

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Prigel at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Sandi Dickey, Terry Trantow, Betty Barnes, and Laura Mann. Council members absent: Tim Hearn. City Clerk Treasurer Jan Brending and Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Jim Andring.

Approval of Minutes – May 6, 2008

Corrections to the draft minutes of the May 6, 2008 city council meeting were noted as follows:

Page 3, 7th paragraph, add the following sentence to the end of the paragraph: “She also suggested contacting the Port of Klickitat to see if they would be interested in sharing the costs for a bulletin board case at the Post Office.”

Page 3, add following paragraph after 14th paragraph: The city council agreed to put out to bid one-time maintenance of the downtown landscaping and the rose bush beds around the rock fountain at Daubenspeck Park.

Terry Trantow moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2008 city council meeting as amended. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Gorge Games – Request to Hang Banners

Andrea Ligammari-Kunz with Gorge Games presented a request to hang “Gorge Games” banners from the city’s downtown light poles. She said Gorge Games will pay for the banners and will actually install them. Ligammari-Kunz said the banners will not include business advertisement. She said the goal is to bring Gorge Games into all of the communities.

Jan Brending suggested that alternating the Gorge Games banners with the city’s banners would allow Bingen to maintain its identity.

Brian Prigel said he thinks the banners are a good idea.

The city council discussed the upcoming Gorge Games.

Laura Mann moved to allow Gorge Games to hang banners using the city’s light poles, alternating Gorge Games banners with the city’s banners. Betty Barnes seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Gorge Heritage Museum Planning – Recommendation to Hire Consultant

Jan Brending presented the result of the Gorge Heritage Museum planning request for proposals. She said the city received six proposals and two firms were interviewed by the committee. Brending said the committee has recommended that the city hire CIDA based on the outcome of the interviews.

Brending said the city has received an updated proposal and cost estimate from CIDA with a price of approximately \$22,000. She said she is concerned about the cost of the project and is recommended that the scope of work be renegotiated to see if the cost can be cut.

Betty Barnes said she is also concerned about the costs.

The city council discussed the project and museum involvement. There was consensus for Jan Brending to attend the upcoming museum board meeting to discuss the project with them and to ask if the museum board could participate in funding the project.

Equipment Bid – Fire Department Personnel Protective Equipment – Review and Award

Jan Brending said the city received three bids in response to the Equipment Bid: SeaWestern - \$17,899.76; Cascade Fire & Safety - \$18,101.86; and L.N. Curtis - \$20,712.78. She said she and David Spratt are recommending the city award the contract to SeaWestern for the purchase of 10 turn-outs for \$17,899.76.

Jan Brending noted that as new fire fighters are hired new turn-outs will need to be purchased for those individuals.

Betty Barnes moved to award the equipment bid for personnel protective equipment to SeaWestern for \$17,899.76. Terry Trantow seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

Budget Committee Meeting

Betty Barnes noted that Jan Brending had invited Lori Kreps, White Salmon City Clerk Treasurer to Bingen's Budget Committee meeting. She said it is great to have a working relationship with White Salmon.

Windermere Community Activity

The city council noted that Windermere is looking for community activities for their community involvement day.

Jan Brending said she will contact Carl McNew regarding the idea of installing a keystone retaining wall at the east end of Steuben.

400 W. Steuben – Cleanup

Betty Barnes noted that the weeds at 400 W. Steuben need to be cut back.

Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement

Tad Connors said that he has several small amendments to the law enforcement interlocal agreement that he will present at the next city council meeting.

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 May 20, 2008. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 10064 through 10094 totaling \$48,843.95 and payroll checks 10045 through 10062 totaling \$11,944.47 and manual checks 10063 for a total of \$9.00 for a grand total of \$60,797.42. Current - \$16,746.83; Street - \$3,364.59; Street Construction & Maintenance - \$1,784.20; Water – \$13,098.92; Sewer - \$7,271.32; Bingen Treatment Plant – \$9,047.88; Dallesport Treatment Plant – \$7,253.30; Treatment Plant Replacement - \$2,230.38.

At 8:20 p.m. adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor