

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty J. Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Catherine Kiewit, Dan Armstrong, and Izzy Schroder. Council members absent: Stephanie Porter. Staff present: City Attorney Chris Lanz, City Administrator Jan Brending, Police Chief Tracy Wyckoff, Fire Chief Carl Spratt, Assistant Fire Chief Clinton Bryan. Audience: Michelle Scott, Jon and Debra Cyparski, Ulices Isordia, Samuel Rowlen, Claire Anderson.

Public Comment

Jon and Debra Cyparski, Bingen WA

Debra Cyparski introduced herself stating she owns property in Bingen which is located across the street from the Indian smoke shop. She said she is at the meeting to ask the city what can be done. Cyparski asked if there are guidelines from the Yakama Nation. She said she has health and safety concerns. She said she believes the property was originally designated as tribal trust lands to provide a location for members to live to be close to their fishing areas. Cyparski asked the city to look into the Yakama Nation process. She said the property owners in the neighborhood have invested money and time into their property and now feel like they have lost control. She said it is her understanding that the hours of the business will be Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cyparski said she also understands that the owner intends to build another building to house fireworks. She said she is concerned about fire danger with smoking and fireworks. She suggested the city have an ordinance that addresses maximum traffic flow on a dead-end street. Cyparski said something needs to be done to ensure the safety of the residents.

Chris Lanz said that the land is similar to being deemed as reservation land and that no state or city regulations can affect those areas.

Cyparski asked if the city has had a dialog with the Yakama Nation.

Betty Barnes said that in the past the city has written letters to the Yakama Nation regarding the two trust properties located in Bingen. She said the Nation has not been very cooperative in the past but that doesn't mean the city shouldn't make another attempt. Barnes said the city is also not happy with having a commercial business located in a residential neighborhood. She said the city can look into the things that it can regulate including no off-site advertising and talking to the Yakama Nation. It was noted that the advertising by holding a sign on a street corner and placing a sign in a vehicle is legal and protected under the constitution.

Tracy Wyckoff said he has spoken to the manager about parking in front the fire hydrant.

Catherine Kiewit suggested holding a neighborhood meeting and inviting the owners of the business to attend to hear the concerns of the neighborhood. Cyparski said she would be glad to attend a neighborhood meeting. She provided contact numbers to Kiewit for the owners of the business.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Tracy Wyckoff said the department is gearing up for summer events. He said the department is also working with Skyline Hospital and the DEA to host a drug-take-back day in April. Wyckoff said the officers are scheduled for trainings. He said testing for the vacant position will take place on March 19 and that he currently has 5 to 6 applicants with some being from Klickitat County. Wyckoff noted that Lauren Baker has been hired as a dispatcher with Klickitat County.

Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2016

Changes to the minutes of the February 16, 2016 regular council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 1, 8th paragraph, 2nd sentence should read: "She said they may be visiting the food bank."

Page 1, 10th paragraph should read: "Leslie Naramore said it is mostly by word of mouth. She said that if individuals are seeking help from one service agency they may be referred to other agencies."

Izzy Schroder moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2016 as corrected. Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship Fund

Betty Barnes said that the AWC Center for Quality Communities provides for several scholarships each year with nominations made by cities who are members of the Association of Washington Cities. She said the city received one application from Ulices Isordia who is the son of Angel from Angel's Bakery.

Catherine Kiewit thanked Ulices Isordia for applying saying he had a strong application.

Catherine Kiewit moved to forward Ulices Isordia scholarship application to the AWC Center for Quality Communities. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Resolution 2016-003, Adopting a Policy and Notice Regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act

Jan Brending said the resolution is one of the requirements for the city's CDBG grant for housing rehabilitation.

Catherine Kiewit noted that "Binge" on the first form included in the resolution should be changed to "Bingen."

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Resolution 2016-003, Adopting a Policy and Notice Regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act as corrected. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Resolution 2016-004, Waiving Competitive Bid Requirements to Purchase Firefighting Tender per RCW 39.04.280

Betty Barnes said the fire department has been looking to replace its existing fire tender as it is very difficult to drive due to the manual steering and type of transmission. She said new tenders and even used tenders can be expensive. Barnes said the department has located a fire tender they believe will meet the needs of the department for \$25,000. She said a review of similar tenders for sale shows they range from \$40,000 to \$200,000 depending on the year of the vehicle.

Carl Spratt and Clinton Bryan said they have inspected the fire tender and believe it is in great shape and will be a good addition to the department. They said they would like to surplus the older tender.

Betty Barnes noted that Carl Spratt is a truck mechanic.

Jan Brending noted that if the council agrees with purchasing the vehicle they need to approve Resolution 2016-004, Waiving Competitive Bid Requirements to Purchase Firefighting Tender per RCW 39.04.280 in addition to approving a budget amendment. She noted the budget amendment includes funding for taxes and licensing.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve Resolution 2016-004, Waiving Competitive Bid Requirements to Purchase Firefighting Tender per RCW 39.04.280. Dan Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Resolution 2016-005, Authorizing Surplus of Vehicle No Longer Useable to the City

Betty Barnes said it is a good idea to go ahead and authorize the surplus of the older tender the city no longer has a use for it.

Brending said it will likely be advertised this summer as the city has no room to place it indoors during the winter.

Izzy Schroder moved to approve Resolution 2016-005, Authorizing Surplus of Vehicle No Longer Useable to the City. Dan Armstrong seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Ordinance 2016-05-661, Amending the 2016 Budget

Jan Brending said the proposed budget amendment provides monies to purchase the fire tender including taxes and licensing out of the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund. She said in addition, the budget amendment includes an adjustment to the overhead cost allocation as required by the city's policy.

Catherine Kiewit moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-05-661, Amending the 2016 Budget. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Yes Vets

Betty Barnes said she attended the "Yes Vets" meeting at Skyline Hospital. She said the "Yes Vets" project was one sponsored by Representative Gina McCabe. She said that if every business hired one

veteran then there would be less homeless veterans. Barnes noted that 40% of Insitu's employees are veterans.

Council Member Vacancy

Izzy Schroder noted that Jon Cyparski might be interested in the vacant council position.

ATV

Betty Barnes noted the city has purchased the ATV and it is legally licensed and on the road.

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 March 1, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 1825-18258 (dated 03/01/16) totaling \$68519.39. General Fund – \$26216.17; Street - \$6817.16; Fire Equipment Fund - \$25000.00; Street Construction & Maintenance fund - \$1618.53; Water - \$2725.51; Sewer - \$2326.52; Treatment Plant - \$3815.50.

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 March 1, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 18233-18234 (dated 02/29/16) totaling \$610.32. Court Remittance Agency Fund - \$610.32.

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 March 1, 2016 The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 18227-18232 (dated 02/29/2016) totaling \$20933.09. General Fund – \$8834.54; Street Fund - \$2896.63; Water Fund - \$2130.01; Sewer Fund - \$384.51; Treatment Plant Fund - \$6687.40.

The council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor