

**Tuesday, March 25, 2014**

**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
Finance Committee Minutes**

**Meeting Call to Order:** 6:36 PM

**Roll Call**

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

Excused absence - Craig Forster

Staff Present: Steve Hasson and Richard Lafayette

**Unfinished Business**

Steve reviewed several items with Council: First he noted that Title 13, which is the utility section of City code is being updated with several people's input. Steve provided two draft ordinances that reflect suggested changes to this section of code and noting that Title 13 has not been significantly updated since 2003.

The first ordinance, 1036 deals with the water section of this code and the second ordinance, 1037 addresses sewer and other utilities section of this code. Steve also called attention to Resolution 471, which breaks out utility rates, charges and fees from Title 13 so they are readily accessible. He asked Council members to review these two ordinances and the resolution and suggest changes. His intent is to bring these documents back to Council for a public hearing on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Steve also discussed Ordinance 1038 which is before Council this evening. This ordinance provides for an interfund transfer between the tourism fund and the sewer fund. This Ordinance substitutes for Ordinance 1033, which would have provided an interfund transfer from the general fund to the sewer fund and noting that such action would have placed too much strain on the City's general fund.

Finally, Steve provided Council with a very rough draft of the analysis that will be relied upon in the construction of the Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] application.

Council members offered several suggested changes to the draft Title 13 language.

**New Business**

**Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned about 7:00 P.M.



**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, March 25, 2014**  
**Minutes**

**Meeting Call to Order:** 7:07 PM

**Roll Call**

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

Excused absence: Craig Forster

Staff Present: Steve Hasson, Richard Lafayette and Tom Jermann

**Guests Present**

Approximately 10 guests present

**Agenda Changes and Additions**

None

**Public Hearings**

None

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were presented for approval:

- March 11 Council Minutes
- Vouchers March 25<sup>th</sup>

Councilor Baker moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi

No Councilor Hamilton

Abstain

Passed 3-1-0

**Guest Presentations**

None

**Public Comment**

Cheryl Jermann – Intimated the City was part of the PDA and therefore should provide its minutes and agendas to the public.

Jed Wasson – Expressed concern about marijuana, attorneys and the fact the City was broke.

**Council Member Comments**

Councilor Hamilton said he was considering filing a public records request to gain information about PDA costs incurred to date as well as the amount of revenue expended on union negotiations. The Mayor reminded him we had provided the union costs.

Councilor Pace reflected on the action to create the PDA – believing it was the right course of action. He said it was important to keep a firewall between the City and the PDA with a proviso; we can exercise oversight of the operation if there is a need to do so.

Councilor Baker was of a similar sentiment as Councilor Pace – believing it was important to maintain a firewall between the organizations. He said there was no need to elaborate on the relationship unless and until they received a license to sell recreational marijuana.

Councilor Bianchi said he preferred the PDA to go away.

Councilor Pace said if the PDA did not get a license we may still wish to rely upon the PDA concept to sponsor economic development.

Mayor Stevens advised Cheryl Jermann if she wanted information about the PDA she ought to call a member of that organization and noting that the City stays out of their daily operations.

**Administrator's Report**

Steve advised there will be two workshops sponsored by the Washington State Department of Commerce to discuss the community development block grant. The first will be at City Hall April 17<sup>th</sup> from one to three in the afternoon and another at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, Washington the morning of April 24<sup>th</sup>. Steve plans to be in attendance at both meetings.

**Attorney Report**

Ken Woodrich was not in attendance.

**Unfinished Business**

Ordinance Number 1038 – An Ordinance causing interfund loan transfers and creating new repayment schedules

Councilor Baker moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker and Bianchi

No Councilor Hamilton

Abstain

Approved 3-1-0

**New Business**

Resolution 472 relating to the acceptance of real property

Councilor Hamilton moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Approved 4-0-0

Interlocal Agreement with Clark County for Fire Marshall Related Services

Councilor Pace moved for approval subject to attorney contract review and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Approved 4-0-0

Hotel/Motel Tax Funding Agreement between the City and the North Bonneville Firemen's Association for purposes of operating the Gorge Days Car Show.

Councilor Baker moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker and Bianchi

No Councilor Hamilton

Abstain

Approved 3-1-0

Hotel/Motel Funding Agreement with the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce

Councilor Baker moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker and Bianchi

No Councilor Hamilton

Abstain

Approved 3-1-0

Tom Jermann - request for one time reduction in water/sewer bill due to leakage

Councilor Hamilton moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Approved 4-0-0

Dustin Smith - request for one time reduction in water/sewer bill due to leakage

Councilor Hamilton moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Approved 4-0-0

Mary Spears - request for one time reduction in water/sewer bill due to leakage

Councilor Hamilton moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Approved 4-0-0

Joan Beldin - request for a sewer averaging modification due to a leakage issue

Councilor Hamilton moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Approved 4-0-0

### **Closing Public Comments**

Mary Armantrout lamented the fact North Bonneville did not have a viable business community but was very much in support of Gorge Days and particularly the car show aspect of that event.

Casey Roeder inquired how money loaned to the PDA would be repaid if they didn't receive a license.

Diane Hamilton said it was wrong of the Council not to have sought public input into the formation of the PDA by having a workshop or affording the Citizens the right to vote on the matter. She said the Council members had not invested a dime of their own money in that venture but placed this financial obligation on its citizens.

Cheryl Jermann said that the City needed to do a better job of promoting the City and its attributes and particularly the trail system.

### **Closing Council Comments**

Councilor Hamilton suggested use of the hotel/motel tax proceeds to build some small multiuse building on the gifted piece of land and rent it out to business concerns.

Mayor Stevens responded to Councilor Hamilton's remarks about the Council violating their oath of office by noting that the Washington State and Federal marijuana laws were in conflict with one another but the branches of governments were working to resolve differences.

Councilor Pace offered suggestions on how to strengthen the CDBG grant application by reorienting the data to tell a more compelling story.

Councilor Baker thanked Mary Armantrout for her ambassadorial efforts to acquire a guest book and supply postcards as a means to reach out to our visitors. He also took exception to Ms. Hamilton's remarks about the Council not having a personal investment in the PDA and noting that his tax dollars are helping to sponsor this venture and thus he has as much to gain or lose as anyone else and to say otherwise is wrong.

Mayor Stevens said he supported Councilor Baker's views. He noted that one outcome of investing in a PDA for purposes of procuring a retail marijuana license is the continuous media exposure we have received highlighting North Bonneville's many attributes. He expressed the view - the value of that exposure has likely exceeded the City's investment to date.

### **Motion to excuse Councilor Foster**

Councilor Baker moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Pace

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

### **Adjournment**

Councilor Bianchi moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Adjourned approximately 8:30 PM

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**