

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES – April 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 6:30 pm. Council Members Present: Catherine Kiewit, Laura Mann, Isolde Schroder, Ryan O’Connor, Phil Jones, Student Council Member Chloe McLaughlin. Staff Members Present: City Administrator Cindy Marbut, City Attorney Chris Lanz, Police Chief Mike Hepner. Audience Present:

Executive Session

Betty Barnes announced at 6:30 pm that the City Council will go into Executive Session for 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

At 7:00 pm the Council resumed regular session.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department Update

Police Chief Mike Hepner shared information regarding a White Salmon Resident missing in Mexico.

Late Changes to the Agenda

Agenda Items 14 and 9 were removed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2017

The following corrections were made to the meeting minutes of the April 3, 2018 regular council meeting:

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

Council Member Jones moved to approve the meeting minutes of the April 3, 2018 regular council meeting as corrected. Council Member O’Connor seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Port of Hood River Bridge – Advisory Board Vs. Partnership

There was a discussion regarding the letter presented to the council for approval. The letter was drafted by the Executive Director of the Port of Klickitat, County Commissioner Rex Johnston, and both Bingen and White Salmon Mayors, and addressed concerns the Washington entities had with the creation of the Port of Hood River’s BRAG (Bridge Replacement Advisory Group). Some council members were concerned about the tone and wording of the draft letter.

It was agreed to not sign the letter yet and continue the discussion at the May 1 Bingen City Council meeting.

Ken Alexander Water Rate Study - Discussion

Ken addressed questions councilors wanted clarified before the joint water meeting with White Salmon. He said Wayne of Gray and Osborne would be available by phone during the meeting with White Salmon scheduled for April 26, 2018.

Gray & Osborne Contract Renewal – Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan

Council Member Jones moved to approve the renewal of the contract with Gray and Osborne for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan, with the retroactive date to read December 31, 2016 – June 30, 2018. Council Member Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Public Hearing – Chickens

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing regarding proposed Ordinance #2018.08.670 at 7:20.

No comments were made.

Mayor Barnes closed the public hearing at 7:21 pm.

Chicken Ordinance #2018.08.670 / Application – Approval

There was a consensus that mirror corrections were needed for formatting, typos, and consistency between the ordinance and the application form.

Council asked staff to make the changes discussed for review and a vote at the May 1, 2018 Council meeting.

Traffic Safety Signage - Mayor's Update

Mayor Barnes thanked Council Member Kiewit for her assistance on the grant application for the Washington State Department of Transportation City Safety Grant. The request was for \$109,000 to improve Bingen's crosswalk visibility and speed signage.

Council Member Schroder inquired about sign placement and timeline.

Park Tree Removal/Placement

Council discussed the removal of the diseased Sequoia tree in Daubenspeck Park and replacing it with a Crimson King Maple from Good News Gardening.

Council Member Schroder moved to approve the purchase of a Crimson King Maple tree from Good News Gardening and fencing materials totaling no more than \$1000. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Barnes led the discussion on Klickitat County Fire District 3's proposed joint Training Officer. Council discussed the job description and pros/cons of the administrative aspect of the position.

There was a consensus to notify the district that Bingen will not be contributing for the paid position, but based on the person hired into the position and the needs of the Bingen Fire Department, that Bingen may be interested in contracting for specific training services.

Mayor Barnes gave an update on the Washington State Department of Transportation crosswalk re-striping timeline, due to WSDOT street inventory.

The council discussed low maintenance landscaping options for the Bingen Point access Improvement Project.

Staff Comments/Reports

Council Member O'Connor said a local business was observed with a flashing bulb illuminating heir sign.

The council discussed flashing signs for businesses and what was permissible in the ordinance.

Mayor Barnes said she would reach out to the business owner.

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 April 17, 2018. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: Checks 19936-19960 (Dated 4/17/18) totaling \$34,735.40. General Fund - \$3,115.91, Street Fund - \$611.55, Street Construction Fund - \$10,819.39, Water Fund - \$985.90, Sewer Fund - \$306.59, Treatment Plant Fund - \$1,118.18, Water Capital Reserve Fund - \$16,799.77, Sewer Capital Reserve Fund \$978.11.

The council adjourned at [redacted] pm.

City Clerk

Mayor