



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 26, 2010
Minutes

Special Council Meeting – Finance Committee

Meeting Call to Order: 6:02 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Tom Herzig, BreAnna Porter, Tim Dudley, Jennifer Stratton-Pies

Absent: Jim Runkles

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer John Spencer

Review of Treasurer Checks and Unusual Transactions

John reviewed the Court Account transactions compiled by Jennifer.

Review of Monthly Financials

Over/Under Budget Report

John reviewed the Over/Under Budget report. Discussion ensued.

Operation of Cash

Not available.

Vouchers

Council members individually reviewed the vouchers.

Payroll

No payroll runs have occurred since the last meeting.

Old Business

Payroll Review

No activity.

Cash Reconciliation

John discussed progress with the cash reconciliation project. The consultant was unable to reconcile 2010 after May. John will make some correcting transactions and call the consultant back for another try.

New Business

Budget Review

John reviewed the mayor's proposed budget along with two alternates, a "cuts focused

budget” which includes staff cuts and a “revenue focused budget” which includes additional utility taxes. Discussion ensued.

Unfinished Business

None.

Adjournment: 7:00 PM

Mayor

Clerk



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Absent: Jim Runkles

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer John Spencer, Attorney Lesley Haskell

Guests Present

Approximately 25 guests were present, including: Dale Dullenty, Cheryl Jermann, Cynthia Lewis, who signed in.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the 10/12 Finance Committee Minutes, 10/12 Council Minutes, October Vouchers, Sewer Plant Changer order #3

- **Councilor Herzig moved to accept the consent agenda; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Herzig asked how change orders are paid

Yes: Councilors Porter, Herzig, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies

No: None

Passed 4 – 0

Guest Presentations

Margie Fickett – NB Food Co-op

Not present.

Parks and Recreation Committee Request for Land Use

Joanna Fry and Jake Meyer gave a presentation on the Parks and Recreation Committee's progress. Key areas of work include: the boat launch, the disc golf area, and the sporting fields. They have discussed adding a sports field, protecting parks, and creating a replica of the Fort Cascades blockhouse on lot S-35 (east of the mini-storage). The Committee is also discussing the idea of upgrading the playground area. They wished to know if the council feels the blockhouse idea is worth pursuing. Discussion ensued.

The council would like a more concrete proposal on the blockhouse and would like more time to deliberate. They also requested a list of projects discussed so they can be considered at a future meeting.

Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann – spoke against tax and rate increases.

Paul Lambson – spoke about a union grievance and raised concerns about the amount of money the city has spent on attorney fees.

Sharon Runkles – complimented the council on their decisions regarding hiring attorneys to defend the city.

Cynthia Lewis – said the money spent on lawyers has been well spent and also discussed her opposition to new taxes.

Council Member Comments

None.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

John noted direct billing for utility payments is now available and noted that he has created a new bank account for travel expenses.

Attorney Report

None.

Unfinished Business

Approval of CPA Contract

John failed to put copies of the contract in council packets. He reviewed key elements of the contract.

While Tom made copies of the CPA contract, Don read into the minutes Councilor Jim Runkles memo regarding various items of concern on the agenda.

- **Councilor Herzig moved to approve the CPA contract; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**

Yes: Councilors Porter, Herzig, Dudley, Runkles, Stratton-Pies

No: None

Passed 4 – 0

Ordinance 968 RE motorized vehicles on pathways

Councilor Dudley suggested that before moving forward, we look into allowing golf carts on city streets. Tom Jermann noted that he pulled up the article Councilor Runkles mentioned and suggested the council read the article because it provides pros and cons regarding the option of having golf carts on streets. Councilor Stratton-Pies asked for a

copy of the article. Topic tabled until the Nov. 9th pending more information.

New Business

Settlement of Unfair Labor Practice

Council retired to executive session at 7:50, returning at 9:05.

Discussion ensued regarding Roberts Rules of Order.

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve the settlement; 2nd by Councilor Herzig.**

Discussion ensued regarding the merits of the settlement, centering on the advantages of saving legal costs versus the disadvantages of settling when the city feels it is in the right and the danger of setting a precedent regarding making such settlements.

- **Councilor Herzig moved to table the motion.**
Motion died for lack of a 2nd.
- **Councilor Herzig moved to amend the motion to specify that the council members do not condone the former employees, accept liability, or put any credence on the claims the former employees made; 2nd by Councilor Porter.**

On the amendment:

Yes: Councilors Porter, Herzig, and Mayor Stevens (as tie-breaker)

No: Councilors Stratton-Pies and Dudley

Passed 3 – 2

On the amended motion:

Yes: Councilors Porter, Herzig, and Mayor Stevens (as tie-breaker)

No: Councilors Stratton-Pies and Dudley

Passed 3 – 2

- **Councilor Herzig raised a point of order regarding the mayor's authority to break the tie vote. (A "Yes" vote upholds the point of order)**
Yes: Councilors Stratton-Pies, Dudley, and Herzig
No: Councilor Porter
Passed 3 – 1

Mayoral Contracting Authority (Ordinance 969)

Died for lack of motion.

Budget Presentation

Mayor Stevens canceled discussion due to the late hour and asked council members to contact him if they want him to change anything in the budget.

Closing Comments

Josi Lambson – said she feels the settlement should be accepted

Mike Hamilton – discussed how the city’s savings have decreased dramatically over the last few years and that the current budget may well have been exceeded.

Paul Lambson – Said he feels it’s bad to disparage previous employees when they aren’t here to defend themselves.

Cheryl Jermann – stated that she felt former employees did badly by the city.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**

Yes: Councilors Porter, Herzig, Dudley, Stratton-Pies

No: None

Adjourned 9:01 PM

Mayor

Clerk