

**City of Bingen, Washington**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 20, 2018**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Barnes called meeting to order at 8:00 pm

Present: Mayor Barnes

City Administrator: Absent

City Attorney: Chris Lanz

Councilmember(s): Phil Jones, Ryan O'Connor, Laura Mann, Catherine Kiewit and Izzy Schroder

Absent Councilmember(s):

**2. Late Changes to the Agenda**

Swearing in of Student City Council Member: **Chloe McLaughlin**

**3. Public Comment:**

Council will not be discussing animal ordinance tonight. Alisa Garlington presented the council with a petition for allowing chickens in the City limits and details on the White Salmon Ordinance, waste information, and Multnomah County information advocating for hens not ducks. She noted that Hood River had no chicken ordinance. Kelsi Stahl supported the allowance of chickens as a new resident to the City.

Councilmember Kiewit will her own research and provide information to the City Administrator on the subject.

Councilmember Schroder expressed her encouragement to speak up and help the members make positive changes in the neighborhoods.

**4. Swearing into Office**

Chloe McLaughlin was sworn into office as the new Student City Council member.

**5. Bingen/White Salmon Police Report**

Mike Hepner, Police Chief, had no updates. Councilmember Kiewit inquired about the number of traffic stops lately. Mike Hepner, Police Chief, noted recently increased visibility in the area. Councilmember Schroder inquired about any outreach from the community since the Florida School incident. Mike Hepner, Police Chief, the only outreach had come from Hood River to work together on a response planning.

**6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting February 6, 2018 corrections as follows:**

*All references to misspelling of Councilmember O'Connor's name changed the **O'Conner** to **O'Connor**.*

*The misspelling of City Attorney Chris Lenz was corrected to read: **Chris Lanz***

Page 1, Paragraph 2; Public Comment corrected to add verbiage: Councilmember Jones was in favor **and concerned about disease.**

Page 2, Paragraph 1; Minutes of the Previous Meeting January 20, 2018 was corrected *The additional verbiage was added to the end of Councilmember Mann's correction to read: She also requested the insertion of her request to Dale Robbins to provide pictures from a few cities **with medians as traffic directional strategies.***

Page 4, Paragraph 1; New Business Recycle –Garbage Discussion was corrected to include the following as attendees to the meeting attended by City Councilmembers and Staff: **County Representatives Averie and Ruby, Representatives for Republic and White Salmon.**

Page 4 Paragraph 2; New Business, Recycle-Garbage Discussion was corrected with additional verbiage: to the number of homes serviced by the available agencies in Bingen **for garbage service.**

Page 5 Item D; Flag Salute Discussion, the word "to" correctly read: **too.**

***Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Councilmember Schroder.***

SECOND: Councilmember Jones

VOTE: 5-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Jones, O'Connor, Mann, Schroder and Kiewit

NO: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

***\*Motion Passed Unanimously***

## **7. Water Interlocal Agreement/ White Salmon Rate Study Discussion**

Councilmember O'Connor reviewed the White Salmon study and gave his summary report to the council. Councilmember Mann indicated the need for more information and a meeting with committee representatives from White Salmon should be scheduled before signing the agreement. A draft letter was presented to the Council.

\* Note City Administrator to inquire with Gray and Osborne on if and when Bingen had a sewer rate study

***Motion to approve Gray and Osborne to review water agreement with White Salmon up to \$2,000 was made by Councilmember Mann.***

SECOND: Councilmember Jones

VOTE: 5-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Jones, O'Connor, Mann, Schroder and Kiewit

NO: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

***\*Motion Passed Unanimously***

### **8. Resolution –Signatory Powers Accounting**

Council reviewed and discussed the proposed Resolution

***Motion to approve Resolution # 2018-021 was made by Councilmember Mann.***

SECOND: Councilmember Kiewit

VOTE: 5-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Jones, O’Connor, Mann, Schroder and Kiewit

NO: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

***\*Motion Passed Unanimously***

### **9. Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with WSDOT/Bingen Point**

Chris Lanz, City Attorney and Mayor Barnes opened the discussion on GCB 2907.

Councilmember Mann had concerns on Bingen’s obligation for any financial responsibility on this project since it is not a city initiated project or work. There was discussion among the Councilmembers on language of the project agreement. Mayor Barnes will follow up with further questions.

***Motion to approve Mayor Barnes to sign WSDOT Agreement with corrections to language was made by Councilmember Mann.***

SECOND: Councilmember Jones

VOTE: 5-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Jones, O’Connor, Mann, Schroder and Kiewit

NO: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

***\*Motion Passed Unanimously***

### **10. Telecommuting Discussion – Council Absence**

Councilmembers reviewed the RCW guidelines provided for extended absences.

***\*Discussion Only***

### **11. Fire District #3 Fire Commission Discussion**

Tom Montage, Fire Commissioner, Klickitat Districts, discussed the opportunity to improve on training efforts within the department. He spoke to the idea of hiring a “Fire Training Officer”. He provided council with the advantages and details of such a position which meets standard requirements. He suggested a part-time life position with advancement to full-time. Council was provided information on SW Fire Agency Fire Training Officers Position. He noted benefits

to EMS having this Training Officer. Tom Montage also discussed budgetary requirements of the communities' contributions of 50% to a salaried position that is not provided for.

Councilmember Jones asked about the district size required, the response was that the district was adequately sized. There were many questions asked about the position and its impacts on Cities by Councilmembers and the Mayor that included the following: Timelines, Overtime possibilities, Offset of costs to Bingen, # of District Firefighters and Volunteers, Interlocal Agreement timeline, Contribution % reasoning, Position Benefit for Bingen. The responses from Tom Montage were as follows: Agreement in 2018 would prep for budget in 2019, minimal overtime, and no offset of costs to Bingen only Continued Education, Cities would not contribute to salary in 2018, Interlocal Agreement next step, an explanation of the 50% costs.

***\*Discussion Only***

## **12. Old Business**

None Noted

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

Councilmember Kiewit would like the meeting minute's edits to be clearly and specifically documented within the original draft.

## **14. Staff and Committee Reports**

None Noted

## **15. Executive Session-**

Council adjourned to 2 / 15 min sessions to discussion on personnel.

## **15. Voucher Approval**

Vouchers Signed- no notation of motion to approve

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:04 pm.**

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**City Administrator, Cindy Marbut**

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**Mayor, City of Bingen, Betty Barnes**