

NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 8, 2013
Finance Committee Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 6:00PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens – Councilors: Charles Pace, Bob Bianchi,
Mike Hamilton and Mike Baker

Craig Forster [excused absence]

It should be noted that Councilor Hamilton arrived at 6:22 P.M.

Staff Present: Steve Hasson, Richard Lafayette, and Ken Woodrich

Unfinished Business

Mayor's Budget Message

Budget review

John Spencer provided the finance committee members with an updated draft budget - noting that all the suggested Council recommendations have been incorporated in this draft document. He noted that the public works budget has been trimmed by approximately \$15,000 to make ends meet. He said there is currently a \$14,000 surplus in the general fund and those proceeds should be left alone to build a healthy fund balance. The Mayor noted that he had met with Sherriff Brown who had advised that he is not intending to increase his budget request over last year, which is positive news. The Council discussed the Fire Chief's budgetary requests, expressing they will try to reasonably accommodate his needs within the budget framework.

A general discussion followed on the prospects of a marijuana dispensary being located in North Bonneville as a result of I502 and the various impacts that may result from its presence that need further evaluation.

New Business

Adjournment 7:00 P.M.



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Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Roll Call

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Mike Hamilton and Mike Baker

Craig Forster [excused absence]

Staff Present: Steve Hasson, Richard Lafayette, and Ken Woodrich

Guests Present

Approximately 15 guests were present.

Agenda Changes and Additions

None

Public Hearings

None

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented for approval:

- September 24th Council Minutes
- Vouchers for the 2nd Tuesday in October
- Payroll for month of September

Councilor Baker moved to approve the consent agenda this action was 2nd by Councilor Hamilton

There were several voucher questions - Steve will address these concerns via email response.

Councilor Pace noted that there were errors in the new business section of the September 24th meeting minutes – these corrections will be addressed.

A consent agenda amendment was offered to deny a payment to John Spencer because of a belief it should be processed through the City's payroll system.

Yes Councilors Bianchi, Hamilton, Pace and Baker

No

Abstain

Passed 4 – 0 - 0

Motion as amended

Yes Councilors Bianchi, Hamilton, Pace and Baker

No

Abstain

Passed 4 – 0 - 0

Guest Presentations

No guest presentation

Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann advised of a running event to be held this Sunday for purpose of abating breast cancer. She also noted someone has recently dumped trash on Cascade Drive.

Kenny Bavoso advised of a Hike the Gorge event scheduled for November 9th.

Mary Armantrout – expressed concerns about having another contract with John Spencer.

Council Member Comments

- Councilor Hamilton has researched information about the City's utility accounts noting that there are considerable accounts in arrears and the remaining ratepayers should not have to subsidize those individuals.
He also commented on the City's annual water use efficiency report that states the City is currently losing approximately 49 percent of its metered water via leakage – he asked what was the City doing to address the leakage issue. He requested the City staff insert Sherriff patrol information in the newsletter to inform our citizens about possible safety concerns.
- Councilor Baker followed up on Councilor Hamilton's review of the water efficiency report asking: haven't we contracted with a person or agency to address this concern?
- Councilor Pace commented on the fact the boat launch was closed because of the Federal Government shutdown and we need to keep an eye on the situation.
- Councilor Bianchi noted the boat launch was closed, in part, because the river was so low.

Administrator's Report

Steve discussed the water efficiency report – noting we need to put time, energy and resources into discovering the sources of leakage and also noting we are getting pushback from the State Department of Health due to our water losses. He observed it may be the main water meter located at the well house that is responsible for water discrepancy. Staff intends to evaluate this meter's reliance capacity. He noted, as did Councilor Bianchi - the City's water lines are getting older and it may be that we are seeing a cumulative leakage impact reflecting a wearing out of the piping infrastructure.

Steve also noted that located in the Council packet was a draft capital facilities plan. He would encourage the Council members to review and comment on its assessments.

Attorney Report

Ken advised that he might be able to move the Court transition process along by drafting an agreement for the judge to evaluate and he would pursue that action as a next step. He noted that there will be one time transition costs associated with this change and those costs should be included in the budget.

Unfinished Business

Resolution No. 461 setting 2014 Ad Valorem tax rates

Councilor Baker moved to approve the property tax increase, which was 2nd by Councilor Bianchi

Councilor Pace made a motion to table which was seconded by Councilor Hamilton

Motion to table to the next meeting:

Yes Councilor Pace
No Councilor Bianchi and Baker
Abstain Councilor Hamilton

It should be noted that an abstention is counted as a no and the Mayor is unable to vote to break a revenue or contract tie.

Motion to table 1- 2-1 [dies]

Action on the original motion to approve Resolution 461

Yes Councilor's Bianchi and Baker
No Councilor's Hamilton and Pace

Motion to approve 2 – 2 – 0 [dies]

Resolution No. 462 regarding a joint self-insurance program

Steve advised the Council that when the motion had been made to approve Resolution 462 at the last council meeting there had been an understanding the City had both the insured and uninsured health options. He later found out that information was not correct. Rather, the health care plan contemplated for approval removes the insured component [in exchange for a self insured program]. Given this new information - does the Council wish to participate in a self insured program?

Motion to affirm Resolution 462 in light of the new information

Yes Councilor's Baker, Hamilton and Mayor Don Stevens
No
Abstain Councilor's Hamilton and Pace

Motion to approve 3 – 0 - 2 [approved]

Establishing PDA under RCW 35.21.730

This item was not addressed at this time

New Business:

Contract with Pulse consultants

No motion was made on this contract at this time

Submission of proposed WAC revisions to distinguish municipal applicants for I-502 retail permits

Discussion on this item but no action

Closing Citizen Comments

Cheryl Jermann said there may be individuals who are hooked up to the City's water supply without permits and this potential ought to be evaluated.

Closing Council Comments

- Councilor Hamilton inquired as to the number of city employees.
- Councilor Pace inquired about the origins of the legal opinion that had been opined on business and occupation [B&O] usage by then Attorney General Slade Gordon's office. He also inquired what steps would need to be taken to bring the Resolution 461 back before the Council.
- Councilor Baker expressed surprise that the City had certain geothermal assets.

Adjournment

Councilor Baker moved to Adjourn and 2nd by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Bianchi, Pace, and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Adjourned approximately 8:40PM

Mayor

City Clerk