

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, Dan Armstrong, Stephanie Porter, Izzy Schroder. Staff present: City Attorney Craig Trummel, City Administrator Jan Brending. Audience: Michelle Scott.

City Council Vacancy

Betty Barnes reported that the council vacancy notice has been sent to Radio Tierra and the Hood River radio station for additional advertising.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department Update

Betty Barnes said that Tracy Wyckoff will not be in attendance. She said he has provided an e-mail regarding the number of overtime hours that the proposed criminal justice sales tax revenue would support which is approximately 946. Barnes asked the council if they would like to take action on supporting the proposed criminal justice sales tax.

Catherine Kiewit said she is concerned that business owners may have comments regarding the proposed increase. She asked Betty Barnes if she has heard any comments or has talked to business owners.

Barnes said she could talk to the business owners by the next council meeting.

Catherine Kiewit said she thinks the proposed sales tax increase would have a positive affect over the long-term.

Barnes noted the city council would want to take action dedicating the proposed sales tax increase to drug enforcement.

Approval of Minutes – April 5, 2016

Stephanie Porter moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting on April 5, 2016 as presented. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Public Hearing – Proposed 2016 Budget Amendments

Betty Barnes opened the public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the 2016 budget.

Catherine Kiewit asked if Jay Hick's salary is only split between street and parks.

Jan Brending said no, but the temporary worker will be doing only street and park work and will not be doing work related to the water and sewer department unless there is an emergency.

The city council discussed the addition of "Marijuana Enforcement" revenues to the budget.

Jan Brending noted those funds go towards paying the law enforcement contract with the City of White Salmon. She said the funds are subject to the Washington State Legislature in that they could change the provision of the revenues to the city. Brending noted that the adoption of a sales tax increase would provide for more continuity in revenue for such things as drug enforcement.

Jan Brending explained how a riding lawn mower is used for street maintenance.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Proposed Ordinance 2016-06-662, Amending the Budget for the Year 2016

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-06-662, Amending the Budget for the Year 2016. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report – March 2016

Jan Brending presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2016. She said the budget is on track.

Izzy Schroder moved to accept the March 2016 Treasurer's Report. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Daubenspeck Skatepark Donor Signage

Jan Brending reported the donor signage is in and will be installed next Wednesday.

WSDOT Chip Seal Project

Betty Barnes said she, Catherine Kiewit and Jan Brending met with representatives from Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) today regarding the chip seal project and crosswalks. She noted that the oil from the chip seal portion of the project is still coming up. Barnes reported that WSDOT will be testing an intersection to see if putting some sand down on the area will help absorb some of the oil. She said that because the crosswalks and striping cannot be done until it warms up and the oil is addressed, WSDOT will put down some temporary striping for the city's major crosswalks. Barnes said they will do a test area to make sure it stays down. She also noted that originally WSDOT was billing the city for the side street crosswalks but they will be refunding the money the city has already paid and will not bill the city for any of the work.

Oak and Humboldt Street Crossing

Betty Barnes said she and Jan Brending met with a different set of WSDOT representatives regarding the Oak and Humboldt Street crossing. She said that previously they had discussed installing concrete bump outs at the crosswalk to provide some protection for pedestrians. Barnes said that at the recent meeting they showed the city drawings that had paint down on the asphalt versus concrete bump outs. She said they will be revising the drawings looking at installing bump outs with curbs only and signage.

Jan Brending noted that she spoke to Klickitat County about the costs of installing solar powered flashing lights at the crossing. She said the county has installed them at the Grange Hall crossing in White Salmon and they work very well. Brending said the county paid approximately \$9,000 for the lights and installed the lights themselves. She said she is recommending the city pay to have flashing lights installed at the crossing.

Betty Barnes noted that when the city receives revised drawings she will be speaking with several business owners including NAPA and Hatt's (due to the large fuel truck that turns from Humboldt Street onto Oak Street). She said WSDOT is hoping to do the project this summer.

Highway 141 Pedestrian Path

Betty Barnes said that WSDOT has dropped the desire to change the speed limit to a consistent speed on Highway 141 because they determined that 30 miles per hour in downtown White Salmon would not be appropriate. She said WSDOT is proposing to narrow the travel lanes on Highway 141 from Bingen to White Salmon and widen the pedestrian path. Barnes said that should be done this summer.

Animal Control Officer

Betty Barnes said that due to the cost of advertising in the newspapers she is recommending not advertising for a few weeks. She said notices have been put up in a number of businesses in Bingen and that some additional notices could be placed in White Salmon.

Brending said she will place an advertisement on Gorge.Net's classifieds website.

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 19, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 18361-18384 (dated 04/19/2016) totaling \$24976.65. General Fund – \$3831.89; Street - \$1352.54; Community Development Fund - \$4,143.85; Park Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$3250.00; Water - \$3071.52; Sewer - \$2274.65; Treatment Plant - \$7052.20.

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 19, 2016 The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 18333-18336 (dated 04/15/2016) totaling \$12588.57. General Fund – \$5486.32; Street Fund - \$1694.02; Water Fund - \$1365.15; Sewer Fund - \$233.49; Treatment Plant Fund - \$3809.59.

Executive Session

At 8:15 p.m., Betty Barnes announced the city council will go into Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

The council resumed regular session at 8:30 p.m. and Betty Barnes announced the city council will continue in Executive Session for an additional 15 minutes.

The council resumed regular session at 8:35 p.m.

Dell/City of Bingen Property Boundary

There was a consensus of the city council for legal counsel to present to Brad and Cheryl Dell a proposal regarding the common boundary between their property and the city's.

The council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor