



**CITY OF WHITE SALMON**  
**City Council Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 6, 2020**  
**Via Zoom Teleconference**

**Council and Administrative Personnel Present**

**Council Members:**

Jason Hartmann  
David Lindley  
Amy Martin  
Ashley Post  
Joe Turkiewicz

**Staff Present:**

Marla Keethler, Mayor  
Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer  
Ken Woodrich, City Attorney  
Russ Avery, Public Works Operations Mgr.  
Mike Hepner, Police Chief  
Bill Hunsaker, Building Official/Fire Chief

**1. Call to Order**

Marla Keethler, Mayor called the meeting to order. There were approximately 9 people in the audience (by video or telephone).

**2. Roll Call**

All council members were present.

**3. Public Comment**

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer read into the record comments received by e-mail as follows:

***Janet Warren and Mark Schmidt***, White Salmon commented on Klickitat County Sheriff Songer's comments about enforcing Governor Inslee's Stay Home Stay Healthy orders.

***Karen Skiles***, White Salmon commented on Klickitat County Sheriff Songer's comments about enforcing Governor Inslee's Stay Home Stay Healthy orders.

***Gigi Pomerantz***, White Salmon commented on Klickitat County Sheriff Songer's comments about enforcing Governor Inslee's Stay Home Stay Healthy orders.

***April George***, White Salmon commented on members of the community wearing masks into businesses.

***Jacqueline Wyatt***, Klickitat County commented on the City's White Salmon River Source Reliability Study.

**4. Presentations**

***Jeff King***, Klickitat County Emergency Management Director, Emergency Operations Center provided the city council information regarding the operations and status of the Emergency Operations Center as it relates to COVID-19.

**David Kavanagh, Klickitat County Health Department, Emergency Operations Center** provided information to the city council regarding testing capacity, contract tracing, notification of positive cases, and presumed community spread.

**5. City of Bingen Wastewater Treatment Plant and Mainline Improvements Project**

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer presented information regarding the City of Bingen Wastewater Treatment Plant and Mainline Improvements Project. She noted that the same information was presented to the Bingen City Council on Tuesday, May 5. Brending said that in the past White Salmon has paid its proportional share of projects related treatment plant improvements or main line improvements (those associated with carrying White Salmon wastewater to the treatment plant) based on the average number of equivalent residential units per city. She summarized the project costs including design engineering, construction engineering, construction costs and contingency costs and the funding available for the project. Brending said there is currently a projected funding shortfall of \$169,574.94. She said based on a percentage split of 79%/21% that White Salmon would be responsible for \$117,115.70 which could come from the city's treatment plant capital expansion fund (Fund 417). Brending said that if both cities agree on the basis of the project and funding scenario as presented, they will review a proposed interlocal agreement at their next council meetings in two weeks. She said that Bingen provided tentative approval at their council meeting last night.

Council members suggested that the percentage split for funding the loans, currently at 79% - White Salmon and 21% - Bingen be reviewed every five years.

Jan Brending noted that language could be included in the interlocal agreement that would provide for that review. She noted the interlocal agreement will also include language about the development of a new interlocal agreement that would govern future funding of the operations and maintenance and capital improvements for the treatment plant and capital improvements associated with main lines that carry White Salmon wastewater in addition to address capacity in the treatment plant for each city.

There was consensus of the council to move forward with the proposed funding scenario as presented with a review of the equivalent residential unit split every five years.

**6. Anderson Perry & Associates – Task Order, Update of City's Water System Plan**

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said the task order and cost estimate is for updating the city's water system plan as required by the State Department of Health. She said \$70,000 is currently in the budget which will need to be updated if the task order is approved by the city council. Brending said the cost estimate is \$90,000. She said staff recommends approval of the task order and cost estimate.

**Moved by Amy Martin. Seconded by Jason Hartmann.**

**Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign task order with Anderson Perry & Associates for updating the city's Water System Plan in the amount of \$90,000. CARRIED 5-0.**

7. **Personal Services Contract, Pioneer Surveying and Engineering, Design of Roundabout**  
Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer said staff is recommending the city authorize the mayor to sign a personal services contract with Pioneer Surveying and Engineering for the design of the roundabout at Garfield and Jewett in the amount of \$26,158. She noted that Pioneer had submitted a Statement of Qualification earlier this year which was evaluated by staff and found that Pioneer is a qualified engineer for designing the proposed roundabout. Brending noted that Washington Department of Transportation plans to do the construction on Highway 141 from Bingen to just west of Garfield in 2022. She said the project needs to be designed this year so it can be included with the WSDOT bid documents and that construction engineering would be handled by WSDOT.

***Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Amy Martin.***

***Motion to authorize Mayor to sign contract, retroactive to January 1, 2020 with Pioneer Surveying and Engineering, Inc. for the design of a roundabout at Jewett and Garfield in an amount not to exceed \$26,158.00. CARRIED 5-0.***

8. **WA Department of Ecology Grant Agreement – White Salmon River Source Reliability Study**  
Jan Brending said this is an agreement with the Washington Department of Ecology for a grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the White Salmon River Source Reliability Study. She said information regarding the study was previously presented to the city council when they authorized the scope of work to be submitted to the Department of Ecology. She said the Yakama Nation will provide a \$20,000 grant (agreement to be presented to council at a later date) and the City will provide \$25,000 in matching funds.

David Lindley, Council Member said he is glad to see this project moving forward.

***Moved by Ashley Post. Seconded by David Lindley.***

***Motion to authorize the mayor to sign agreement with Washington Department of Ecology for a grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the White Salmon River Source Reliability Study. CARRIED 5-0.***

9. **Task Order – Aspect Consulting – White Salmon River Source Reliability Study**  
Jan Brending said the task order and cost estimate has been provided by Aspect Consulting with whom the city signed a master contract for hydrogeological and water rights services. She said the task order covers the entire \$245,000 that the study will cost. Brending said staff recommends the council authorize the mayor to sign the task order.

***Moved by Amy Martin. Seconded by Ashley Post.***

***Motion to authorize the mayor to sign task order with Aspect Consulting for the White Salmon River Source Reliability Study in the amount of \$245,000. CARRIED 5-0.***

10. **COVID-19 Planning**  
Ken Woodrich, City Attorney provided an overview of the city's legal authority regarding COVID-19. He said the Governor's orders do not defer to the local jurisdiction because it is state-wide. Woodrich said the city can enforce the provisions of the Governor's orders local and the city's prosecutor can prosecute violations up to a gross misdemeanor. He said Sheriff Songer does not

have jurisdiction in White Salmon. Woodrich said any constitutional argument about the Governor's orders lies with the state courts. He said the city could send a letter to Sheriff Songer expressing concerns about his position. Woodrich said citizens can also vote when Songer is up for reelection if they file a recall petition. He said a recall petition is not undertaken by the city itself but by citizens.

Marla Keether, Mayor said she would recommend not engaging with Sheriff Songer at this time. She suggested publishing a news release assuring the citizens of White Salmon that city staff including the police department are operating to protect their health and safety. Keether noted that messages from the three cities and Klickitat County have unified since the Emergency Operations Center was activated.

Council members discussed the issue and there was a consensus to develop a news release assuring the citizens of White Salmon.

Jan Breeding, Clerk Treasurer said the city will be received approximately \$78,000 from the state that relates to the CARES Act. She said the State's Treasurer has provided some guidelines for how the funds can be spent. Breeding said the city will need to determine that the funding is being used as a direct result of COVID-19. She said it cannot be used to supplant funding for things that are already in the city's budget. Breeding said Klickitat County has provided a funding scenario for the emergency operations center which allocates 13% of the costs to Bingen and White Salmon. She said that she feels that funding should be split between the two cities based on population.

Bill Hunsaker, Building Official said that he has reviewed several COVID-19 plans related to existing construction that can restart. He said he has received a couple of calls from contractors who will have to wait for new construction to be opened which will happen in Phase 2.

Marla Keether, Mayor, said that a bi-state meeting of agencies took place to discuss how to handle the opening of recreation in the Gorge. She said that at this time state parks and Forest Services lands will not reopen due to concerns about an influx of visitors. Keether said another bi-state meeting will take place on May 15 to review the status. She said the counties and cities have agreed there needs to be a unified message regarding recreation.

Council members discussed options for opening recreation for local citizens including issuing permits.

**11. Consent Agenda**

- a. Anderson Perry & Associates, Task Order, ERU Calculation for Everybody's Brewing
- b. Crestline, Jewett Water Line Replacement Project – Change Order
- c. Task Order – Bell Design, Mobile Home Setback Requirement Drawings
- d. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2020
- e. Approval of Vouchers

Type	Date	From	To	Amount
<b>Claims</b>	5/6/2020	EFT	EFT	5,082.00
	5/6/2020	36076	36127	159,964.52
			<b>Claims Total</b>	<b>165,046.52</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	4/20/2020	EFT	EFT	63,618.86
	5/5/2020	EFT	EFT	104,340.47
	5/5/2020	36068	36075	1,739.31
			<b>Payroll Total</b>	<b>169,698.64</b>
<b>Manual Claims</b>	4/28/2020	36066	36067	2,475.20
	5/5/2020	EFT	EFT	1,366.36
			<b>Manual Total</b>	<b>3,841.56</b>
			<b>Total All Vouchers</b>	<b>338,586.72</b>

Vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and expense reimbursement claims as required by RCW 42.24.090 as of this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

**Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Joe Turkiewicz.**  
**Motion to approve consent agenda as presented. CARRIED 5-0.**

**12. Department Head and Council Reports**

**Ashley Post, Council Member** said that when she listened to the recording of the Bingen City Council meeting Mike Hepner had comments on the low number of calls in Bingen and a higher number in White Salmon.

**Mike Hepner, Police Chief** said that has been the case for the last few weeks. He said the number of domestics has increased along with criminal mischief.

**Bill Hunsaker, Building Official/Fire Chief** said he is working on a couple of code enforcement issues.

**Russ Avery, Public Works Operations Manager** said the public works crew continues to be split but are now working full days due to the water project starting back up.

**Ken Woodrich, City Attorney** said that the Governor’s orders regarding public meetings has been extended to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Marla Keethler, Mayor** noted that on May 1<sup>st</sup> bridge tolls at the Port of Hood River will begin. She said that if you do not have a Breezeby Pass the Port will bill based on license plates at a higher rate. Keethler said a bi-state committee has been formed to keep the bridge replacement

project moving forward. Keethler said that she will be bringing forward information at the next city council meeting regarding the city's moratorium and comprehensive plan update process. She said the planning commission meeting for May 27 is still on the calendar.

**David Lindley, Council Member** said he appreciates the staff and mayor for their work and is glad that the water line project is restarting.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



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Maria Keethler, Mayor



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Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer