

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 7:30 p.m. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, Izzy Schroder, Dan Armstrong. Council members absent: Stephanie Porter. Staff present: City Attorney Chris Lanz, City Administrator Jan Brending. Audience present: Michelle Scott, D R O'Hara.

Public Comment

Catherine Kiewit, Bingen

Catherine Kiewit said she wanted to thank the council members, mayor and staff for the time that they put into the community. She said the residents of Bingen are very fortunate to have the council members, mayor and staff.

Betty Barnes said she can say the same thing for Catherine Kiewit.

Council Vacancy

Betty Barnes said she spoke to someone regarding the council position but did not get any commitment.

Catherine Kiewit said she also spoke to Laura Mann who said she would try to help find someone for the position.

Izzy Schroder said she had the idea of putting something on her Facebook page regarding the position but learned because she is a council member it might be better to have a friend post something.

Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2016

Izzy Schroder moved to approve the meeting minutes of the November 15, 2016 council meeting as presented. Dan Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Final Public Hearing – 2017 Budget

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing for the 2017 budget.

Jan Brending noted that based on the council's decision to provide \$4,000 to Washington Gorge Action Programs for the Youth Center; the budget was changed to reflect that decision.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Proposed Ordinance 2016-14-670, Adopting the 2017 Budget

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve Ordinance 2016-14-670, adopting the 2017 Budget. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Review of City Attorney Contract

Betty Barnes said the contract with Chris Lanz remains the same as last year.

Izzy Schroder thanked Chris Lanz for not increasing the rates and for being willing to remain with the city.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the 2017 contract with Chris Lanz for city attorney services. Dan Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Personal Services Contract Amendment, The Watershed Company, Shoreline Master Program

Jan Brending said the proposed amendment extends the period of the contract from December 31, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Brending reviewed the remaining schedule for finalizing the shoreline master program.

Catherine Kiewit moved to accept the proposed amendment to the personal services contract with The Watershed Company extending the period of the contract from December 31, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Personal Services Contract Amendment, Gray & Osborne, Humboldt Street

Jan Brending said the proposed amendment extends the period of the contract retroactively from August 31, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Brending said the technical memorandum for the Humboldt Street project has been completed. She said the city was not successful in its Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant however it will be resubmitted next year after meeting with the TIB engineer.

Dan Armstrong moved to accept the proposed amendment to the personal services contract with Gray & Osborne retroactively extending the period of the contract from August 31, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Agreement, Washington Gorge Action Programs Youth Center

Jan Brending said the language of the agreement is the same as last year except that it provides for \$4,000 in return for services.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the 2017 agreement with Washington Gorge Action Programs Youth Center in the amount of \$4,000. Dan Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Interlocal Agreement, Skamania County, Building Inspection and Plan Review Services

Jan Brending presented the proposed 2017 interlocal agreement with Skamania County for building inspection and plan review services. She said there is a slight increase in the prices for 2017 and that other than the prices increases the language remains the same.

Izzy Schroder moved to approve the 2017 interlocal agreement with Skamania County for building inspection and plan review services. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Interlocal Agreement, Skamania County, Incarceration Services

Jan Brending said the proposed 2017 interlocal agreement remains the same as 2016 with no price increases.

Dan Armstrong moved to approve the 2017 interlocal agreement with Skamania County for incarceration services. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report – October 2016

Jan Brending presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2016. She said the November report will be presented at the next council meeting along with the final budget amendment for 2016.

Izzy Schroder moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2016. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Santa Parade and Santa in the Park

Betty Barnes said the event will be held on Friday, December 16 with the parade leaving the fire hall at 6:00 p.m. and arriving approximately at 6:30 p.m. in the park.

The council discussed the route of the parade.

Bingen Point Overpass

Betty Barnes said the meetings regarding the overpass are going well. She said a couple of issues have come up that she will be discussing with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and then possibly with the council.

Truck Traffic Meeting with WSDOT

Betty Barnes said she and Jan Brending will be meeting with WSDOT regarding truck traffic on highway 14. She said she is going to suggest that a mitigation factor WSDOT could do would be to install solar powered push-button flashing lights at the crosswalks.

City Priorities

Betty Barnes said she would like the council to discuss priorities for 2017 after the first of the year.

Jan Brending will provide council members with information regarding priorities from previous years.

Klickitat County Economic Development Strategy

Betty Barnes said Jan Brending will be attending a Klickitat County economic development strategy meeting on December 14th.

Klickitat County Emergency Management Plan

Betty Barnes said the county is working on some amendments to the county's emergency management plan due to the emergency management department now managing county dispatching.

Bonneville Power Administration Big Eddy Powerline

Betty Barnes reported that the ball markers on the Big Eddy powerline have now been installed. She said Congresswoman Jaimie Herrera-Beutler was instrumental in getting the project completed.

City Christmas Tree

Betty Barnes said it was the intent to use the Dickey Farms evergreen tree instead of an SDS tree this year. She said, however, that there was a miscommunication and SDS provided the city a tree so made the decision to go ahead and use it this year.

Street Safety Issues

Izzy Schroder said she is concerned with traffic on Jefferson, Maple and Cherry streets. She said people are using them as a short-cut into the port or to travel east on Highway 14. Schroder said people have been running the stop sign at Maple and Franklin. She asked if it was possible to monitor the quantity of traffic and speed in the area.

Betty Barnes and Jan Brending said that traffic counters can be set up on Jefferson and other streets to count traffic and the speed, similar to what was done on Humboldt Street.

Crossings Blocked by Trains

Catherine Kiewit said she has noticed that there are trains sometimes stopped and seem to be blocking both crossings at Maple and Walnut. She asked if something can be done about it.

Betty Barnes said she can speak with BNSF. She noted that trains do have to stop occasionally as freight is loaded from SDS Lumber.

Maple Street

Catherine Kiewit noted that South Maple Street can get really muddy. She asked who is responsible for street cleaning.

Betty Barnes said ultimately the city. She said she will speak with Jason Spadero about the issue as it is result of people going in and out of SDS Lumber.

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 December 6, 2016, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT and checks 18813-18868 (dated 12/06/2016) totaling \$105,804.82. General Fund – \$37,034.49; Street - \$2,962.51; Water - \$12,201.73; Sewer - \$2,770.66; Treatment Plant - \$5,874.35; Water Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$44,571.52; Treatment Plant Improvement Fund - \$389.56.

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 December 6, 2016, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 18811-18812 (dated 11/30/2016) totaling \$470.48. Court Remittance Agency Fund - \$470.48.

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 December 6, 2016, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 18806-18810 (dated 11/30/2016) totaling \$23,607.71. General Fund – \$10,614.22; Street - \$3,654.73; Water - \$2,382.22; Sewer - \$405.00; Treatment Plant - \$6,551.54.

Executive Session

Betty Barnes announced at 8:10 p.m., the city council will meet in Executive Session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 20 minutes.

At 8:30 p.m. the city council resumed regular session and announced it will continue in Executive Session for an addition 15 minutes.

At 8:45 p.m. the city council resumed regular session and announced it will continue in Executive Session for an addition 5 minutes.

At 8:50 p.m. the council resumed regular session and adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor