

**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, December 10, 2013**  
**Finance Committee Minutes**

**Meeting Call to Order:** 6:00PM

**Roll Call**

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

Staff Present: Steve Hasson and Ken Woodrich

**Unfinished Business**

**2014 Budget review**

John Spencer provided the final budget document and accompanying ordinance for the Council's review. It was noted that some requested changes had not been addressed in the final ordinance document. John calculated the new numbers and they were agreed upon. John will provide a corrected ordinance document [which he did the next day].

**New Business**

Replacement of the well house meter, installation of valves and substituting fire hydrant

Steve advised the Council - the City is losing considerable of its water supply from an unknown source [approximately 50 percent]. It is speculated that the well house meter is not registering water volumes correctly and it may be a primary culprit. Also in proximity to the well house are two large water valves, an eight [8] inch and a ten [10] inch that are not functioning correctly and need replacement because they are relied upon to shut off water to various portions of the city in the event of a water break or maintenance issue. Finally, there is a fire hydrant that does not have a shut off valve and also needs replacing because it is old. The cost for addressing these issues is \$35,000 based on engineering estimates.

The Council expressed concern about the lack of shut off valves on the Transite pipe that delivers water from the reservoir. The Council asked staff to sit down with Ron Bush, the City's engineer, and determine a menu of options and/or further clarify the City's utility priorities and report back their findings.

Councilor Pace inquired whether the County Commission's determination to cut expenses to balance the budget would impact the Sherriff's agreement with the City for law enforcement services.

Sherriff David Brown was present and responded the City would receive the same level of patrol service as the County residences but it would be a lesser service delivery because the budget cuts do not afford him the opportunity to staff the County with patrol persons 24 hours a day. However, the contract amount would not change from last year rather it would remain \$6000 per month [\$72,000 per year].

**Adjournment - approximately 6.42 PM**



**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
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**Minutes**

**Meeting Call to Order:** 7:00 PM

Just prior to the meeting, and in recognition of the many individuals present, the Mayor advised that he would attempt to facilitate the public comment period by use of a timer as well as limit speakers to one three minute session at the beginning of the meeting and a one minute session at the end of the meeting with no opportunity to yield time to another speaker. He also advised those wishing to speak to please sign up on a sheet made available for that opportunity.

**Roll Call**

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

Staff Present: Steve Hasson and Ken Woodrich

**Guests Present**

Approximately 40 guests were present.

**Agenda Changes and Additions**

Councilor Pace made a motion to move up the agenda presentation by Ninette Jones, concerning sea lion protection; motion seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

**Public Hearings**

**Ordinance 1029 amending chapter 2.28 providing for the appointment of Skamania County District Judge to serve as North Bonneville Municipal Judge.**

City attorney, Ken Woodrich, advised the proposed action would transfer the City's municipal court duties to the County who would manage this operation on our behalf at an annual cost of \$12,000 and a onetime payment of \$6,000 spread over a two-year period to address existing courts cases needing further action. Attorney Woodrich noted that if the City wished to assume this responsibility at some future date it would need to provide the County one year's notice of that intent. The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

**Ordinance 1030 amending ordinance sections 13.04.060(E) and 13.12.135 (E) of Ordinance 1023 for purposes of removing a rate discount on cash, check or electronic fund transfers that was never instituted due to labor and cost considerations involved in that action.**

Steve explained this action would modify ordinance 1023 that was passed in July 2013. The amending action would remove the rate discount that had been intended to recoup financial charges because the labor involved in that effort would exceed any financial return. The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were presented for approval:

- November 26 Council Minutes
- Vouchers for the fourth Tuesday in November
- Payroll for the Month of November

Councilor Baker made a motion to accept the minutes, vouchers and payroll – seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton  
No  
Abstain  
Passed 5-0-0

**Guest Presentations**

Ninette Jones, representing the Sea Lion Defense Brigade, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

**Public Comment**

Several people spoke for or against the development of a marijuana retail operation. Additionally, several persons commented with appreciation toward the Sea Lion Defense Brigade's efforts to inform the public about the sea lions' plight.

**Council Member Comments**

Councilor Hamilton shared a letter he had written and provided insight on his views regarding the City's formation of a PDA, leadership's oath of office obligations, morality and freedom.

Councilor Forster left the meeting near the end of Councilor Hamilton's comments.

Councilor Baker defended the action to establish a PDA and wanted the audience to know his intent was to assure the public health and safety and perhaps create some revenue to improve law enforcement.

Councilor Pace addressed the budget, municipal court transference issues, concern about the sea lion proposal, the legality of forming a PDA and attorney propriety.

Councilor Bianchi expressed appreciation towards the many different views expressed.

Mayor Stevens addressed issues concerning the City's executive branch, the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the US Constitution, Liquor Control applications and the difficulty retaining council members.

**Administrator's Report**

No report

### **Attorney Report**

Ken Woodrich wished to assure all present the City did not pursue creation of a Public Development Authority [PDA] willy nilly, rather it was constructed with guidance from Washington's top PDA attorney who assured the city the course of action taken was sound. Ken spent some time discussing the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment and federal preemption. He summed up his remarks by expressing his opinion the Council's actions to form a PDA were consistent with state and federal laws.

### **Unfinished Business**

Adoption of 2014 Budget Ordinance 1026

Councilor Pace made a motion to approve Ordinance 1026; motion seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker and Bianchi  
No Councilor Hamilton  
Abstain  
Passed 3-1-0

### **New Business:**

Approval of Ordinance 1029 amending chapter 2.28 providing for the appointment of Skamania County District Judge to serve as North Bonneville Municipal Judge.  
Councilor Pace moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Hamilton  
No  
Abstain  
Passed 4-0-0

Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of North Bonneville and Skamania County for the provision of Court Services within the Municipal Department of the District Court  
Councilor Baker moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Bianchi, Baker and Hamilton  
No  
Abstain  
Passed 4-0-0

Ordinance 1030 amending ordinance sections 13.04.060(E) and 13.12.135 (E) of Ordinance 1023 for purposes of removing a rate discount on cash, check or electronic fund transfers that was never instituted due to labor and cost considerations involved in that action.

Councilor Hamilton moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Bianchi, Baker and Hamilton  
No Councilor Pace  
Abstain  
Passed 3-1-0

Reappointment of Greg Hartnell to Planning Commission Position 3 with the term ending 12/31/2017. Councilor Bianchi moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Hamilton

No  
Abstain  
Passed 4-0-0

Reappointment of Jacob Meyer to the Planning Commission Position 4 with the term ending 12/31/2017. Councilor Pace moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Hamilton  
No  
Abstain  
Passed 4-0-0

**Closing Citizen Comments**

Citizens took this opportunity to further clarify their concerns or pose questions about the development of a marijuana retail operation.

**A determination to forgo the December 24<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting**

Councilor Bianchi moved to cancel the December 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Baker and Bianchi  
No Councilor Pace  
Abstain Councilor Hamilton  
Passed 2-1-1

**Closing Council Comments**

Councilor Hamilton expressed concern with moving forward with the PDA and asked for an accounting of the revenue expended to date to finance the PDA.

Councilor Pace expressed appreciation at the public comments and towards those who attended the meeting.

Council Baker said he fully expected the PDA to repay the money the Council provided them.

Mayor Stevens discussed the application process.

**Adjournment**

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Bianchi, Hamilton and Baker  
No  
Abstain  
Passed 4-0-0

Adjourned approximately 9:50 PM

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**