

City of Bingen, Washington
City Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 3, 2018

1. Call to Order

Mayor Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance

City Administrator: Cindy Marbut

City Attorney: Chris Lanz

Councilmember(s): Phil Jones, Catherine Kiewit and Ryan O'Connor

Absent Councilmember(s): Laura Mann and Izzy Schroder

Student Council: Chloe McLaughlin

2. Public Comment:

There was no public comment

3. Bingen/White Salmon Police Report

Frank Randall, Police Officer attended the council meeting in place of Mike Hepner, Police Chief. He discussed the Monthly Activity Log of police activity for March. Topics discussed were reckless driving increased activity, domestic violence calls, citations at the recycling center and how the city wanted them handled and the need for increased patrols now that the weather is getting better.

4. Late Changes to the Agenda-

None

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting March 20, 2018 with corrections as follows:

*Correction was made in the removal of voting members as part of the **Discussion Only on the bottom of page 3.***

6. Resolution # 2018.023 Newspaper of Record

After brief discussion on the clarification of the RCW (Revised Code of Washington) in relation to the selection of newspapers of record and discussion with City Attorney Chris Lanz, **A motion was made to accept Resolution # 2018.023 as amended to read " Whereas, the City of Bingen is required to select a publication newspaper of record and the City Council of Bingen, Washington desires to make that selection of a publication newspaper to remain unchanged until a competitor news agency has been established in the local area that would provide the same or equal to services" by Councilmember Jones**

SECOND: Councilmember O'Connor

VOTE: 3-0

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

NO: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Schroder and Mann

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

****Motion Passed Unanimously***

7. AWC- MRSC Small Works Roster – Discussion/Approval

There was a brief discussion on the cost benefits and time savings to the City if the City Council approved the joining of the MRSC Small Works Roster. The City Administrator, Cindy Marbut, cited areas of benefits to the City in efficiencies and overhead. Councilmember Kiewit was assured that the use of single sources would still be allowable when necessary due to the size of the city and the limited resources available. ***A motion to authorize the joining of the MRSC Small Works Roster for Vendors and Consultants was made by Councilmember Kiewit***

SECOND: Councilmember Jones

VOTE: 3-0

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

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Mann and Schroder

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

****Motion Passed Unanimously***

8. Request for Plumbing Services – Fire Chief Spratt

A formal request for the addition of plumbing to be added to the fire hall was made in order to place a washing machine to wash the turnouts of the volunteers. Currently they are taken home and washed. There was discussion on they type of washing machine and its durability to last longer than 1 year. There was discussion on budgetary impacts and whether or not using the funding available would impact other needs by the Fire Dept. A rough quote was provided by Public Works to the council. Requests for additional information on the budgetary impacts and actual quote costs were asked to be provided at a future meeting.

****Discussion Only***

9. Traffic Safety Signage

This agenda item will be held over to the next meeting

10. Mayor's Update and Council Comments

The Mayor asked Council to approve donation to the Boy Scouts for the purchase of a flag, Councilmember Kiewit expressed purchasing 2 flags. Chris Lanz, City Attorney, suggested that the Boy Scouts come and do a presentation to the city once the flags were available. There was discussion on the cities flag pole outside of City Hall. Ideas for repairs were given nothing definitive was decided.

A motion to purchase 2 flags from the Boy Scouts was made by Councilmember Kiewit

SECOND: Councilmember O'Connor

VOTE: 3-0

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

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Mann and Schroder

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

****Motion Passed Unanimously***

Mayor Barnes discussed the upcoming meeting with Ken Alexander regarding the work he performed on the water rate study. She also noted that council had in their packets the weekly water report. She would be meeting Dale Robbins with Regional Transportation Commission and discuss the Traffic Circulation Study grant options in the next week. There was discussion on the wrap up of the USDA Income Study done and timing of getting the payment in for reimbursement.

14. Staff and Committee Reports

City Administrator, Cindy Marbut acknowledged appreciation for paper reductions. She explained the need to replace and or remove the dead Sequoia tree in the park. More information on possibilities will be brought to next council meeting.

15. Executive Session- None

16. Voucher Approval

A motion to pay the vouchers was made by Councilmember Kiewit in the amount of \$111,164.49

001 General Fund	\$49,329.31
101 Street Fund	\$9,257.62
155 Street Const & Maint.	\$5,249.66
401 Water Fund	\$24,359.16
403 Sewer Fund	\$14,315.24
405 Treatment Plant	\$13,903.16
421 Capital Res.	\$

SECOND: Councilmember Jones

VOTE: 3-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Jones, Kiewit and O'Conner

NO: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Mann and Schroder

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

****Motion Passed Unanimously***
Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm.

City Administrator, Cindy Marbut

Mayor, City of Bingen, Betty Barnes