided by the state. She said any projects that would be considered WSDOT projects, such as the overpass or pedestrian/bicycle safety improvements, will not be included. Brending said she took last years projects and projected them out including a 5% increase in costs. She said the Humboldt Street project has been moved to priority #1 as it is a project the city is currently working on and will be submitting a Transportation Improvement Board grant in August.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Resolution 2016-006, Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2017-2022. Dan Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Public Hearing – Proposed Amendments to Bingen Municipal Code 15.04, Building Codes

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing regarding proposed ordinance 2016-07-663, Amending BMC Code 15.04 Building Codes.

Jan Brending said the amendments adopt the latest building codes as adopted by the state which go into effect July 1, 2016. She said there is an amendment to the design standards related to roof and ground snow load that has been an issue for a number of years. Brending noted that Marlon Morat, the city's building official, has reviewed and agreed to the proposed amendments.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Stephanie Porter moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-07-663, Amending Bingen Municipal Code 15.04 Building Codes. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Public Hearing – Proposed Amendments to 2016 Budget

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the 2016 budget.

Jan Brending provided an overview to the proposed amendments. She said the amendments add funds for the two professional services contracts approved at the last council meeting. Brending noted that the overhead cost allocations has also been amended due to changes in expenditures.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-08-664, Amending the 2016 Budget. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Small Works Roster Bid Results, Electrical Work Related to Replacement of Magmeters

Jan Brending said the city received one bid for the electrical work related to the replacement of the magmeters. She said the bid is for \$4,689.15 from Industrial Systems, Inc. Brending said she is recommending authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with Industrial Systems Inc. She noted that this is the second time this project was sent out to bid.

Dan Armstrong moved to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Industrial Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$4,689.15. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Amendment, Personal Services Contract, the Watershed Company

Jan Brending presented a proposed amendment to the contract with The Watershed Company. She said the amendment provides for an additional \$4,086 in costs and updates Tasks 9 and 10 in the scope of work. Brending said the city has been working with a property owner who has commented on the draft Shoreline Master Program. She said the work has taken longer than anticipated and the city has requested the consultant meet in person. Brending said because the costs exceed the grant from the Department of Ecology, the funds will come from the city's general fund.

Dan Armstrong moved to authorize the mayor to sign an amendment to the personal services contract with the Watershed Company adding \$4,086 to the contract price and amending Tasks 9 and 10 in the scope of work. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Amendment, Personal Services Contract, Gray & Osborne Inc.

Jan Brending presented a proposed amendment to the contract with Gray & Osborne for services related to developing a joint wastewater system plan. She said the city just recently received comments back from the Department of Ecology. Brending said the amendment extends the contract to the end of the year so that the two cities can complete and adopt the plan.

Catherine Kiewit moved to authorize the mayor to sign an amendment to the personal services contract with Gray & Osborne Inc. extending the time period to the end of the year. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Financing of Joint Wastewater System Plan

Jan Brending said the proposed amendment to the interlocal agreement for financing of the joint wastewater system plan extends it through the end of the year. She noted the City of White Salmon has approved the proposed amendment.

Stephanie Porter moved to authorize the mayor to sign the amendment to the interlocal agreement for financing of the joint wastewater system plan. Dan Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report – May 2016

Jan Brending presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2016.

Dan Armstrong moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2016. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Humboldt Street – Children at Play Signage

Betty Barnes said the city has received a request from a resident on East Humboldt to place "Children at Play" signage on the street.

The council discussed the request and possibly the need for speed bumps. It was noted that the city will not place "Children at Play" signage at this time, however private property owners can place similar signage on their own property. The city has placed traffic counters on East Humboldt that also monitors speed.

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District

Betty Barnes said that the appointment to the MCEDD board representing the three cities in Klickitat County will be up at the end of August. She said Jan Brending is currently filling that position. Barnes said both White Salmon and Goldendale have notified the county that they support Brending in continuing in the position.

Jan Brending noted that she contacted the Goldendale mayor, Mike Cannon, to see if he wanted to fill the position as he has a background in economic development. She said he declined.

There was a consensus of the council to notify Klickitat County that the city supports Jan Brending representing the three cities of Klickitat County on the MCEDD board.

Fireworks

Betty Barnes noted that fireworks are illegal in Bingen. She said signage will be placed around town about the prohibition.

Washington Department of Transportation

Betty Barnes said she and Jan Brending met with WSDOT and discussed the overpass crossing project. She said WSDOT will be working with the city closely and that the city will be in attendance at all meetings with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.

Barnes said the contractor for the chip seal project will be grinding and paving the highway through Bingen. She said the project should start after the 4th of July.

Barnes said WSDOT is providing pedestrian crossing signage at no cost to the city for Steuben Street. She said the public works crew will install the signs with assistance from WSDOT as to the best locations.

Council Position Regarding Oil Trains

Catherine Kiewit said she wrote a letter to the editor regarding the city's position regarding oil trains and its response to the citizens who commented at the last council meeting. Kiewit said she wants the citizens to know that the last council meeting was not the end of the discussion.

Betty Barnes noted the city council did state that it has to be realistic and that it feels the oil trains is not something the city is going to stop.

Pool Meeting

Catherine Kiewit said she attended a pool meeting on June 16. She noted that the City of White Salmon intends to float a levy in February, 2017 for the pool.

Independence Eve

Betty Barnes said the Independence Eve event will be held again on July 3 at the Bingen Theater. She said the donations will be used for scholarships.

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 June 21, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks EFT, 18480-18508 (dated 06/021/2016) totaling \$33,912.38. General Fund – \$24,972.39; Street - \$454.78; Street Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$3,656.92; Water - \$3,450.81; Sewer - \$557.27; Treatment Plant - \$820.21.

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 June 21, 2016 The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 18476-18479 (dated 06/15/2016) totaling \$15,223.81. General Fund – \$5,968.03; Street Fund - \$2,054.80; Water Fund - \$1,902.17; Sewer Fund - \$286.09; Treatment Plant Fund - \$5,012.72.

The council adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor