



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 24, 2012
Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Charles Pace, Jerry Arthurs, Tim Dudley and Jennifer Stratton-Pies
Absent: Mike Baker
Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer, Attorney Ken Woodrich

Guests Present

Approximately 15 guests were present, including Fire Chief JB Tennison and fellow fire fighters, Pioneer Editor Philip Watness, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Casey Roeder.

Agenda Changes and Additions

Mayor Stevens explained that the guest presentation by Julie Stevenson on the web site has been canceled and will be rescheduled.

Councilor Stratton-Pies noted she will need to leave early.

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included 12/13/11 Council Minutes, 1/10/12 Council Minutes, and 1/24/12 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Stratton-pies moved to approve the council minutes of 12/13/11, council minutes of 1/10/12, and January vouchers; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**

Councilor Pace asked a few clarifying questions about the minutes and vouchers.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to amend the motion to include December vouchers, 2nd by Stratton-Pies.**

On Amendment

Yes: Councilors Pace, Arthurs, Dudley and Stratton-Pies

No:

Passed 4 – 0

On motion as amended

Yes: Councilors Pace, Arthurs, Dudley and Stratton-Pies

No:

Passed 4 – 0

Guest Presentations

Fire Chief JB Tennison gave a 2011 year in review, noting that he was recently re-elected by fellow firefighters for a two-year term as fire chief. He also discussed the donation of new, high-pressure oxygen masks from the Tualatin Valley Fire Department as well as other new acquisitions. A question and answer session followed. Discussion ensued regarding how to complete the upgrade to a high-pressure oxygen system.

Ken suggested that the city should draft letter of thanks to the Tualatin Valley Fire Department.

Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann – Asked for an update on the audit, suggesting that the city may need to spend more money on legal fees to follow up on payroll issues.

Jim Runkles – Thanked council for the stop signs and asked about stop lines to go with them. Discussed trees near the play-ground on city property that are covered in English Ivy – the ivy can be killed by cutting it at ground level.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Arthurs – Said he would be attending an Elected Officials Essentials training conference by the Association of Washington Cities on February 10-11, and noted there is a scholarship available for the registration. The solid waste meeting he intended to attend was canceled.

Councilor Stratton-Pies – Said she had nothing to report on the planning commission since the last meeting was canceled.

Councilor Pace – Noted that the treasurer's report lists 5-years worth of legal fees as well as the totals for 2011 staff salaries. He noted that staff is being responsive to concerns and that they are not over-compensated by any means. His impression from the auditor's exit interview was that there were a lot of mistakes made, but no "smoking guns" indicating misdeeds by previous staff. He asked whether the city's response is a council response or an executive response (Ken noted it comes from the mayor).

A question and answer session ensued regarding the auditor's report.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Submitted. John discussed 2011 employee salaries. John additionally discussed the failure of the water pump's Cla-Valve last week and the need to purchase a new (rebuilt) one. Cost is estimated at \$6,400, including installation. A brief Q&A followed.

Councilor Arthurs requested further detail on the budget. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Stratton-Pies left the meeting.

Attorney Report

None.

Councilor Pace asked when the moratorium on marijuana growing operations ends. Ken suggested we will probably want to extend it before it ends.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 438 – Correcting 2009 Interfund Loan

- **Councilor Dudley moved to pass Resolution 438, 2nd by Councilor Pace.**

Pace asked if there would be harm done by tabling the resolution. Discussion ensued.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to correct the language of the title to read “Loan From General Fund to Water Fund, 2nd by Councilor Arthurs.**

On Amendment

Yes: Councilors Pace, Arthurs, and Dudley

No:

Passed 3 – 0

On Motion As Amended

Yes: Councilors Pace, Arthurs, and Dudley

No:

Passed 3 – 0

Resolution 439 – Correcting 2010 Interfund Loan

- **Councilor Dudley moved to pass Resolution 439, 2nd by Councilor Arthurs.**

Yes: Councilors Pace, Arthurs, and Dudley

No:

Passed 3 – 0

Ordinance 1004 – Utility Billing

- **Councilor Dudley moved to approve Ordinance 1004, 2nd by Pace for purposes of discussion.**

Councilor Pace stated that he would like the ordinance to be tabled because he is not clear on whether the city allows customers to turn off their water or whether the city can do so. He also asked about the amount of the charges for turning off and on water connections, and about how 6 months was chosen in the ordinance as the cut off for temporary versus permanent shut-offs. He said he would like to discuss the city’s expectation on the minimum monthly service charges.

- **Councilor Pace moved to table to the next meeting, 2nd by Councilor Arthurs.**

Yes: Councilors Pace and Arthurs

No: Councilor Dudley

Passed 2 – 1

Ordinance 1005 – Claims Payments

- **Councilor Pace moved to approve Ordinance 1005, 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**

Councilor Arthurs complained that he does not believe it was written as council directed.

- **Councilor Arthurs moved to table Ordinance 1005 until the next meeting, 2nd by Councilor Pace for discussion.**

Pace discussed his recommended changes to the ordinance.

Yes: Councilors Pace and Arthurs

No: Councilor Dudley

Passed 2 – 1

Ordinance 1006 – Order of Business

- **Councilor Dudley moved to approve Ordinance 1006, 2nd by Councilor Arthurs.**

Yes: Councilors Pace, Arthurs, and Dudley

No:

Passed 3 – 0

New Business

Disc Golf Advertising Revenue

Councilor Arthurs discussed a suggestion from Kevin Coombs (Beacon Rock Golf Course manager) to sell advertising space on the disc golf holes. Mayor Stevens noted that the disc golf association has been working on this idea, but doing in on the concrete pads instead of the baskets in order to reduce the visual impact.

Funding/Coordinating Gorge Days

Council Pace expressed concern about the administration of Gorge Days given the lack of funding to the Chamber of Commerce, and concern of the possibility of the event not going off as well as it has in the past.

Casey Roeder expressed her understanding that city staff would plan Gorge Days with the assistance of the chamber.

Councilor Arthurs expressed concern on the city's staff ability to handle the event.

- **Councilor Arthurs moved to reinstate \$10,000 funding to the chamber to coordinate Gorge Days.**

Councilor Dudley noted that the budget already includes \$5,000. Casey noted that this motion asks the chamber to coordinate the event for free; she would need to discuss the issue with her board of directors. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Arthurs withdrew his motion.

Closing Comments

Cheryl Jermann – Discussed Ordinance 1005, noting that staff often pays expenses out of their own pockets for supplies and suggesting that some level of trust is needed between staff and council on this issue. She also expressed her belief that the extra funding of Gorge Days needs to be weighed against the hotel/motel budget.

Sharon Runkles – Asked the council to reconsider the idea of putting advertising on benches and the like because she feels it would detract from the beauty of the park. She also suggested that city staff should not be asked to pay for city needs out of their own pockets.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Dudley moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Arthurs.**
Yes: Councilors Pace, Arthurs, and Dudley
No: None
Passes 3 – 0
Adjourned 9:16 PM

Mayor

Clerk