



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 23, 2010
Minutes

Special Council Meeting – Finance Committee

Meeting Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Roll Call

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

Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk /Treasurer John Spencer

Review of Treasurer Checks and Unusual Transactions

None.

Review of Monthly Financials

- Over/Under Budget Report Submitted.
- Operation of Cash Not available.
- Vouchers Presented.
John discussed unusual vouchers.
- Payroll Not Applicable.

Old Business

- 2009 Payroll Review
John has passed additional information to Councilor Porter, no further activity to discuss.
- Cash Reconciliation
John presented an email from the CPA who has been reconciling cash and discussing various reconciliation items, including an apparent discrepancy dating to 2008 and continuing difficulties with 2010. John has discussed this with the State Auditor's Office and is waiting for a reply.

The CPA contract has been terminated due to cost. John hopes to complete the reconciliation on his own.

- **Budget Revisions**
John presented a draft of Ordinance 975, 2011 Budget as well as a detailed budget document. Discussion ensued regarding some errors, the reasoning behind various changes, the effects of various changes, and the methodologies used in creating the budget.

New Business

- **2011/12 Utility Operator Hire/Back-up**
John presented a cost analysis for providing coverage for the utilities operator position according to Department of Ecology rules which require the presence of certified utility operators at all times. Discussion ensued.

Adjournment: 7:01 PM

Mayor

Clerk

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Absent:

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

Guests Present

Approximately 18 guests were present.

Public Hearings

2011 Budget

No comments.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included 11/9 Finance Committee Minutes, 11/9 Council Minutes, and November 23 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve the consent agenda items; 2nd by Councilor Runkles.**
Yes: Councilors Porter, Stratton-Pies, Runkles, Herzig and Dudley
No:
Passed 5 – 0

Guest Presentations

Laila Goldring, Laurie Boringer, and Margie Ficket made a presentation on the prospective North Bonneville Food Cooperative. Website is gorgewindscoop.org. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment

Sharon Runkles – spoke of her excitement about the efforts on the Gorge Winds Cooperative as well as her appreciation for council.

Cheryl Jermann – spoke about the need to look at cutting costs, but not specifically at cutting an employee.

Council Member Comments

Jim Runkles – wants to revisit the layoff of the utility position, Councilor Stratton-Pies concurred.

Tom Herzig – wants to revisit the reduction of on-call pay.

Mayor Stevens – wants to add an additional change order to the agenda.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Submitted.

Discussion ensued.

Attorney Report

None.

Unfinished Business

Union Settlement

Mayor Stevens described the activity since the last council and the changes to the settlement.

- **Councilor Herzig moved to approve the settlement with the caveat that the council does not condone the actions of the former employees, accept liability, or put any credence on the claims of the former employees; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Mayor Stevens described the process and discussion ensued.

Yes: Councilors Porter, Stratton-Pies (with the statement that she is voting yes only to be responsible to the city), Runkles, Herzig and Dudley

No:

Abstain: Councilor Dudley

Passed 4 – 0

Further discussion ensued.

Councilor Porter asked to put a new item on the agenda to remove the council members from the union negotiation committee. Discussion ensued.

New Business

Revisit of the On-Call Pay

Tom Herzig presented a draft ordinance to limit on-call pay to no more than two people in a month.

- **Councilor Herzig moved to approve the ordinance prohibiting on-call pay for more than two people in a month; 2nd by Councilor Runkles.**

Discussion ensued.

- **Councilor Porter moved to table a decision regarding on-call pay until the next meeting; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

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

No: Counselor Herzig

Passed 4 – 1

Utility Position

Runkles stated that he feels it is in the best interest of the city to reverse the decision to lay-off the utility operator.

- **Councilor Runkles moved to rescind the 11/9 council vote to remove funding for the utility operator position; 2nd by Councilor Porter.**

Discussion ensued.

Councilor Dudley stated his concern that this will result in additional costs.

Yes: Councilors Porter, Stratton-Pies, Runkles

No: Counselors Herzig and Dudley

Passed 3 – 2

Hotel/Motel Tax Committee Funding Recommendations

John presented the recommendations and noted that Casey Roeder was in the audience and wished to add one more request.

Casey Roeder clarified the change with the Fire Department managing the car show. She also presented an additional proposal to fund marketing and management of adding “Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts” to Gorge Days. Discussion ensued.

- **Councilor Runkles moved to approve the Hotel/Motel Tax funding recommendations with the addition of \$12,000 for marketing and management of the “Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts” concert; 2nd by Councilor Porter.**

Discussion ensued.

Yes: Councilors Stratton-Pies, Runkles, and Dudley

No: Counselor Herzig

Abstain: Councilor Porter

Passed 3 – 1

Cable TV Closure

John stated that this was no longer necessary since the utility operator position had been re-funded.

Treatment Plant Change Order #4 & 5

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve change orders 4 and 5; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

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

No: None.

Passed 5 – 0

Make-up of the Union Negotiation Committee

Councilor Dudley discussed the benefits of keeping the committee as is.

Discussion ensued.

Closing Comments

None.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.
Yes: Councilors BreAnna Porter, Tom Herzig, Tim Dudley
No: None
Adjourned 8:45 PM**

Mayor

Clerk