

City of Bingen, Washington
City Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 6, 2018

1. Call to Order

Mayor Barnes called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Barnes

City Administrator: Cindy Marbut

City Attorney: Chris Lanz

Councilmember(s): Phil Jones, Laura Mann and Catherine Kiewit

Absent Councilmember(s): Ryan O'Connor and Izzy Schroder

Absent Student Council: Chloe McLaughlin

2. Public Comment:

Tammy Kaufman, Public Relations, Insitu provided information on programs that the company will be holding throughout the year. Scholarships for High School Interns will be available to 10 schools and invitations to elementary and middle schools have been sent and scheduled. A summer camp is also scheduled for July.

3. Bingen/White Salmon Police Report

Mike Hepner, Police Chief, was not present.

4. Late Changes to the Agenda-

The Mayor requested the approval of the late changes to the agenda and the ability to re-number the items on the agenda to accommodate the guests present wishing to speak to the council.

Motion to approve the late changes to the agenda was made by Councilmember Kiewit.

SECOND: Councilmember Jones

VOTE: 3-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Jones, Mann, and Kiewit

NO: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Schroder and O'Connor

Underwood Packing – Snow Load Discussion

Present for the discussion was: Marlon Morat, Building Official City for City of Bingen, Todd Gibson, Assistant Manger, Underwood Fruit, Blake Baldwin, Tri Ply Construction- Underwood Fruit, Matt Leslie, Leslie Engineering Chair Snow Load Committee. Mayor Barnes gave background that lead to the discussion. Snow Loads requirements by Bingen would affect the cost of the Underwood Fruit Plant rebuild.

The discussion centered on the allowable snow load in the surrounding areas and Bingen's snow load requirement being higher than its closest neighbor White Salmon. Discussions about recent historical events that collapsed buildings and weather events were debated as to cause and effect.

Bingen updated its Municipal Code in 2016 in regards to snow loads. It was noted that 50 lbs. snow load is required for all buildings regardless of the type of structure. Councilmember Mann asked if any new buildings like that of Underwood Fruit had recently been built with the same standard. No buildings had been built in comparison.

A study of snow loads was referenced by Matt Leslie, as he spoke to the subject which was refuted by Marlon Morat as not yet published and deceiving. Councilmember Kiewit acknowledged that this meeting was not the time or place to make any changes to the current Municipal Code while being sympathetic to the issues at hand. Councilmember Mann noted that the City would discuss further in executive session and no response would be given to Underwood Fruit this evening.

***Discussion Only**

Ken Alexander – Projects Updates/ Council Directions

Ken gave an update on the installation of the SCADA system project in hopes of the Council could approve the project as complete but the contractor has not provided all the legally required paperwork on the project to the monitoring agencies. He did state the project as substantially completed. Ryan at Radcomp will be updating the data system which related to the speed in which the information was being provided.

Ken asked the council to consider the acceptance of the Traffic Study recommendations.

There was agreement by council to agree with Gray & Osborne to proceed on the Humbolt & Cherry St. project without underground utilities.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kiewit to accept the Stormwater Solutions Traffic Study recommendations by Gray and Osborne.

SECOND: Councilmember Jones

VOTE: 3-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Jones, Mann, and Kiewit

NO: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Schroder and O'Connor

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting February 20, 2018 with corrections as follows:

Correction to actual time of call to order of the meeting to reflect: 7:00 pm

Item 3 under Public Comment the sentence was changed to read: "will do the research and provide information to City Administrator"

Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Councilmember Kiewit.

SECOND: Councilmember Mann

VOTE: 3-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Jones, Mann and Kiewit

NO: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): O'Connor and Schroder

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

****Motion Passed Unanimously***

6. Credit Card Acceptance Discussion – Brooks Longoria Riverview Bank

Providing information on Merchant Services were Brooks Longoria and Dale Connell from Riverview Bank. They discussed with the council the services available for acceptance of Visa, MasterCard and E Deposits. There was discussions on the ability to offset some of the costs since the City held accounts that would qualify for the credits. Using the services would be contract free, no equipment costs and wholesale pricing. Councilmember Mann asked for the nuts and bolts of the programs and their costs. Councilmember Kiewit inquired if the City website could offer links to the services for bill pay. Dale Connell went over the types of services included with the E Deposits. Councilmember Jones liked the idea of reoccurring payment. Councilmember Mann expressed interest in trying the services for 3 months. Councilmember Kiewit suggested that the services start in April.

Motion to approve Riverview to handle the Cities Merchant Services as a trial basis beginning in April, was made by Councilmember Mann and allowing E Deposit services to be implemented as soon as possible.

SECOND: Councilmember Jones

VOTE: 3-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Jones, Mann, and Kiewit

NO: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): O'Connor and Schroder

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

****Motion Passed Unanimously***

7. Chickens – Discussion

City Administrator, Cindy Marbut, provided some background information and asked Alisa Garlington to speak on behalf of her request, **she had nothing additional to provide.** Councilmember Kiewit expressed her view as pro hen and that of fellow Councilmember Schroder, she talked about the other municipalities and her review of their Ordinances on Chickens. She discussed the difficulty in determining the right way to create one for Bingen since there were so many variables. Mayor Barnes asked if White Salmon had been considered since they were our closest neighbor and that may make it easier to enforce. Councilmember Mann would like to see a limit on the number of animals any property owner can have given the small lot sizes in the City and to revisit the dog portion of the Municipal Code in the future. There was much discussion on chicken coupe types, set backs, fencing and the creation of a mini task force to create the ordinance. There was additional discussion on whether or not a

permit should be issued and adding an additional chapter to the current Municipal Code for chickens specifically.

The preferred Ordinances of discussion were from the Cities of Santa Rosa and Bozeman. The City Administrator, Cindy Marbut asked the council to glean from each ordinance and send her what they liked from both and she would put together an ordinance with different scenarios to discuss in order to help in creation process of the potential chicken ordinance. The subject will be re-visited in a future meeting.

****Discussion Only***

Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 an Executive Session on potential litigation was called. The council meeting was closed at 9:10 pm for an expected length of time of 20 min to reconvene at 9:30 pm. The council asked for additional time to last 30 min. longer. Returning at 10:00 pm.

The council meeting was reopened and adjourned to 2nd (second) Executive Session at 10:00 pm

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 an Executive Session was called to discuss Personnel, with and expected length of time of 30 min. The council returned from Executive Session at 10:30 pm.

8. Garbage /Recycle Discussion

This subject was tabled for a future meeting due to no current updated information available.

9. Resolution – Bridge Support Intent – Discussion

Councilmember Mann inquired as to where the letter originated and questioned the verbiage in the letter. Mayor Barnes explained the purpose of the letter to be unifying the local area to be participants in and for the discussions and committees in preparation of the Hood River Bridge replacement **and that the draft document came from the Port of Klickitat.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2018-022 Bridge Support by Councilmember Mann

SECOND: Councilmember Jones

VOTE: 3-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Jones, Mann, and Kiewit

NO: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): O'Connor and Schroder

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

****Motion Passed Unanimously***

10. Request for Support – White Salmon/ Underwood Conservation District

Mayor Barnes explained the purpose of supporting the Conservation District as important to all of local area since we obtain some of the Cities water from White Salmon. The City has a vested interest in the success of the irrigation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kiewit to approve sending a letter of support.

SECOND: Councilmember Jones

VOTE: 3-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Jones, Mann, and Kiewit

NO: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): O'Connor and Schroder

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

****Motion Passed Unanimously***

11. Phone System Upgrade – Discussion Radcomp Proposal

This subject was tabled. A representative from Radcomp was not present to discuss.

12. AWC Call for Board of Directors Applications

This subject was only informational materials provided to the Council/ Mayor.

13. Mayors Updates-Comments

None Noted

14. Staff and Committee Reports

None Noted

15. Voucher Approval

A motion was made to approve Voucher Payments in the amount of \$233,402.43 by Councilmember Kiewit

001	General Fund	\$23,452.06
101	Street Fund	\$4,031.48
104	Community Dev.	\$47,459.83
155	St. Const. & Maint.	\$113,614.66
401	Water Fund	\$21,270.74
403	Sewer Fund	\$836.66
405	Treat. Plant	\$6,924.01
421	Water Cap. RSV.	\$15,812.99

SECOND: Councilmember Jones

VOTE: 3-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Jones, Mann, and Kiewit

NO: Councilmember(s):

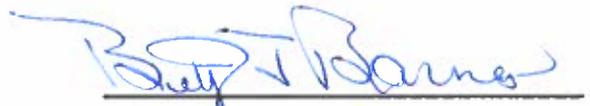
ABSENT: Councilmember(s): O'Connor and Schroder

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

****Motion Passed Unanimously***

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 pm.


City Administrator, Cindy Marbut


Mayor, City of Bingen, Betty Barnes