

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 3, 2008

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

Small Works Roster Bid – Landscape Maintenance, Review of Bids and Award

Jan Brending said three companies bid on the smalls works roster bid for landscape maintenance: Vanguard Nursery - \$1,698.50, Columbia Gorge Landscape - \$2,526.25; and Footscape Landscape - \$4,574.13. She recommended the contract be awarded to Vanguard Nursery.

Betty Barnes asked if the scope of work includes cleaning up the rose bush beds in Daubenspeck Park.

Jan Brending said yes.

Betty Barnes moved to award the Street Landscaping Spring cleanup contract to Vanguard Nursery for \$1,698.50. The motion was seconded by Terry Trantow and was unanimously passed.

Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance 08-04-545, Cross Connection Control Program

Jan Brending said that the city is required to have a Cross Connection Control program. She said the documents presented to the city council include an ordinance implementing the cross connection control program and a resolution that adopts the program. Brending said the program has been developed with the assistance of the Rural Community Assistance organization. She said the program has been reviewed by David Spratt. Jan Brending noted that David Spratt is in the process of being a certified cross connection control specialist.

Tad Connors said he has reviewed the proposed ordinance and has some minor changes. Connors provided a review of the proposed changes.

Betty Barnes moved to approve Ordinance 08-04-545-Amending BMC 13.40.17 Cross Connections as amended by Tad Connors. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion. Laura Mann abstained from voting because she was not present for the majority of the discussion. The motion carried 3 to 1 with the following vote: Barnes – Aye, Dickey – Aye, Hearn – Nay, Mann – Abstain, Trantow – Aye.

Proposed Resolution 2008-01, Adoption of Cross Connection Control Program

Jan Brending noted that the reference in the resolution to “International Plumbing Code” should be changed to refer to the “Uniform Plumbing Code.”

Betty Barnes moved to adopt Resolution 2008-01, Adoption of Cross Connection Control Program as amended. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion. Laura Mann abstained from voting because she was not present for the majority of the discussion. The motion carried 3 to 1 with the following vote: Barnes – Aye, Dickey – Aye, Hearn – Nay, Mann – Abstain, Trantow – Aye.

Pubic Hearing – Proposed Ordinance 08-03-544, Amendments to the 2008 Budget

Jan Brending presented proposed amendments to the 2008 budget. She recommended the council delay voting on the proposed ordinance so that it can make a decision regarding the Gorge Museum planning project. Brending said the budget currently includes \$15,000 for the museum planning project.

The motion carried 3 to 1 with the following vote: Barnes – Aye, Dickey – Aye, Hearn – Nay, Mann – Abstain, Trantow – Aye.

City of White Salmon Request to Hookup Information Center to New Highway 14 Wastewater Line

Jan Brending said the city has received a request from the City of White Salmon to hookup the information center/park and ride restrooms to the Highway 14 wastewater line. She said White Salmon has paid their share of the Depot Street sewer project noting that the retainage on the project has not been paid to the contractor and therefore has not been billed to White Salmon.

Betty Barnes moved to authorize the City of White Salmon to hookup the information center/park and ride restrooms to the Highway 14 wastewater line. Terry Trantow seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Crossing Surface Installation Agreement – Request for Authorization to Sign

Jan Brending said that as part of the Maple Street reconstruction project the railroad crossing is also being upgraded. She said an agreement with BNSF needs to be signed once a cost estimate is obtained. Brending said to help expedite getting the agreement signed she is recommending the city council authorize the mayor to sign the agreement as long as the cost estimate does not exceed \$519,000 which is what is currently budgeted for the crossing upgrade. She said if the cost estimate exceeds \$519,000 she will bring the agreement back to the council for further discussion.

Laura Mann moved to authorize the mayor to sign the Crossing Surface Installation Agreement as long as the cost estimate does not exceed \$519,000. Betty Barnes seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Old Business

Gorge Heritage Museum Planning

Jan Brending said she attended the Gorge Heritage Museum board to discuss the museum planning project and ask if the museum could participate in funding the project. She said that she also provided an option to the current scope of work which would limit the project to addressing ADA access taking into consideration that an addition might be done sometime in the future. Brending said the narrowed scope of work would not provide any drawings or cost estimates for the addition, that the only drawings that would be done would be before the ADA portion of the project.

Jan Brending said the museum board has voted in support of the revised scope of work and contributing up to \$2,500 towards the project.

Jan Brending said CIDA has provided a revised scope of work and cost estimate lowering the project cost to approximately \$11,000.

Brian Prigel said he believes the revised scope of work will achieve the primary goal in a round about way.

Laura Mann asked how the museum came up with the amount of \$2,500 to contribute towards the project.

Jan Brending noted that the city council has a copy of the museum's April Treasurer's Report.

The city council and museum board members discussed the status of the museum's finances.

Tad Connors said he has some concerns regarding CIDA's "conditions and exclusions" that are included with the scope of work.

Jan Brending said she always removes a consultant's "conditions and exclusions" in developing the contract document and it would not be included.

Laura Mann moved to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with CIDA for up to \$11,500 for the museum project with the agreement that the museum will provide \$2,500 towards the project. Tim Hearn seconded the motion. Betty Barnes abstained from voting because she sits on the museum board. Terry Trantow recused himself because he sits on the museum board. The motion carried 3 to 0 with the following vote: Barnes – Abstain, Dickey – Aye, Hearn – Aye, Mann – Aye, Trantow – Recuse.

Proposed Ordinance 08-03-544, Amending the 2008 Budget

Jan Brending recommended the proposed ordinance be amended to reflect the action the council took on the museum planning project. She said that page 2 of the ordinance under Community Development should read "Appropriations - \$46,469" and "Ending Cash Balance - \$200,047" with an appropriate adjustment on page 6 to "Total All Funds" and "Net Total."

Laura Mann moved to adopt Ordinance 08-03-544, Amending the 2008 Budget as amended. Terry Trantow seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement

Tad Connors presented proposed amendments to the law enforcement interlocal agreement including extending the agreement through 2014. He said that Ken Woodrich has agreed in principal to the proposed amendments.

Terry Trantow moved to approve the proposed amendments to the law enforcement interlocal agreement. Betty Barnes seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Tad Connors noted the proposed amendments will now go to the City of White Salmon for review and adoption.

Mayor's Update and Council Comments

EDA Board Meeting

Brian Prigel said the EDA Board meeting on June 12 will be held in White Salmon at the Pioneer Center with the Lt. Governor in attendance.

Gorge Games Open House

Brian Prigel said he attended the Gorge Games open house held at Solstice. He said those in attendance were excited about the Games.

Bruce Brending said he has met with the person in charge of public safety and is very impressed with the emergency action plan put together for the Games. He said Gorge Games has a commitment from FOX to air the games. Brending said it appears the Games have good financial backing and they want to make sure that it is truly a Gorge-wide event.

Bruce Brending said he has spoken with a representative from the Gorge Games regarding a half-pipe skateboard facility that will be built at the village for the Games. He said he told the individual that Bingen might be interested in the facility as an interim project while waiting to building the skateboard park.

The city council was in consensus that the city would be interested in obtaining the Gorge Games skateboard facility for an interim project at Daubenspeck Park.

Emergency Vehicles – SDS Lumber

Laura Mann said she noticed a lot of emergency vehicles down at SDS Lumber.

Bruce Brending said training is taking place at SDS for emergency response in case of a large-scale incident at the mill.

Downtown Cleanup

Betty Barnes noted that 400 W. Steuben still needs cleaned up and the debris underneath benches needs cleaned out especially the bench at the southwest corner of Walnut and Steuben.

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

Bruce Brending said a joint police committee meeting was held last night. Brending reported that the police audit team is on site and has gone to work. He said the audit team has talked to different officers and may talk to the two city prosecutors. Brending said the audit is focused on the internal mechanisms of the department.

Betty Barnes noted that Bruce Brending has completed his training in Minnesota. She said that Bruce Brending's approach to his job has improved quite a bit because of the training and that she feels he is a true leader in the community.

Bruce Brending said the training was very good and was in the areas where law enforcement is currently heading.

Bruce Brending said that Steve Shields, a lateral transfer from Klickitat County, is now working by himself. He said the department is back to providing 24/7 coverage and is in compliance with the interlocal agreement. Brending noted that the recruit in the academy will graduate July 29.

Tim Hearn asked if the department reached out to the lateral transfer or did he reach out to the department.

Bruce Brending said he believes the improvements in wages have made the department more attractive. He said he did not seek out the lateral transfer – that the individual applied in the last round of testing.

Executive Session

At 8:39 p.m. Brian Prigel announced the city council will enter into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues.

At 8:59 p.m. the city council resumed regular session.

Dallesport Wastewater Plant

Betty Barnes moved to proceed with transferring the Dallesport Wastewater Plant back to Klickitat County on June 13 instead of June 30 due to Bingen being shorthanded with staff. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Law Enforcement Funding

Betty Barnes asked the city council to be thinking about how it wants to address the funding of the Director of Public Safety. She said White Salmon has currently proposed that the position be funded 90% out of the law enforcement budget and 10% out of the fire budget. Barnes asked council members to think about what things the Director of Public Safety should be doing that would count as law enforcement and would benefit the City of Bingen.

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 June 3, 2008. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 10107 through 10134 totaling \$12,481.10. Current - \$5,459.54; Street - \$2,292.20; Water – \$1,598.44; Sewer - \$136.43; Bingen Treatment Plant – \$1,385.28; Dallesport Treatment Plant – \$1,609.21.

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 June 3, 2008. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks 10096 through 10106 totaling \$11,368.80. Current - \$3,446.63; Street - \$590.48; Water – \$971.04; Sewer - \$3534.29; Bingen Treatment Plant – \$1,353.65; Dallesport Treatment Plant – \$4,652.71.

At 9:20 p.m. adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor