



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 9, 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, 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
Not presented.
- Operation of Cash
John presented an estimate of the 2010 Year End Fund Balances.
Discussion ensued.
- Vouchers
Presented.
- Payroll
John presented October payroll and discussed a coding error in the software that has resulted in past payrolls being out of balance.
Council discussed employee overtime hours. Future reports should break employee time into various categories.

Old Business

- 2009 Payroll Review
No activity.

- Cash Reconciliation
No activity.

New Business

- Budget Review
John and the Councilors discussed the budget and impacts of the budget on the water rates. Discussion included the financial viability of the cable TV utility and the impact of potential staff cuts.

Unfinished Business None

Adjournment: 7:00 PM

Mayor

Clerk



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Absent:

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

Guests Present

Approximately 10 guests were present. The following people signed in to speak: Mary Armantrout, Cheryl Jermann, and Mike Hamilton.

Public Hearings

Water Rate

Cheryl Jermann commented that she wants to see more budget cuts to keep the rates lower. She also asked how the rates will affect local businesses.

Councilor Dudley noted that the current rates assume successful union negotiations on medical benefits. He also noted that the current proposed rates were not reviewed by the water rate committee. Discussion ensued.

2011 Budget and Revenue

Cheryl Jermann asked what the ending fund balances are. John noted that an estimate is available in the council packets. Discussion ensued.

CDBG

An opportunity was made for citizen input. John described the city's intent to use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to assist in drilling a new well, discussed the estimated cost of the well and options for CDBG funding uses.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included: 10/26/10 Council Minutes, 10/26/10 Finance Committee Minutes, October Vouchers, October Payroll, Economic Development Council Contract, Engineering Contract Amendment for Sewer Plant, Purchase of Replacement Phone System, Contract with MRSC for Small Works Rosters.

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

Councilor Herzig asked what the increase is in the Economic Development Council Contract and asked what they accomplish for the city. Don noted they were instrumental in obtaining the grant for the sewer plant, and discussed other benefits.

Discussion ensued regarding the contract change for the sewer treatment plant.

Yes: Councilors BreAnna Porter, Tom Herzig, Tim Dudley, Jim Runkles, Jennifer Stratton-Pies

No: None.

Passed 5 – 0

Guest Presentations

The presentation on the SW WA Clean Air Agency was rescheduled to a later date.

Public Comment

Mary Armantrout – Read a letter to the mayor and community urging the settlement of the Unfair Labor Practice (ULP).

Cheryl Jermann – urged the council not to approve the settlement of the ULP.

Josi Lambson – urged a limit of \$100,000 on the small works roster (ordinance 972).

Council Member Comments

Councilor Herzig asked whether BreAnna has received the additional payroll information. She said no, but that she had told John not to hurry. John will provide BreAnna with additional information this week.

Councilor Dudley spoke regarding the possible cuts in staffing and on-call pay. He suggested directing staff to re-write the ordinance to limit on-call staff to two people in a given month. Discussion ensued. He requested that this be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

No: Councilor Porter

Passed 4 – 1

Councilor Dudley discussed the savings to the city and citizens that could be reached through staff cuts.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to un-fund the Utility Operator position effective the 30th of November, 2010; 2nd by Councilor Herzig.**

Councilor Herzig commented that the city needs to take care of the employee.

- **Councilor Herzig moved to amend the motion to include a two-week severance and benefits through the end of the year; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Councilor Runkles stated he feels the city should keep the person through the end of the year because the city owes the employees something.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to amend the amending motion to change the end date to December 31, 2010 and to include a 2-week severance package; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Councilor Porter asked why the Council was looking at Cameron versus Jim. Councilor Dudley said that cutting Cameron saves the citizens utility costs. Councilor Porter suggested that cutting Jim would make more sense because Cameron is the more technically able employee. Discussion ensued.

Vote on the amendment to the amendment to extend the termination date to Dec 31st and to provide two weeks' severance:

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

No: Councilor Porter

Passed 4 – 1

Vote on amendment:

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

No: Councilor Porter

Passed 4 – 1

Vote on the motion as amended:

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

No: Councilor Porter

Passed 4 – 1

Councilor Porter noted that she did not feel she had enough information justifying a staffing cut.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

None.

Attorney Report

None.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 971 – Water Rates

Discussion about how to handle amending the ordinance.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to approve ordinance 971; 2nd by Councilor Herzig.**

Discussion ensued regarding section 13.04.050, payment date.

- **Councilor Herzig moved to amend the motion to change the service charge to \$17 in paragraph A and B, and to change the rate in paragraph C to \$1.66, and to change the rate in section 3 (E) to \$1.66; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Vote on the Amendment:

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

No: None.

Passed 5 – 0

- **Councilor Herzig moved to amend the definition of a low income rate payer as discussed; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

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

No: None.

Passed 5 – 0

Vote on the original motion to adopt ordinance 971 as amended:

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

No: None.

Passed 5 – 0

Unfair Labor Practice

Mayor Stevens described how legal counsel believes that the vote at the last council meeting is valid. Discussion ensued.

- **Councilor Herzig moved to reconsider the 10/26/10 vote on the ULP settlement; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**

Yes: Councilors Herzig, Stratton-Pies, and Dudley

Abstain: Counselor Runkles

No: Counselor Porter

Passed 3 – 1

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

Yes: Councilors Herzig, Stratton-Pies, and Dudley

Abstain: Counselor Runkles

No: Counselor Porter

Passed 3 – 1

- **Councilor Herzig moved to amend the ULP settlement by deleting the last two lines of section 2; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**

Discussion ensued

Vote on the Amendment:

Yes: Councilors Herzig, Stratton-Pies, and Dudley

No: Counselor Porter, Runkles

Passed 3 – 2

Vote on the motion to approve the settlement, as amended.

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

No: Counselor Porter

Passed 4 – 1

Ordinance 968 – Motorized vehicles on city paths

- **Councilor Herzig moved to table the discussion; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Tom Jermann provided background on the ordinance, discussing state law regarding allowing golf carts on streets.

Yes: None

No: Councilors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Herzig, Stratton-Pies

Failed 5 – 0

- **Councilor Porter moved approve ordinance 968; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

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

No: None

Passed 5 – 0

New Business

Renaming of Water Committee

- **Councilor Herzig moved to rename the Water Committee to the Utility Committee; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

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

No: None

Passed 5 – 0

Resolution 411 – 2011 Ad-Valorem Tax

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve resolution 411; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

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

No: None

Passed 5 – 0

Ordinance 972 – Small Works Roster

John described reasoning

Runkles noted “therefore” is spelled incorrectly

- **Councilor Runkles moved approve ordinance 972; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

- **Councilor Porter moved to amend Ordinance 972 to make the limit for small works \$100,000; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
Yes: Counselors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Herzig, Stratton-Pies
No: None
Passed 5 – 0

Vote on the motion as amended

Yes: Counselors Porter, Dudley, Runkles, Herzig, Stratton-Pies
No: None
Passed 5 – 0

Closing Comments

Michael Hamilton – spoke on the property tax, feeling an increase was inappropriate.

Josi – suggested that the Council handle the issues brought up in the ULP settlement discussion through the union contract negotiations.

Paul – suggested that the council needs to follow the advice of the attorneys on the settlement.

Cheryl Jermann – said “thank you” for making the hard decisions.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Porter.**
Yes: Councilors BreAnna Porter, Tom Herzig, Tim Dudley
No: None
Adjourned 9:25 PM

Mayor

Clerk