



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 24, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee:

Meeting called to order 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call

All members present

Unfinished Business

Payroll Proposal – John Spencer

John presented a payroll proposal whereby the PDA offers to pick up the City's payroll costs in exchange for increased Sherriff patrol presence at Cannabis Corner. He noted that payroll has always been a challenge for City staff and this action would save the City about \$1,500 per year. John said the PDA would also like to do something at the onset of their business pursuit to contribute toward a City related construction project in the financial range of \$5 to \$10K. Several suggestions were offered for the PDA's consideration. Charles Pace suggested that the City's relationship with the PDA ought to move slowly, in that, it was more important they concentrate on becoming profitable, paying off debt and becoming a solid business concern than demonstrating some level of civic contribution during its business start up phase.

New Business

Tourism Recommendation

Steve noted that the tourism committee has met and determined to recommend to City Council an awarding of \$5,000 from Tourism proceeds to the Skamania County Chamber for purposes of conducting the Gorge Days car show.

Approval of Ordinance Number 1050 – revising the 2014 Budget and amending Ordinance Number 1049

Steve advised the Council that even though they had made recent efforts to assure that all of the City's funds remained in the black at the end of 2014, none-the-less the sewer fund remains out of balance. This shortfall results from the City experiencing a large number of sewer related invoices at the beginning of 2015 representing 2014 costs with many of them associated with CDBG sewer grant obligations. Thus, the Sewer fund needs an approximate \$4,000 loan from a viable City fund to make it financially back in the black.

Utilizing a Hearing Examiner to hear a pending land use matter

Tom and Steve are recommending the Council make use of a hearing examiner to hear an upcoming land use matter because of possible due process concerns.

Adjournment: 7:00 P.M.



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City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday February 24, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order 7:05 PM

Roll Call: All Present

Audience: 4 visitors

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions

Reappointing Tom Jermann to Skamania County Mosquito Control Board [**New Business**]

Utilizing a Hearing Examiner in lieu of Council and Planning Commission for addressing the upcoming Church land use application [**New Business**]

Consent Agenda

Approval of February 10th Council Minutes and February 24th Vouchers less Sierra Springs invoice 22945

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

Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

Approval of Sierra Springs Invoice Number 22945

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

Yes Councilors Baker, Forster and Bianchi

No Councilor Hamilton

Abstain Councilor Pace

Passed 3-1-1

Guest Presentations None

Public Comment

Robert Miller suggested an effort be made as part of the City or Chamber's marketing plan to tout the fact NB has a great park and trail system that is designed be ADA friendly and this attribute ought to capitalized upon as a tourism draw.

Cheryl Jermann supported Robert Miller's suggestion as a good utilization of tourism dollars.

Councilmember Comments

Councilor Pace agreed with Robert Miller's suggestion and added that one area where the City is tourism competitive relates to spawning habitat. He noted that NB is ground zero for chum salmon spawning. He said there is a real opportunity with some promotion to showcase the salmon spawning, which is visible from the trail system.

Councilor Hamilton was pleased with the traffic analysis survey the Sheriff's office has conducted to measure traffic speed and wondered why the Sheriff deputies could not utilize this information to employ speed enforcement measures as a safety strategy. He expressed dismay about the amount of excessive speed he saw reflected in the survey results.

Some debate followed whether the survey results demonstrate reasonable or excessive levels of speeding.

Councilor Baker noted the Chamber provided brochures featuring the NB trail system but nothing pertaining to its ADA accessibility potential and that dimension should be called to Casey Roeder's attention for promotional purposes. He said he was impressed with the amount of information provided in the Sheriff's survey and felt this information could be relied upon for developing an enforcement strategy.

Councilor Bianchi provided a breakdown of the various speeds by cohort.

Councilor Forster inquired whether, in fact, the Chamber had a marketing plan, and, if so, could he review it for content?

Mayor Stevens noted that the City's ADA accessibility extends to the streets in that a number of yellow sidewalk cuts had been installed in recent times.

Administrator's Report – None

City Attorney's Report - None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Councilor Hamilton asked his counterparts to entertain a motion to the effect the City Hall drinking fountain be repaired or replaced so that the Sierra Springs water cooler could be discontinued unless or until Sierra Springs water could be made available to all City citizens. He noted at present there is a perception City employees are favored over the taxpayers who pay for water service.

Councilor Forster noted at his business they have machines that filter the water.

There was some level of consensus amongst the members that the City's plumbing somehow effects water taste and thus, the problem is deeper than the issue of purchasing bottled water.

Councilor Pace made a motion to table this matter until the City has a better understanding of the problem and/or have explored solutions for remedy and seconded by Councilor Baker.

Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

Reappointing Tom Jermann to Skamania County Mosquito Control Board

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

Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

Utilizing a Hearing Examiner in lieu of Council and Planning Commission for addressing the upcoming Church land use application

After 22 minutes of discussion the Council determined to limit use of the hearing examiner to serving in lieu of the planning commission with the applicant's agreement. Thus, the motion was modified to read: **Utilizing a Hearing Examiner in lieu of the NB Planning Commission for addressing the upcoming Church land use application**

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

Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Forster and Hamilton

No

Abstain Councilor Bianchi

Passed 4-0-1

Tourism Recommendation – Gorge Days Car Show

This action provides \$5,000 to the Skamania Chamber of Commerce to manage the car show as a part of Gorge Days.

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

Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Forster and Bianchi

No Councilor Hamilton

Abstain

Passed 4-1-0

Approval of Ordinance Number 1050 – revising the 2014 Budget and amending Ordinance Number 1049

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

Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

Approval of Resolution Number 483 – providing for Interfund Loan

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

Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, Bianchi, and Forster

No Councilor Hamilton

Abstain

Passed 4-1-0

Closing Public Comments – None

Closing Council Comments

Councilor Baker wanted to thank Steve for making the area around the City Hall colorful. He noted the public has reacted positively to this action.

Council Pace thanked the Council for its capacity to disagree on matters but none-the-less reach common accord on issues.

Councilor Hamilton quoted Sam Rayburn who served 18 years as the Speaker of the House of Congress “There are no degrees in honorableness – you are or your not.”

Adjournment

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilor’s Baker, Bianchi, Forster, Hamilton and Pace

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

Adjourned approximately 8.00 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk