

# BINGEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 6, 2008

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

## **Public Comment**

### ***Bruce Brending, Bingen-White Salmon Police Department***

Terry Trantow said that he has noticed a police car parked in the area of his neighborhood and wondered what might be happening.

Bruce Brending said the department is taking a proactive approach in trying to catch the individuals who have been vandalizing the park bathrooms.

Tim Hearn noted that a lady who works at Bingen Superette was keyed last Saturday.

Brian Prigel asked about the status of the level of staffing.

Bruce Brending said he is moving forward in trying to hire a lateral officer. Brending noted that it is his understanding that whatever differences were outstanding on the Cortese settlement have been resolved and the documents finalized. He said that Cortese will be starting at the mayor's direction.

Tim Hearn said he thinks the dog catcher is doing well.

Bruce Brending said the heightened awareness of citizens is a good thing.

Brian Prigel said he has seen more dogs on leashes lately.

Betty Barnes said that she has seen dogs on leashes at the park. She said that Timi Keene has noted that at lunch time employees are bringing their dogs to the park to run off leash.

Jan Brending said that the presence of the dog catcher has resulted in getting dogs licensed.

## **Approval of Minutes – April 15, 2008**

Tim Hearn moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2008 city council meeting. Terry Trantow seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

## **Napa Request to Locate Cargo Container in Right-of-Way**

Brian Prigel said the city has received a request to locate a cargo container in the city's right-of-way while a new storage building is being constructed.

Clint Bryan said the container would be located for 6 to 8 weeks – from demolition of the existing structure to occupancy of the new structure.

Laura Mann asked if Los Reyes would have space in their parking lot area behind the restaurant.

Clint Bryan said they looked at that area but there is not enough room to load or unload the container.

Betty Barnes noted that the area proposed for the location of the container is an area where anyone hardly parks.

Laura Mann asked about the freight alley noted on the documents submitted by Napa.

Clint Bryan said it will provide access for trucks to load and unload adjacent to the new facility.

Betty Barnes said she would like to walk through the building that is scheduled for demolition because it used to be her husband's parents boarding house and café.

Clint Bryan said that ultimately Napa would have liked to place 2 40-foot containers but there is not enough room. He said they might try to put a container on Hunsaker's property if possible.

Tim Hearn moved to approve the placement of a storage container on the south side of Humboldt in the 100 block for 60 days to provide storage for a commercial business while a new facility is being constructed. Sandi Dickey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Community Center/Park Planning – Recommendation to Hire Consultant**

Brian Prigel said the city received five proposals in response to its Request for Proposals for community center/park planning. He said the committee had agreed to interview 3 of the top consultants but ended up only interviewing 2 because the third pulled their proposal.

Jan Brending said that based on the interviews the committee is recommending that Makers Architecture and Urban Design be awarded the contract. Brending recommended the council authorize the mayor to sign a contract using the existing proposal with a “not to exceed amount” of \$25,000. She said that the first task after the contract is signed would be to develop a detailed scope of work that can be incorporated into the contract through a contract amendment.

Sandi Dickey moved to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Makers Architecture and Urban Design for community center/park planning with a not to exceed amount of \$25,000. Tim Hearn seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Mayor’s Update and City Council Comments**

#### ***Budget Committee Meeting***

Jan Brending said she would like to schedule a budget committee meeting to review the city’s 2007 Annual Report and proposed 2008 budget amendments. A meeting was set for Friday, May 16 at 8:00 a.m.

#### ***Alcohol Consumption***

Jan Brending noted that alcohol should not be consumed on city property unless special permission is provided. The city council agreed that in the future individuals holding events on city property will be notified that no alcohol is allowed.

#### ***Use of Dump Truck Request***

Jan Brending said the community garden group has made a request to have the use of a dump truck to haul top soil to the Humboldt Street garden. She said that she told the group it would be necessary for a city employee to drive the dump truck. Brending said it will probably take 1 to 2 hours to move the top soil.

The city council decided it would not be appropriate for the city to loan out an employee and dump truck since it is short handed and has other tasks around the city that need attention.

#### ***4th of July Celebration***

Jan Brending said she will be scheduling a meeting to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at the Port. She noted that she discussed the event with Marc Thornsby. Brending said she is concerned about whether or not law enforcement will be available this year due to staffing shortages and the fact that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is on Friday creating a 3-day weekend. Brending also noted that the fire department will have a presence at the event but will not be selling water or hotdogs this year.

Betty Barnes asked to be notified as to when the meeting will take place so she can attend.

#### ***Law Enforcement Services – White Salmon Payment***

Betty Barnes asked if a formal agreement has been developed with the City of White Salmon regarding the \$37,000+ that Bingen is not requiring to be repaid.

Tad Connors said no that the agreement would be signed at the end of the 20-month period. He said that he would like to consider some amendments to the law enforcement agreement.

It was noted that a Joint Police Committee meeting is scheduled for June.

#### ***Post Office – Public Postings***

Betty Barnes suggested approaching the post office to see if it was possible for the city to purchase a bulletin board case that could be installed for public notices only. 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.

Jan Brending said she will look into it.

***AWC Conference***

Betty Barnes said she is interested in attending the AWC conference in June which will be held in Yakima.

Brian Prigel said it is a very good conference and a great opportunity to meet with your peers from around the state.

Sandi Dickey said she is also interested in attending.

***Street Banners***

Betty Barnes noted that a couple of the street banners are missing.

Jan Brending said she will check with public works. Brending noted that the banners are missing due to damage to the banner poles.

***Landscape Maintenance***

Betty Barnes suggested the city put out to bid the landscape maintenance for the downtown landscaping. She also suggested including the rose bush beds around the rock fountain at Daubenspeck Park. Barnes also asked that the irrigation downtown be turned on which will help make the maintenance easier.

The city council agreed to put out to bid one-time maintenance of the downtown landscaping and rose bush beds around the rock fountain at Daubenspeck park.

***Jail Contract***

Tad Connors said he is in receipt of a letter from Klickitat County regarding the jail contract. He said that the county continues to insist that language be included that require the city to pay for medical costs for felony prisoners. Connors said it might be appropriate for the two mayors to meet with the county commissioners regarding the issue.

Tad Connors will put an informational packet together for Brian Prigel to use when discussing the issue with the county commissioners.

***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 6, 2008. The council by unanimous vote does approve for payment the following list: checks 10007 through 10043 totaling \$48,868.07 and payroll checks 9990 through 10001 and 10044 totaling \$22,693.46 and manual checks 9984-9985, 10002-10006, and 501075 for a total of 39,862.35 for a grand total of \$95,424.40. Current - \$19,875.70; Street - \$3,373.93; Community Development – \$5,073.00; Water – \$6,896.70; Sewer - \$1,855.97; Bingen Treatment Plant – \$9,736.45; Dallesport Treatment Plant – \$11,146.01; Water and Sewer Equipment Reserve - \$21,567.16; Dallesport Trust Fund - \$15,999.48.

At 8:20 p.m. adjourned.

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City Clerk

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