



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 8, 2011
Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 7:03 PM

Roll Call

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

Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer John Spencer, Attorney Teunis J. Wyers

Guests Present

Approximately 11 guests were present.

Public Hearings

Sewer Rates

John Spencer provided an explanation of the proposed rates

Cheryl Jermann – stated that people are having trouble with the water rates. Also was dissatisfied with the way the city estimated water consumption for January.

Bev Charlton – Asked for further explanation of the rate structure and expressed concern regarding the impact to the RV Park.

Judy Nappe – Asked for further explanation of the rate structure and expressed concern about the impact of the combined water and sewer rates.

Dean Ballinger – Asked for clarification on when the rates would be calculated.

Bob Talent – Expressed concern regarding the removal of discounts for senior citizens and low-income individuals.

Doug Balkema – Asked about how “snow-bird” citizens would be charged, asked whether other cities increase their rates on an annual basis, and asked for clarification on scope of the city’s consultant’s contract.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included 2/8/11 Council Minutes, January 25 Vouchers, February 8 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve the consent agenda items; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**

Councilor Porter suggested that we need a contract amendment for the additional work that Columbia Gorge Information Systems has done on designing letterhead.

Consensus Moved vouchers to new business

On minutes and payroll

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

No:

Passed 5 – 0

Guest Presentations

Sheriff – by Chief Pat Bond

Chief Bond provided an overview of the Sheriff's Office contract and items of concern to North Bonneville. He also discussed the importance of citizen participation – providing the sheriff's office with information, and supported the idea of a neighborhood watch program. A question and answer session followed, particularly regarding speeding issues.

SW WA Clean Air – by Mary-Ann Duncan-Cole

Ms. Duncan-Cole provided an overview of the operations of the SW WA Clean Air agency, particularly discussing activities around the PGE Boardman plant, the recent burn bans in Clark County, and litigation surrounding the Centralia coal plant.

Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann – discussed the write-down voted on at the last meeting. Asked how the retreat will be paid for.

Judy Nappe – asked if the water rates will increase next year.

Council Member Comments

Jim Runkles – asked about the emergency exits on Sun Tillicum. Don Stevens explained that the Port is working to fix the problem.

BreAnna Porter – asked about an update on the union negotiations. Don Stevens gave an update.

Tom Herzig – asked about previous discussions on the collective bargaining agreement and on the settlement of grievances.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

John Spencer had no written report; instead he gave a verbal update on the progress with new finance software, website improvements, and plans for the council retreat.

Attorney Report

None

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 979 – Sewer Rates

- **Councilor Dudley moved to approve Ordinance 979; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Discussion regarding how the rates should apply to Snow Birds and regarding a reduced rate for Seniors.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to table Ordinance 979 until the next meeting; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
Yes: Councilors Porter, Stratton-Pies, Dudley, Runkles, and Herzig
No:
Passed 5 – 0

Resolution 415, Council Rules of Procedure

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve Resolution 415; 2nd by Councilor Herzig.**

Councilor Runkles discussed the how these rules may affect meetings held only once per month. Herzig agreed with these comments.

Discussion on the rules ensued, especially regarding the ability to vote on a matter not previously published, and on the ability of a person to act anonymously.

Consensus on requiring an address from people providing input; a post office box is acceptable for all but land-use, which requires a physical address.

Consensus on being able to vote on items not on the agenda.

- **Councilor Porter moved to table Resolution 415 until the next meeting; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
Yes: Councilors Porter, Stratton-Pies, Dudley, Runkles, and Herzig
No:
Passed 5 – 0

Change of Frequency of Council Meetings

Tabled to the next meeting.

New Business

Date for Council Retreat

Consensus to hold a retreat on March 5th from 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Surplus Fire Truck

JB discussed the value of the old blue fire truck and requested permission to surplus it.

- **Councilor Porter moved to surplus the truck as staff sees fit; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
Yes: Councilors Porter, Stratton-Pies, Dudley, and Runkles
No: Councilor Herzig
Passed 4 – 1

City Council Meeting Start Time

Consensus to change the council meeting time to 6:30 PM.

Efforts to Reduce Speeding

Discussion ensued regarding speed bumps and efforts to reduce speeding. Council asked staff to pursue grants to help pay for traffic calming devices.

Discussion of Parks Committee Recommendations

Tabled by consensus to February 22nd.

February 8 Invoices

- **Councilor Porter moved to amend the Web Design contract to allow for graphic design; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.
Yes: Councilors Porter, Stratton-Pies, Dudley, Runkles, and Herzig
No:
Passed 5 – 0**
- **Councilor Dudley moved to approve the February 8 vouchers; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.
Yes: Councilors Porter, Stratton-Pies, Dudley, Runkles, and Herzig
No:
Passed 5 – 0**

Closing Comments

Cheryl Jermann – asked that physical address not be required for public comment.

Councilor Porter – stated that we should limit public comment during council discussion, limiting them to opening and closing comment periods.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.
Yes: Councilors BreAnna Porter, Tom Herzig, Jim Runkles, Jennifer Stratton-Pies, Tim Dudley
No: None
Adjourned 10:08 PM**

Mayor

Clerk