

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 5, 2016

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

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department Update

Dan Armstrong said he invited a neighbor to talk to the police regarding something that was stolen from his home and a threatening note left.

Jan Brending said she believes Officer Mike Hepner is already handling that case.

Tracy Wyckoff reported that Officer Lauren Baker has resigned as of December 31st. He said she has decided that a law enforcement career is not for her. Wyckoff said he thought she was doing a very good job and respects her for making that decision. He said he will be seeking to fill the position as soon possible. Wyckoff said he is checking with civil service to see if there is anyone eligible on the current list and if there is not then he will test with Skamania County in February.

Izzy Schroder asked about fireworks being set off on New Year's Eve.

Wyckoff said he did see two kids light off fireworks and talked to their mom. He said most of the fireworks were east of Bingen.

Approval of Minutes – December 15, 2015

The use of "separate" versus "seperate" was requested to be checked.

Catherine Kiewit moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting on December 15, 2015 as corrected (if necessary). Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinances 2016-01-657 Amending BMC 17.20.040 Density (R1), 2016-02-658 Amending BMC 17.24.040 Density (R2), and 2016-03-659 Amending BMC 15.08.050 Installation Requirements for Mobile or Modular Homes

Betty Barnes opened the public hearings for proposed Ordinances 2016-01-657 Amending BMC 17.20.040 Density (R1), 2016-02-658 Amending BMC 17.24.040 Density (R2), and 2016-03-659 Amending BMC 15.08.050 Installation Requirements for Mobile or Modular Homes.

Jan Brending reviewed the proposed ordinances that amend the building/lot coverage for the Single-Family (R1) and Two-Family (R2) zones in addition to amending a reference to building/lot coverage in the installation requirements for mobile or modular homes. She said the building/lot coverage has been increased to 50%. Brending said the ordinance for installation requirements for mobile or modular homes now references the zoning requirements instead of providing for a specific amount of coverage. She reminded the council that it recently amended the zoning code related to manufactured homes.

Betty Barnes closed the public hearing.

Proposed Ordinance 2016-01-657, Amending BMC 17.20.040 Density (R1)

Dan Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-01-657, Amending BMC 17.20.040 Density (R1). Catherine Kiewit seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Ordinance 2016-02-658, Amending BMC 17.24.040 Density (R2)

Dan Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-02-658, Amending BMC 17.24.040 Density (R2). Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Ordinance 2016-03-659, Amending BMC 15.08.050 Installation Requirements for Mobile or Modular Homes

Dan Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-03-659, Amending BMC 15.08.050 Installation Requirements for Mobile or Modular Homes. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Draft Joint General Sewer/Wastewater Facility Plan

Betty Barnes reported that a joint sewer committee meeting was held with White Salmon. She said the committees agreed to recommend to the city councils to submit the document to the Washington Department of Ecology.

Catherine Kiewit asked where the discharge is located from the treatment plant.

Council and staff discussed the discharge from the plant noting that it is permitted and monitored.

Jan Brending said the revised chapters will be replaced on the city's webpage.

Izzy Schroder moved to authorize the submission of the Joint General Sewer/Wastewater Facility Plan to Washington Department of Ecology. Stephanie Porter seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report – November 2015

Jan Brending presented the November 2015 treasurer's report. She noted that the December 2015 report will not be presented until the year is closed out after January 20.

Catherine Kiewit moved to accept the November 2015 treasurer's report. Izzy Schroder seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Recycling Center

Betty Barnes said she spoke to David Sauter regarding the recycling center and he had Kevin Barry, Klickitat County Solid Waste, call her. She said she and Barry discussed some of the different things that have happened at the site. Barnes said Barry has suggested the county might move the location of the recycling center. She said she told him that Bingen was not looking to have the site moved. Barnes said she told him that the city will be purchasing a camera that could be useful in determining if Oregon residents or businesses are using the facility. She said Barry asked if some days are worse than others. Barnes said she has asked David Spratt to keep track of when the city has to close the gate due to the bins being full. She said then we can suggested supplying more bins on those days. Barnes said the county would not be discouraging businesses from using the site and that residents have free curb recycling (except for glass) that they should be using.

Catherine Kiewit said the criticism is that Bingen residents who want to recycle glass cannot get into the site because it is closed.

Barnes said the city may quit locking the gate when the camera is purchased and installed.

Izzy Schroder asked if there would be signage saying the site is being monitored by cameras.

Chris Lanz and Jan Brending said yes it is a requirement when cameras are in use.

Deputy Clerk

Betty Barnes announced that Kristen Hohensee has resigned to take another job. She said Friday will be her last day in the office. Barnes said she plans to take her to lunch before she leaves.

Izzy Schroder said it might be an opportunity to ask if there is anything different that can be done with the next employee.

Barnes said she agrees.

Snow Removal

Izzy Schroder asked how the city handles snow removal. She said a garbage truck and school bus had trouble getting up Maple Street.

Betty Barnes reviewed the city's snow plow policy which states that plowing will take place when there is 4 to 5 inches of snow with more to come. She said the city can look at the school routes and direct the public works crew to put down more sand and gravel.

Catherine Kiewit asked if the ATV that is going to be purchased will have a plow adapter on it.

Betty Barnes said yes.

Purchasing the ATV as soon as possible was discussed.

Daubenspeck Park Donor Signage

Catherine Kiewit said she and Jan Brending will be going to Sign Media on Friday to finalize the details for the donor signage.

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 January 5, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 18105-18125 (dated 12/30/2015) totaling \$20,974.30. General Fund – \$2,179.29; Street - \$2,512.88; Street Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$3,656.62; Water - \$4,132.01; Sewer - \$179.47; Treatment Plant - \$3,181.67; Sewer Construction & Maintenance Fund - \$1,381.85; Treatment Plant Improvement Fund - \$3,750.51.

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 January 5, 2016. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 18126-18129, 18131-18135 (dated 01/05/2016) totaling \$10,925.09. General Fund – \$4,078.78; Street - \$700.32; Water - \$1,975.66; Sewer - \$1,413.66; Treatment Plant - \$2,756.67.

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 January 5, 2016 The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll EFT and checks 18098-18104 (dated 12/31/2015) totaling \$23,815.50. General Fund – \$10,451.10; Street Fund - \$3,910.72; Water Fund - \$1,910.15; Sewer Fund - \$583.14; Treatment Plant Fund - \$6,960.39.

The council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor