

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – August 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Catherine Kiewit at 6:30 pm. Council Members Present: Laura Mann, Ryan O'Connor, Phil Jones, Isolde Schroder (via telephone). Staff Members Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Cheyenne Willey, City Attorney Chris Lanz. Audience Present: Ken Park, Tamara Kaufman, , Public Works Superintendent David Spratt.

Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tempore Kiewit announced at 6:30 p.m. that the city council would meet in Executive Session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 15 minutes.

The council resumed regular session at 6:45 p.m. and announced it will continue to meet in Executive Session for 15 minutes.

At 7:00 p.m. the city council resumed regular session.

Councilmember Schroder left the meeting.

Public Comment

Tammy Kaufman

Kaufman said Esina Alic, CEO of Insitu, had spoken at a White Salmon/Bingen Rotary Club meeting earlier in the day and would be speaking to the Rotary Club of Hood River on Thursday. Kaufman invited the council to attend the Hood River Rotary Club meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2018

Corrections were noted as follows:

Page 1, paragraph 1

“Council Members Present: Catherine Kiewit, Laura Mann, Ryan O'Connor, Phil Jones, Isolde Schroder **(via telephone).**”

Page 1, paragraph 10

“Councilmember Kiewit ~~at recycling meeting discussed immediate camera for recycle center~~ **reported that security measures for the recycling site were discussed and that the county would be purchasing a camera for the recycling center.**”

Page 2, paragraph 5

“Councilmember Schroder asked ~~via telephone~~ if fault had been established in the rollover vehicle accident on Humboldt Street.”

Page 4, paragraph 11

“Breeding said there had been two loans authorized for 2018, and that only ~~on~~ **one** was activated.”

Page 6, paragraph 5

“There was a consensus that there should be an art installation ~~in the center of the~~, as well as electricity in the center of the roundabout and the medians.”

Page 6, paragraph 7

“Barnes said she spoke with **Jesse Jessie Burke** from ~~the~~ **The** Society Hotel about train horns.”

Page 7, paragraph 3

“Councilmember Mann **said** the point she had intended to make was that ~~The~~ **the** Bingen City Council was told that Everybody’s Brewing would not be receiving their occupancy permit until the loading issue was mitigated. **She felt White Salmon and Bingen needed to be transparent with Everybody’s Brewing.**”

Council Member Mann moved to approve the meeting minutes of the July 17, 2018 regular council meeting as corrected. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Authorization to Approve Suggested Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) Ballot title and Explanatory Statement

Councilmember Mann explained the changes made to the suggested ballot title, and said when she read initial version she thought it had not been accurate. Mann explained she spoke with Karen Skiles and spoke with members of the White Salmon City Council, resulting the in the slight language changes.

Mann said the proposed ballot title would give the MPD the authorization to operate a new pool and demolish the old pool eventually.

Mann said as of yesterday at noon there had not been any filings for the five board positions. She said by later in the afternoon, three people had stepped up, and before the day closed five individuals had filed. She also noted that another five people had expressed interest in helping out if the MPD is approved by voters.

Mann said WMS Aquatic had been working with the City of White Salmon regarding the pool design with the hope that the MPD would be successful. She said the current plan was for an uncovered pool.

Councilmember O’Connor moved to approve the Suggested Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) Ballot title and Explanatory Statement. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council discussed the rules regarding advocacy of ballot items as elected officials.

Old Business

WSDOT Bingen Point Access Project – Design Discussion

The Council discussed the plans for the Bingen Point Access Improvement Project.

Clerk-Treasurer Willey said she would continue to bring information to the Council as it was available from WSDOT.

Public Works Superintendent Spratt discussed a memo he had written and shared pictures of The Dalles’ roundabout and center art installation. Spratt also explained to the council that WSDOT had proposed either Shot-Crete or grouted Rip-Rap as options for the walls and railroad bridge abutments.

The Council discussed the pros and cons of both Shot-Crete and grouted Rip-Rap. It was noted that the grouted Rip-Rap was more aesthetically pleasing and would present a difficult surface to graffiti.

Ken Park suggested if Shock-Crete were chosen, a mural could be commissioned to prevent graffiti.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

The Council discussed traffic calming measures, including the suggested placement of stop signs as previously submitted to staff by Councilmember Schroder.

It was pointed out by Councilmember Kiewit that stop signs were not recommended to be used for traffic calming. And Ryan O'Connor mentioned that the manual on MUTCD also stated the same thing.

The Council discussed traffic flow patterns and the impact upcoming WSDOT projects could have on the project.

Public Works Superintendent Spratt mentioned that the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidelines suggested an engineering study prior to the placement of stop signs.

The Council discussed the traffic-calming study recently completed by Gray & Osborne, and the recommended use of speed bumps and humps.

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 August 21, 2018.

The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list:

Checks 20133-20137 and Payroll EFT (Dated 7/31/18) totaling \$26,878.76. General Fund - \$12,251.37, Street Fund - \$4,158.56, Water Fund - \$2,865.93, Sewer Fund - \$525.21, Treatment Plant Fund - \$7,077.69.

Checks 20138 (Dated 8/3/18) and 20139-20183 (Dated 8/7/18) totaling \$140,335.20. General Fund - \$16,358.41, Street Fund - \$2,459.76, Community Development Fund - \$78,909.26, Street Construction & Maint. Fund - \$3,115.05 Water Fund - \$14,528.42, Sewer Fund - \$381.12, Treatment Plant Fund - \$9,064.32, Sewer Capital Reserve Fund \$15,518.86.

The council adjourned at 9:30 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor