

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Finance Committee Minutes**

Meeting Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Steve Hasson and Richard Lafayette

Unfinished Business

New Business

Steve provided the Council with his preliminary efforts to update the sewer and water policies that are found in the City's municipal Code Title 13. Steve said his initial effort was intended to clean up the utility payment collection policy section of Title 13 but found the City's overall sewer and water policies in disarray and so has endeavored to clean up all of its language. He intends to bring back a second version at the March 25 council meeting. Meantime, he has started construction of the supporting ordinances. He is also removing all the rates, fees and charges from this document and placing them in a separate one to make them publicly accessible.

Steve noted that he has made some headway on construction of the CBDG grant application and intends to bring the Council a draft document for their review at the next meeting.

Steve noted the recent ordinance the Council passed that provides for interfund transfers between the general fund and the water and sewer funds has the potential to place too much strain on the City's general fund. Accordingly, unless the Council had objection - he intends to transfer revenues from the water reserve fund to address the water fund deficiency and loan monies from the tourism fund to the sewer fund to resolve its financial issues. He will also construct a supporting ordinance for Council's review.

Councilor Pace noted there was an upcoming CBDG workshop and hoped staff had planned to go to gain guidance on grant construction. He also commented on development of the City's collection payment policies. He said they should be fair, impartial and sensitive to our citizens' pocket books.

Adjournment

The Committee adjourned about 6.57 P.M.



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
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Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 7:07 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens – Councilors: Charles Pace, Michael Hamilton, Bob Bianchi, Craig Forster and Mike Baker
Staff Present: Steve Hasson and Richard Lafayette

Guests Present

Approximately 8 guests present

Agenda Changes and Additions

None

Public Hearings

None

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented for approval:

- February 25 Council Minutes
- Vouchers March 11th

Councilor Pace moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Baker.

Councilor Bianchi advised he had not both abstained and then voted on a particular item. Steve will modify the March 11 Council meeting minutes to note the abstention.

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

Guest Presentations

None

Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann – inquired about tourism dollars available for a capital facilities project such as construction of a blockhouse. She asked the Council to involve the public in any decision to use the M-19 property for marijuana retail purposes. Finally, she inquired whether the City did investigative backgrounds on those it chose to install on its PDA board.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Bianchi asked the Council if they would be receptive to installing WiFi in City Hall after review of possible security issues.

Councilor Forster asked the public works about the possibility of replacing a broken streetlight on Island Way.

Councilor Baker inquired whether the new interfund proposal would be supported by ordinance construction.

Councilor Pace inquired whether North Bonneville might be a candidate for Google's high speed internet.

Councilor Hamilton inquired about the status of the City's collective bargaining efforts. He also asked for a clarification on the deputy clerk position.

Mayor Stevens responded to issues associated with PDA background checks and resignation and appointment of its membership as well as the deputy clerk position.

Administrator's Report

None

Attorney Report

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Councilor Hamilton requested council consider the following motion: the Council encouraged staff to apply all water and sewer payments collected in arrears towards repayment of the loan indebtedness the City assumed by passage of Ordinance 1033, in addition to the scheduled repayment due twice annually; the intent of this action: to repay the loan in one year.

Councilor Hamilton moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Pace
Discussion followed about the pros and cons of the proposal. There was general agreement if revenues were bountiful the City could pay off the indebtedness at a faster rate.

- Yes Councilor Hamilton
- No Councilor's Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Forster
- Abstain
- Defeated 1-4-0

Note: Councilor Hamilton excused himself from the meeting

PDA Board Member – T J Baxter had put forth a letter offering to serve on the PDA board but upon reflection - rescinded it because of work constraints – no action taken

Planning Commission Board Member Position Alternate One - the City has received a letter from James Goldring requesting the opportunity to serve on the Commission and they are recommending his approval.

Councilor Pace Forster moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Baker
Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Forster
No
Abstain
Passed 4-0-0

Closing Public Comments

Cheryl Jermann inquired at what point does the City determine to plow the roads after a snowfall incident.

Closing Council Comments

Councilor Forster asked a similar question about snowfall removal procedure. Discussion ensued.

Adjournment

Councilor Forster moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Bianchi
Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Forster
No
Abstain
Passed 4-0-0
Adjourned approximately 8:00 PM

Mayor

City Clerk