



**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Call to Order 6:33 PM

Roll Call Finance Committee members Mike Baker; Mike Hamilton and Don Stevens.
Absent: Charles Pace, Mike Baker and Bob Bianchi

Unfinished Business

Follow up discussion on possible reduction of street lights as a potential costs savings strategy.

Steve provided an overview of research efforts leading to a staff determination that turning off some of the City's streetlights does not pose a significant City liability. City staff has constructed a large map for public review - identifying City streetlights that could be turned off. There was consensus amongst the members present to shutting off 64 of the City's streetlights and perhaps more if that action would reduce costs without overly compromising public safety.

New Business

Discussion concerning finance committee and Council meetings: Does the Council wish to have a workshop meeting monthly that also substitutes for the finance committee meeting with formal Council meetings generally limited to once a month? The committee members present were receptive to this action. It was suggested that the first council meeting of the month be conducted as a workshop with no formal actions taken and the second Council meeting be for purpose of conducting official business requiring formal actions. If the City needed to pursue some formal action in the interim, it would do so by way of a special meeting. It was thought that having one formal business meeting a month would reduce legal fees but also could result in a lengthy second meeting.

Discussion on a new state requirement calling for the amending of the City's code as it relates to resource lands and critical area protection. Tom Jermann advised the committee - the state had adopted federal wetland requirements relying on a new rating system. He said the City's adoption of these standards will not significantly impact property use. He noted this item was on the evening's agenda for Council approval.

Business License Update: Steve said the City was making a concerted effort to

improve business license registration. He said the City researched the state's databases to determine who was conducting business in our community and sent a letter encouraging them to obtain a City business license. Additionally, staff has constructed a new business license form and an attractive business license. Through this action the City will generate additional revenue, assure businesses are located in the right land use zone and provide the City information about the types of business activity being conducted in our community.

Bonneville Hot Springs request to reallocate tourism revenues

Steve said the North Bonneville Hot Springs was requesting their tourism contract be modified whereby all previous monies allocated for different activities would be redirected for purposes of placing ads in planning meeting directories.



City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 13, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order 7:10 PM

Roll Call: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Mike Baker, Charles Pace and Councilor Hamilton
Absent: Councilor's Bob Bianchi and Craig Forster

Audience: 2 visitors
Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions

Excusing Councilor's Bianchi and Forster; discussion concerning installation of PED crossings and action to reduce the number of City streetlights as a potential costs savings strategy. These three items will be placed under new business.

Consent Agenda

Approval of December 9th Council Minutes
January invoices received Dec 4 through December 31
13th month invoices received January 1 through Thursday January 8th

Councilor Baker moved to approve the minutes and invoices and seconded by Councilor Pace
Councilor Hamilton requested the Sierra Springs invoice #22864 be voted on separately and Council concurred.

Approval of December 9th minutes and both sets of invoices, less invoice number 22864
Yes Councilors Pace, Baker and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 3-0-0

Approval of Invoice #22864
Yes Councilors Pace and Baker
No Councilor Hamilton
Abstain
Passed 2-1-0

Guest Presentations None

Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann called attention to a household piling up their garage to the extent the debris is likely to pose a health and safety issue

Councilmember Comments Mayor Stevens advised Mrs. Jermann that the noted solid waste issue was on his desk for resolution.

Administrator's Report - None

City Attorney's Report - None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Proposed two [2] year contract for Law Enforcement Services

Councilor Pace made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Pace
Councilor Baker expressed concern about approving the law enforcement contract in the sum of \$72,000, given the prospect that the County Commission may further cut the Sherriff's budget.
Attorney Woodrich expressed concern about how the contract was constructed – stating it was not to statutory form.

Mayor Stevens suggested the item be tabled until the next Council meeting to afford City staff opportunity to understand how the Skamania County Commission intends to adjust the Sherriff's budget and what impact that action would have on service delivery. This delay would also afford the opportunity to correct the contract language.

Councilor Hamilton made a motion to table and seconded by Councilor Baker
Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Tabled 3-0-0

Proposed one [1] year contract for Incarceration Services [The proposed contract fees are the same as last year]

Councilor Hamilton made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Baker
Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 3-0-0

Ordinance 1046 Amending North Bonneville Municipal Code 21.10 Resource Lands and Critical Areas Protection

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Hamilton
Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 3-0-0

Excusing Councilor's Forster and Bianchi from this evening's Council meeting

Councilor Pace made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Baker
Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 3-0-0

Action to turn off certain City streetlights in keeping with a public works recommendation with the caveat that more or less lights will be turned off depending on safety issues and public concerns

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Hamilton
Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 3-0-0

Discussion about placing a crosswalk on Garrison Street as it intersects Sun Tillicum Road and another on West Cascade Drive in proximity to the Chevron Station

Councilor Hamilton asked Council to consider placing ADA approved sidewalks at the two noted locations. A discussion followed about the criteria necessary to install sidewalks and the potential liability exposures that are associated with such an action. After much discussion it was determined to continue this item to afford Tom Jermann opportunity to evaluate the request for merit.

Amending Hotel/Motel Funding Agreement – North Bonneville Hot Springs Resort and Spa – consolidating the funding request

Councilor Hamilton made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Baker

Councilor Baker suggested the funding request be rolled back to the initial financial request for directory services - that being \$20,507. Attorney Woodrich suggested the approval be predicated on the business returning the previously signed contract.

Motion to amend to accommodate a rolling back of costs and return of previous contract

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 3-0-0

Motion as amended

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 3-0-0

Closing Public Comments

Cheryl said the Mayor should be compensated for assuming costs to provide City employees with appreciation certificates for their work efforts in 2014

Closing Council Comments

Councilor Pace commented on the email describing the temporary failure of lift station number 2 and the need to continue developing funding strategies to replace that facility.

Councilor Baker commented on the Skamania County Commission determination not to remove certain properties in proximity to the Pacific Crest Trail from the property roll.

Adjournment

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Pace

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 3-0-0

Adjourned approximately 8.00 PM

Mayor

City Clerk