

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 7, 2017

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. Council members absent: Izzy Schroder. Staff present: City Attorney Chris Lanz, City Administrator Jan Brending. Audience present: Michelle Scott, Suzie Willey, Tony Gilmer, Becky Pyle.

Public Comment

Tony Gilmer, Klickitat County EMS District

Tony Gilmer reported that the District has retained HMS for a one-year contract to continue providing ambulance services while the District is considering hiring their own employees. He said the District is also in the process of hiring a full-time operations manager. Gilmer said he is proud how the HMS staff has performed during the winter weather. He said the district has had the most runs on record this winter.

Betty Barnes asked if the District sees moving current HMS employees to District employees.

Tony Gilmer said yes.

Catherine Kiewit asked how many calls have come in.

Tony Gilmer said there 200 calls in one month. He said that the ambulance service can request county road crews for assistance in plowing private roads when necessary.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Betty Barnes said that Chief Wyckoff reported that everything is going well.

Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2017

Changes to the minutes of the January 17, 2017 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 2, 11th paragraph should read: “Catherine Kiewit asked if there will be parking available for the apartment.”

Page 5, 10th paragraph should read: “Tom Butler noted that cured flowers do not have the level of odor that growing marijuana plants do.”

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the meeting minutes of the January 17, 2017 regular council meeting as corrected. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Resolution 2017-002, Establishing 2017 Salary Schedule for Non-Union Represented Employees

Betty Barnes said the proposed resolutions establishes the 2017 salary schedule, including the 2% cost of living increase, for non-union employees.

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Resolution 2017-002, Establishing 2017 Salary Schedule for Non-Union Represented Employees. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Interlocal Agreement, Klickitat County PUD – LED Lighting

Jan Brending reviewed the status of the LED lighting project. She said the City of Goldendale’s engineer is developing the specification and bid documents. Brending said the PUD will issue the bid and the contract for the project. She said the interlocal agreement provides for payment to the PUD for Bingen’s share of the project.

Dan Armstrong moved to authorize the mayor to sign the interlocal agreement with Klickitat County PUD regarding the LED lighting project. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Conditional Use Permit Decision 2016-002, Margie Lemberger, Residential Use in Commercial Facility

Jan Brending reviewed the proposed written decision for Conditional Use Permit 2016-002, Margie Lemberger for a residential use in commercial facility.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the written decision for Conditional Use Permit 2016-002, Margie Lemberger for a residential use in a commercial facility. Dan Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Conditional Use Permit Decision 2016-003, Johnathan Vanella, Light Industrial Use Processing Marijuana Products

Jan Brending reviewed the proposed written decision for Conditional Use Permit 2016-003, Johnathan Vanella for a light industrial use processing marijuana products.

Dan Armstrong moved to approve the written decision for Conditional Use Permit 2016-003, Johnathan Vanella for a light industrial use processing marijuana products. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Conditional Use Permit Decision 2016-004, Stephen Curley, Residential Use in Commercial Facility

Jan Brending reviewed the proposed written decision for Conditional Use Permit 2016-004, Stephen Curley for a residential use in a commercial facility.

Stephanie Porter moved to approve the written decision for Conditional Use Permit 2016-004, Stephen Curley for a residential use in a commercial facility. Dan Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

2017 Goals and Priorities

City council members discussed 2017 goals and priorities.

The council asked that information be provided regarding council member compensation to determine if the city needs to increase its compensation. Jan Brending said that she can provide information to the council after the AWC salary survey results are released for 2017.

Council members discussed priorities for the park including remodeling the restrooms, lighting at the skatepark, covered basketball court, covered picnic shelter, improvements to the playground, and covered shelter area near playground. Staff will provide the council with estimated costs associated with the different projects to assist with the council's prioritization of park projects.

Council members discussed the recycling center noting that it is a high priority in keeping the center open. Ideas were discussed in improving the area including possibly moving the glass containers to a different area so they are available when the other containers are full.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Bingen Point Overpass

Betty Barnes said the Bingen Point overpass is moving along. She said the project was recently discussed at the Klickitat County transportation meeting.

Jan Brending said property owners who may be affected by right-of-way purchases are being contacted by Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT). She said a stakeholders meeting will be held in early March with a full public open house scheduled sometime in April.

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 February 7, 2017. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 18980-19007 (dated 02/07/2017) totaling \$98,878.21. General Fund – \$75,513.40; Street - \$3,616.92; Street Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$1,791.22; Water - \$11,657.81; Sewer - \$2,485.91; Treatment Plant Fund - \$3,812.95.

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 February 7, 2017. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: check 18927 (dated 01/02/2017) totaling \$315.00: General Fund - \$315.00.

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 February 7, 2017. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: EFT (dated 12/31/2016) totaling \$2,407.46. General Fund – \$179.42; Street - \$5.63; Water - \$1,442.66; Sewer - \$227.08; Treatment Plant Fund - \$552.67.

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 February 7, 2017. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 18973-18977 (dated 01/31/2017) totaling \$26,024.61. General Fund – \$11,855.42; Street - \$3,904.73; Water - \$2,690.25; Sewer - \$493.46; Treatment Plant - \$7,080.75.

Executive Session

At 8:35 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 8:50 p.m. and announced it will continue in executive session for an additional 15 minutes.

At 9:05 p.m. the council resumed regular session and adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor