



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Don Stevens
Councilmember Charles Pace
Councilmember Michael Hamilton

Councilmember Bob Bianchi
Councilmember Mike Baker
Councilmember Craig Forster

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday February 10, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order 6:30 PM

Roll Call: Finance Committee members present: Don Stevens, Mike Baker; Mike Hamilton, Charles Pace, and Bob Bianchi

Absent: Craig Forster

Request by Gabe Spencer for financial assistance to update the County's GIS

Steve said the City had received a request from Skamania County Assessor, Gabe Spencer, for a sum of \$250 to help the County update its aerial photography [orthophotographic photography]. The County uses the orthophotograph process for construction of its Geographic Information System [GIS] that is relied upon to digitize spatial information helpful to the City.

Approval of a personal services contract with TDJ to compile the City's 2014 annual financial report not to exceed a sum of \$5000

Steve said the City is required to construct an annual financial report and the City has traditionally relied upon a CPA firm or someone with strong auditing skills to provide this service. Accordingly, he advertised for a qualified person or firm to do the City's report. The City was fortunate to receive two [2] bids from accounting firms competent in this line of work. After reviewing the proposals he is recommending the firm TDJ provide this service. A discussion followed about why one firm was being considered over the other.

Interlocal Agreement between North Bonneville and Skamania County relating to Shoreline Master Program

Tom Jermann was present and advised the committee that Skamania County has entered into a contract for grant funding from the Washington State Department of Ecology to update the County's Shoreline Master Program [SMP]. The grant requires the County to coordinate its shoreline program with North Bonneville's program –and also noting the City is currently updating its SMP. This agreement will provide both jurisdictions the opportunity to share knowledge and resources and there is minimal financial impact to the City arising from this arrangement.

Ordinance 1049 – An Ordinance of the City of North Bonneville, Washington, Amending North Bonneville Municipal Code Title 10 and 12 and Adopting Chapter 10.12 Parking

Bob Bianchi said this parking amendment has been endorsed by the planning commission who worked diligently to make the different sections of parking code compatible. The commission was comfortable with the fact that parking enforcement will be with the Sheriff's office rather than some towing provider and thereby assuring that parking conflicts are addressed with some level of due process. Among the new parking provisions is a clarification of terms and an option to increase areas of the City available for overnight parking.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.



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City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday February 10, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order 7:07 PM

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Craig Forster

Audience: no visitors

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions

Excusing Craig Forster - this item will be placed under new business.

Consent Agenda

Approval of January 27 Council Minutes

Councilor Baker moved to approve minutes and seconded by Councilor Hamilton

Yes Councilors Pace, Hamilton, Bianchi and Baker

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Guest Presentations None

Public Comment None

Councilmember Comments

Councilor Baker advised the City had a new solid waste provider that is headquartered in Vancouver Washington known as Columbia River Disposal. He also advised that AARP provides a good and reasonably priced income tax service intended to accommodate all age groups.

Councilor Hamilton was interested in hearing Councilor's comments on why the City should remain incorporated rather than disincorporating [in other words reverting back to a County government structure]. What prompts his inquiry is the fact we continue to sublet City services to other concerns such as this payroll proposal. Why continue to be a City if we don't want to do the City's business? Councilors and Attorney Woodrich responded with any number of reasons why people choose to live in an urban setting as opposed to an unincorporated area. Councilor Hamilton was encouraged to contact Municipal Research and Services Center [MRSC] for information on this topic.

Councilor Baker noted he brought up the possibility of disincorporation last year during the budget woes but since then the City finances have improved and he would certainly hate to see the City go away.

Councilor Hamilton also asked if the City staff had job descriptions and why the need for City employees to outsource their work. Mayor Stevens replied the City has job descriptions. He also noted that due to budget cuts there are fewer City employees to run the operation and thus a need from time to time to contract for assistance to assure the delivery of City services. Councilor Pace noted that a City government has the ability to control local interests [local control].

Administrator's Report

Steve noted that Washington State Counties are limited by statute to addressing rural and regional matters but not municipal type concerns. So citizen's service delivery would be corresponding limited if the City reverted to County oversight. He also noted people have a need for affiliation and the City of North Bonneville provides them a strong sense of identity and place. Try taking away their municipal identity through a divestiture process and you would likely get considerable pushback. Finally, if the City went away there would remain sewer and water systems needing attention and it's unlikely the County would assume that task without substantial fee increases.

City Attorney's Report - None

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 1048 – amending section 18.01.030 providing the option for use of a hearing examiner

Councilor Pace made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Baker
Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Bianchi and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 4-0-0

Refund late Fee – Bill Rohrabacher

Councilor Hamilton made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Baker
Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Bianchi and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 4-0-0

Forgo Port of Skamania late utility fee payments of \$30 representing two accounts

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Bianchi
Yes Councilors Baker and Bianchi
No Councilors Pace and Hamilton
Abstain
Failed 2-2-0

New Business

Excusing Councilor Forster for good cause

Councilor Pace made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Bianchi
Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Bianchi and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 4-0-0

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Councilor Pace made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Hamilton

Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Bianchi and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Appointment of Salle Spencer to the PDA board

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Pace

Yes Mayor Stevens and Councilors Baker and Pace [Note: the Mayor may vote on non financial matters in the case of a tie]

No Councilor Hamilton

Abstain Councilor Bianchi [Note: an abstention is treated as a no vote]

Passed 3-1-1

Reappointment of Katie Califf to serve on the NB Planning Commission [position 5] until 12/31/2018

Councilor Bianchi made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Bianchi and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Interlocal Agreement between North Bonneville and Skamania County relating to Shoreline Master Program

Councilor Pace made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Bianchi and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Ordinance 1049 – An Ordinance of the City of North Bonneville, Washington, Amending North Bonneville Municipal Code Title 10 and 12 and Adopting Chapter 10.12 Parking

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Pace

Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Bianchi and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Approve a request by Skamania County Assessor, Gabe Spencer, for a minimum \$250 in exchange for updated GIS information

Councilor Bianchi made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Baker, Pace and Bianchi

No Councilor Hamilton

Abstain

Passed 3-1-0

Closing Public Comments

None

Closing Council Comments

Councilor Hamilton said he will continue to bring up concerns intended to save the City money so those saved revenues may be utilized elsewhere to address our many obligations.

Councilor Pace said he would like to hear Mr. Spencer's payroll proposal and noting that he did not necessarily support it because we ought to consider aiming higher. Also, he would like to discuss the PDA and City's relationship going forward.

Councilor Baker noted that he too would like to hear Mr. Spencer's proposal and possible alternatives.

Councilor Bianchi noted there are many sewer and water issues needing resolution and if the City were to disincorporate it is not likely the County would assume those costs burdens. Rather, these costs would likely be transferred to a special purpose district whose administration would pass them along to the customer base with less revenue sources available to help defray the costs.

Adjournment

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Hamilton

Yes Councilor's Baker, Bianchi, Hamilton and Pace

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Adjourned approximately 8.00 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk