

# BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**December 4, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Sandi Dickey, Clinton Bryan, Laura Mann, Catherine Kiewit, Maria Perez. City Administrator Jan Brending was present. City Attorney Tad Connors was absent. Audience: Ben Mitchell.

## **Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2012**

Changes to the minutes of the November 20, 2012 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, add the following after the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph: “Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2012 regular council meeting as corrected. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.”

Page 1, 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence should read: “Wyckoff said he is working on a list of surplus items that will be sold along with some stuff from the White Salmon public works department.”

Laura Mann moved to approve the meeting minutes of the November 20, 2012 regular council meeting as corrected. Maria Perez seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Public Hearing – Proposed 2013 Budget**

Betty Barnes opened the final public hearing on the proposed 2013 budget.

Jan Brending said no changes have been made to the proposed budget.

Betty Barnes closed the hearing.

## **Proposed Ordinance 2012-11-608, Adopting the 2013 Budget**

Clinton Bryan moved to adopt Ordinance 2012-11-608, adopting the budget for the year 2013. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Old Business**

### ***Gorge Heritage Museum***

Betty Barnes said David Spratt has prepared estimated costs for installing a french drain north of the Gorge Heritage Museum to address groundwater drainage. She said the total supply cost is approximately \$176 and will take 32 to 48 man hours.

Jan Brending said she has prepared a budget amendment providing \$400 for supplies for the project.

Clinton Bryan said he would like to suggest that an extra layer of visqueen be added on the building side as a barrier.

The council agreed those costs could be covered under the \$400 provided in the budget amendment.

## **Proposed Ordinance 2012-12-609, Amending the 2012 Budget**

Jan Brending said the proposed amendments provide \$400 for the installation of a french drain at the Gorge Heritage Museum and \$561 for Christmas lights.

Clinton Bryan moved to approve Ordinance 2012-12-609, amending the 2012 budget. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

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

### ***Christmas Lights***

Betty Barnes said the Christmas lights on the street trees and Christmas are up and they look great.

Catherine Kiewit said that some of the Christmas lights are already out in areas. She noted that a couple of the trees are at the east end of town on the north side. Kiewit said she hopes that someone can look at them and get them fixed.

Sandi Dickey and Betty Barnes said the Christmas tree now has 8 strands of lights and some decorations.

***Yard and Garden Debris Pickup***

Betty Barnes reported the public works department has completed the yard and garden debris pickup. She said the city got a lot of personal thanks for the service.

***Gorge Out Fundraiser***

Betty Barnes said she contacted Bob Stone about an auctioneer and found out that it is Rocky Webb who is a professional auctioneer. She said he has volunteered to do the Gorge Out fundraiser for free.

Laura Mann asked that the discussion of the Gorge Out fundraiser be put on the next council meeting agenda.

***Bingen-White Salmon Police Department***

Laura Mann asked if Tracy Wyckoff has had any success through the interview process for hiring an additional officer.

Betty Barnes said Wyckoff is still within the process.

***Hydrogen Sulfide Pilot Test***

Council members asked how the hydrogen sulfide pilot test is going.

Jan Brending said Gray & Osborne has done some work but she is not sure of the exact status. She said she will check with David Spratt and report back to the council.

***Welcome to Bingen Signage***

Catherine Kiewit said she is working with Kevin Schleicher on colors and fonts.

Jan Brending said she is following up with Washington State Department of Transportation regarding locations.

***Christmas Parade***

Betty Barnes said the Fire Truck Christmas Parade will be held on December 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. She said Santa will ride on the fire truck and the parade will end up in the park. Barnes said pizza and hot chocolate will be provided along with pictures with Santa and caroling by The House church. She said The House church will be providing the pictures with the Eagles donating the ink and paper for the pictures. She said Beneventi's will provide the pizza and Mo Java will provide the hot chocolate.

***Vouchers***

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 December 4, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 15602-15625 (dated 12/04/2012) totaling \$29747.37. Current – \$7055.81; Street – \$1649.00; Water - \$5403.36; Sewer - \$715.70; Treatment Plant - \$909.26; 1973 Bond Redemption - \$9,450.00; 421 – Water Construction & Maintenance - \$4210.68; 423- Sewer Construction & Maintenance - \$353.56.

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 December 4, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 15600-15601 (dated 11/30/2012) totaling \$1162.00. Current – \$1162.00.

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 December 4, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (dated 11/30/2012) EFT, 15579-15581, totaling \$19141.55. Current – \$8400.52; Street - \$2657.95; Water - \$2160.17; Sewer - \$333.55; Treatment Plant - \$5589.36.

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 December 4, 2012. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks (dated 12/04/2012) 15582-15599, totaling \$2434.04. Current – \$2434.04.

At 7:50 p.m. the city council adjourned.

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City Clerk

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Mayor