

## BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**March 15, 2016**

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

### **Approval of Minutes – March 1, 2016**

Stephanie Porter moved to approve the meeting minutes of the March 1, 2016 regularly scheduled meeting. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Equipment Bid – Portable All-In-One Surveillance System**

Jan Brending reported the city received one bid for the portable all-in-one surveillance system: Security Lines US in the amount of \$8,164.63. She recommended the city council accept the bid. Brending noted the purchase of the equipment is included in the current 2016 budget.

Dan Armstrong moved to accept the bid from Security Lines US for a portable all-in-one surveillance system in the amount of \$8,164.63. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **March Newsletter Review**

The council and staff reviewed the draft March newsletter. Jan Brending noted that if the fire department does not flush hydrants in April or May she will replace that news article with something else. Council members made some recommendations for wording changes on several articles.

### **Treasurer's Report – December 2015 Corrected and January 2016 Corrected**

Jan Brending said the December 2015 and January 2016 Treasurer's Reports have been corrected due to a coding error in 2015 which was found while working the 2015 annual report. She said because it affected the ending balances for funds in 2015 it then affected the beginning balances for 2016.

Catherine Kiewit moved to accept the corrected reports for December 2015 and January 2016. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Big River Indian Smokeshop***

Betty Barnes said Jan Brending was able to contact someone with the Yakama Nation and sent an e-mail. Barnes said she also spoke with the Davis Washines, General Council Chairman who offered to take the information directly to the tribal council. She said the General Council represents the people and that the Tribal Council is the executive branch of the nation. Barnes noted that Ty Young stated on his application that he had talked to all the neighbors and that the property was commercial. She said that an applicant cannot make deceptive statements on the application.

Catherine Kiewit said she wished the project could have been better discussed before it was ever developed. She said that she is also concerned about the other tribal property and asked who is responsible for it.

Kiewit said she did communicate with Ty Young about setting up a neighborhood meeting. She said she provided him with her e-mail address. Kiewit said he would like to know of any issues that come up regarding the business and would like to be notified. She said he is agreeable to having a meeting. Kiewit asked if city hall would be available and the answer was yes. Kiewit also said Young had seen the article in the newspaper and that he felt bad because he doesn't want any conflict.

Jan Brending noted that the smokeshop in Bingen is not the only location in the county.

Betty Barnes noted they only sell one kind of cigarette which may have an effect on how many customers they have.

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

#### ***SDS Tour***

Betty Barnes said that she spoke with Jason Spadero about the SDS tour for council members and that SDS was very happy to do the tour. She said SDS would like to offer the tour to other council members. Barnes said she has suggested if possible doing it when the day's are longer so council members who work could attend.

Catherine Kiewit said she felt the tour was fascinating.

***Bingen Point Overpass***

Betty Barnes said she and Jan Brending attended a meeting with Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Klickitat County and the Port to begin discussions on the Bingen Point overpass project. She said WSDOT has begun surveying the right-of-way which will be ongoing. Barnes said WSDOT has agreed to do a traffic mobility study.

***Animal Control***

Betty Barnes said the city has received only one application to date which was not completely filled out. She said she would like to hold off on interviews until the city has received several applications.

***Council Member Absence***

Catherine Kiewit noted she will not be present on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Stephanie Porter noted that is her due date also.

Jan Brending said the city may have to schedule a special meeting if there is not a quorum.

***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 March 15, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT and checks 18264-18292 (dated 03/15/16) totaling \$23154.60. General Fund – \$15663.11; Street - \$646.54; Water - \$4813.45; Sewer - \$644.98; Treatment Plant - \$1386.52.

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 March 15, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 18259 (dated 03/08/16) totaling \$1,997.25. Fire Equipment Fund - \$1,997.25.

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 March 15, 2016 The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 18260-18263 (dated 03/15/2016) totaling \$12,524.66. General Fund – \$5491.03; Street Fund - \$1694.01; Water Fund - \$1346.12; Sewer Fund - \$233.47; Treatment Plant Fund - \$3760.03.

The council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor