

BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Prigel at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Terry Trantow, Tim Hearn, Laura Mann, and Sandi Dickey. Betty Barnes was absent. Deputy Clerk Dena Riggleman and Attorney Tad Connors were present. Audience: Barbara Hylton, Bruce Brending, and representatives from the Horizon Community Leadership Development.

Public Comments

Barbara Hylton, Bingen

Barbara Hylton said she would like to go to the Civil Service Conference in Yakima and the registration is due by October 7th. She said that she thought the conference was very helpful last time she went but she had only been on the Civil Service Committee for 6 months at that time.

Brian Prigel stated that he thinks you can absorb more information the second time around. He said that he is a supporter in training.

Tim Hearn made a motion to send Barbara Hylton to the Civil Service Conference and reimburse her for the expenses. Terry Trantow seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Laura Mann, Bingen

Laura Mann stated that she had looked at the asphalt berm that was an issue at Barbara Hylton's driveway and thinks that the berm could be knocked down some.

Brian Prigel said he will ask David Spratt what it would take to chip down the asphalt berm. He would like to wait till it rains to see where the water flow goes.

Barbara said that water doesn't pool by the house, only in her flower beds.

Approval of Minutes – September 2, 2008

Terry Trantow moved to approve the minutes of the September 2 city council meeting. Laura Mann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Proposed Resolution 2008-005, Proclaiming September 15 through October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month

Brian Prigel wanted to point out there was a typing mistake on the proposed resolution; it should say in "1968" Congress authorized President Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week.

Victor Benavides said he is a volunteer with the Horizon Community Leadership Development. Victor shared information on the history of Hispanic Heritage Month. He said he wanted to invite Bingen to commemorate and to sign a proclamation to recognize September 15th through October 15, 2008 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Benavides would like the City of Bingen to recognize two members of our community for contributions made to preserve and protects values inherent to the well being of Hispanics and the community at large.

Benavides said he is inviting both the Mayors of Bingen and White Salmon to a special event held at the White Salmon Library on October 1st at 6:00pm to hand out the recognitions of the two community members being honored from each town.

Brian Prigel asked if there were any suggestions on how to choose the individuals.

Benavides suggested checking into the employees of the city, volunteers on the fire department or on the police department.

Brian said that the next time the council gathered together again would be on October 7th and it would be too late to decide on individuals in time for the event. He said that the council members should think about members of the community that they think should be honored. He recommended asking people of the community for any ideas.

Tim Hearn made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-005, Proclaiming September 15 through October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month with the correction to the date. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Old Business

Maple Street Project

Dena Riggleman said an issue had come up that day about the tree wells on a part of the project had solid rock that would have to be jack-hammered out. She said there was also a complaint about the width of road and sidewalk but they had been measured by Anderson and Perry and were the correct width.

Dogs

Tad Connors said there was a concern from the police department with different levels of dog fees on the current ordinance.

Bruce Brending said that he would like to see a flat fee for infractions instead of a penalty schedule. He said the penalty schedule was confusing due to having to keep track of which infraction was being incurred by which dog.

The consensus was to discuss this issue at the upcoming council meeting on October 7th since they will be discussing the dog ordinance at that time.

Tad Connors said he thinks the city needs an appeals process but not necessarily an appeals board at this time.

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 September 16, 2008. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 1103 and 10464 totaling \$24,244.23. Dallesport - \$24,244.23

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 September 16, 2008. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: payroll checks 10465 through 10482 totaling \$13,412.49. Current - \$5,412.96; Street - \$964.27; Water – \$1,494.74; Sewer - \$578.56; Bingen Treatment Plant - \$4,961.96.

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 September 16, 2008. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 10483 through 10509 totaling \$34,119.13. Current - \$4,051.16; Street - \$565.77; Community Development - \$17,129.58; Street Maintenance and Construction - \$10,111.24; Water - \$457.31; Sewer - \$414.95, Bingen Treatment Plant - \$1,389.12.

At 7:58 p.m. the city council adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor