

## BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Catherine Kiewit at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Ryan O'Connor, Isolde Schroder, Laura Mann, Catherine Kiewit, Phil Jones, and Student Council Member Cesar Robles. Staff present: City Attorney Chris Lanz, Police Chief Mike Hepner. Audience present: Tammy Kaufman, Leslie Naramore.

### **Bingen-White Salmon Police Department Update**

Police Chief Mike Hepner asked the council if they had any questions regarding the loss of the resident officer in Bingen.

Council Member Kiewit said it brought to light that the loss may invoke questions from the community and residents reaching out to the officer.

Chief Hepner expressed how much of an asset Officer Virgen is to the police department, and explained that by moving out of town he can now be done for the day by living elsewhere. Hepner said the issues Officer Virgen faced will continue to be an issue when officers live where they patrol.

Chief Hepner said there had been a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) incident recently, but that other than that it had been quiet. He noted that the officers of the Bingen- White Salmon Police Department are out to make the community safe.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2017**

The following corrections were made to the meeting minutes of the December 19, 2017 regular council meeting:

#### *Page 1, paragraph 1*

“The meeting was called to order by Mayor Barnes J. Barnes at 7:05 p.m. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, ~~Laura Mann~~, Ryan O'Connor, Phil Jones, and Student Council Member Cesar Robles. Staff present: Deputy Clerk Cheyenne Willey, City Attorney Chris Lanz. Audience present: Ken Alexander, Ken Park.”

#### *Page 1, paragraph 3 [December 5, 2017 meeting minutes - corrections]*

“Staff present: Deputy Clerk Cheyenne Willey, City Attorney Chris Lanz. Audience present: Ken Park, Tammy Kaufman, Jessie Burke, Jonathan Cohen, Matt Siegel, Gabe Grenauer, Richard Foster, Tony Gilmer, Devin Reck, **Stephanie Bethany** Vermaas, James Newman.”

#### *Page 1, paragraph 6 [December 5, 2017 meeting minutes - corrections]*

“**Stephanie Bethany** Vermaas said between 5 and 5.5%.”

#### *Page 2, paragraph 6*

“Ken Alexander, Gray & Osborne, presented the proposal received from Technical Systems Incorporated (TSI) for \$112,266.00. Alexander notes that the proposal was about \$4,000 higher than what Gray & Osborne engineers had ~~estimates~~ **estimated**, so he felt the figure was very appropriate. He also mentioned that the bid did not reflect the cost completely accurately, as it had been rounded to an even number. Alexander said there would be an additional ~~\$0.55~~ **\$0.55** included for taxes, bringing the final total bid amount to \$112,266.55.”

*Page 3, paragraph 5*

“Council Member Jones moved to award the Water Utility SCADA Contract to TSI in the amount of ~~\$\$\$~~ **\$112,266.55**. Council Member Kiewit seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.”

*Page 4, paragraph 1*

“Council Member Kiewit asked if **the** City wanted underground utilities or a separate sidewalk done, that it would have to be part of a separate proposal.”

*Page 5, paragraph 10*

“Mayor Barnes said the City of White Salmon did a study with a consulting company and had been **charging on** an **in**appropriate price for a couple of years as she understood it.”

*Page 5, paragraph 16*

“Council Member Kiewit mentioned that ~~now~~ the council has approved the 2018 budget based on **inaccurate** information ~~that is no longer accurate~~.”

*Page 6, paragraph 7*

“Mayor Barnes said the parade was planned to follow the same route as always, going east to ~~east~~ **west** down Bingen streets.”

Council Member Kiewit moved to approve the meeting minutes of the December 19, 2017 regular council meeting as corrected. Council Member O’Connor seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Washington Gorge Action Programs – Youth Center Update**

*Leslie Naramore, Director, Washington Gorge Action Programs (WGAP)*

Director Naramore introduced herself and updated the council on the community youth center. Naramore said in 2017 there were 90 kids using the facility, but noted that enrollment levels fluctuate. Naramore said last year the youth center had a Klickitat river rafting event, and also held an event with Makerspace. Naramore said the kids receive dinner twice a week, and said that children from all walks of life use the facility.

Council Member Kiewit asked what the age range was for enrolled children.

Director Naramore said the kids range from 7 years old to 17 years old. She said the kids can come to the youth center after school until 7:00 pm for free. She noted that many parents depend on the service, and that during school vacations the facility is open from 12:00 – 5:00 pm.

Council Member Kiewit asked how children can begin to attend.

Director Naramore said any child can attend once an enrollment form is completed. She said kids are able to ride the bus and are escorted from the bus stop.

Council Member Mann asked what adults work at the youth center.

Director Naramore said Autumn Williams and Jerry Schneider run the community youth center.

Council Member Schroder asked what the future of the youth center would be.

Director Naramore said the plan is to continue operations like normal.

Chief Hepner suggested approaching Wal-Mart for grant sponsorship.

Council Member Mann thanked Director Naramore for the hard work, fundraising, and outreach she had accomplished. Mann asked Naramore to update the council on the status of other WGAP programs.

Director Naramore informed the council that WGAP plans to provide services to the Goldendale area soon.

Tamara Kaufman thanked director Naramore for her assistance with the Insitu fundraiser event.

Council Member Kiewit asked Naramore what type of services WGAP offered for mental health.

Director Naramore responded that WGAP works with Comprehensive Health on mental health matters.

Council Member Kiewit asked what percentage of WGAP clients were citizens of Bingen.

Director Naramore said she wasn't sure, but she would provide the data for the council.

Council Member Kiewit asked if the Guided Path project had been completed.

Director Naramore said yes, it had.

Chief Hepner mentioned that the housing services offered by WGAP at the Guided Path had been very helpful to law enforcement.

Council Member Kiewit asked if Naramore had a need for volunteers.

Director Naramore said volunteers are always needed, at almost every department within WGAP. She added that some volunteer opportunities were also open to children that met age limit restrictions.

Mayor Betty J. Barnes arrived at 7:24 pm.

### **Proposed Agreement - Skamania County, Building Inspection and Plan Review Services**

Council Member Kiewit moved to table the Proposed Agreement - Skamania County, Building Inspection and Plan Review Services until the meeting of January 16, 2018. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Oath of Office – Phil Jones, Council Position #3**

Mayor Barnes administered the Oath of Office to Phil Jones, Bingen City Council Position #3.

### **Oath of Office – Catherine Kiewit, Council Position #5**

Mayor Barnes administered the Oath of Office to Catherine Kiewit, Bingen City Council Position #5.

### **Council Committee Appointments**

Council Member Jones will assume Council Member Schroder's position on the Budget Committee.

Council Members Mann and Kiewit will remain on the Water and Sewer Committee. Mayor Barnes updated the Water and Sewer Committee's purview to include Solid Waste.

Council Member O'Connor will serve on the Fire Committee, with Council Member Jones as his alternate. Deputy Clerk Willey will notify Council Member O'Connor when Fire Board Meetings occur or are cancelled.

Council Members Schroder, Mann, and Student Council Member Robles will serve on the Parks and Street Committee.

Mayor Barnes said the Water and Sewer Committee needed to meet soon.

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

#### *Santa Parade*

Mayor Barnes asked how the Santa Parade went.

Council Member Kiewit said it was small but successful. She said the smaller turnout was possibly weather-related. Kiewit said the event was very special with the caroling and items provided by the community businesses, and that Santa was great. Kiewit said Stephanie Porter did an excellent job and the kids loved it.

#### *City Administrator*

Mayor Barnes announced that Cindy Marbut had been hired for the position of City Administrator, and would be starting on January 16, 2018.

### **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 January 2, 2018. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: Payroll EFT, Checks 19687-19692 (dated 12/29/2017) totaling \$23,536.04. General Fund - \$8,906.11, Street Fund - \$4,088.67, Water Fund - \$3,076.39, Sewer Fund - \$516.96, Treatment Plant Fund - \$6,947.91.

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 January 2, 2018. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: Checks 19700-19713 (dated 12/30/2017) totaling \$27,288.42. General Fund - \$3,333.04, Street Fund - \$3,096.84, Street Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$6,028.35, Water Fund - \$1,346.70, Sewer Fund - \$332.74, Treatment Plant Fund - \$2,933.27, Water Capital Reserve Fund - \$10,178.54, Treatment Plant Improvement Fund - \$38.94.

The council adjourned 8:25 pm.

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City Clerk

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Mayor