

NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 26, 2013
Finance Committee Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Stevens, Councilors Charles Pace and Mike Baker

Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer

Unfinished Business

2013 Budget Review/Discussion

John discussed several general fund department budgets with council. Discussion ensued.

New Business

None

Adjournment

7:00



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Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Stevens, Councilors Charles Pace, Mike Baker, and Jennifer Stratton-Pies

Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer, City Attorney Ken Woodrich, Planning Advisor Tom Jermann,

Guests Present

Approximately 4 guests were present, including Council Candidate Bob Bianchi.

Agenda Changes and Additions

Mayor Stevens asked permission to move up the appointments to the beginning of the agenda, and to add an Agreement Regarding Bryan Henrichsen and two utility billing adjustments. Council agreed.

Public Hearings

None.

New Business

City Council Appointments

Robert Bianchi

The council asked a few questions of Bob Bianchi, regarding any conflicts of interest, impact of his leaving from the planning commission, and so forth.

- **Councilor Pace moved to approve Bob Bianchi's appointment to Position #2; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Yes Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies, and Baker

No

Passed 3 – 0

Robert Bianchi was sworn in to office, position #2 by Heidi Penner, Skamania County Chief Deputy Auditor.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the 3/12/13 Council Minutes, 3/19/13 Council Minutes, and 3/26/13 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pries moved to approve the consent agenda; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Councilor Pace asked a clarifying question regarding security charges.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies asked to table the minutes of the 19th to double check accuracy of consensus items; 2nd by Pace.**

Councilor Baker asked a clarifying question.

On Amendment

Yes Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies, Baker, and Bianchi

No

Passed 4 – 0

On Motion As Amended

Yes Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies, Baker, and Bianchi

No

Passed 4 – 0

Guest Presentations

None.

Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann – expressed her support of the sheriff's contract and her opposition to any discussion of annexing into fire district #5. She also asked about any investigation on recovery of funds from previous personnel.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Stratton-Pies apologized for missing the three-city council meeting.

Councilor Baker expressed concern about numerous unbudgeted expenses, suggested that the city should not pursue the 2nd well at this point. He asked for further discussion on the city's finances. A brief discussion ensued.

Councilor Pace expressed his support for keeping a local fire department with quick response times. He expressed his willingness to discuss the well issue. He also expressed his interest in pursuing a three-city/gorge commission agreement. He noted that he has reviewed the Bigfoot Trail plan and many of his concerns regarding the update to the Comprehensive Plan have been allayed.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

John provided in written format, and provided some additional updates:

- Daryl Peterson will be removing trash from above our water main on Thursday. City staff will be watching closely to help ensure he doesn't break the main.

Council recessed for five minutes at 7:40 to discuss potential litigation; they returned at 7:48 with no decisions having been made.

Councilor Pace suggested the consensus of the council should be to A)

protect safety and welfare of the city and B) protect the city's legal position in any litigation.

- He provided copies of the most recent community garden minutes.
- He asked whether the council wants to vote on liquor licenses

Consensus to bring Liquor Licenses before council on consent agendas.

- He noted Councilor Udall resigned.
- He discussed the high cost estimates for pathway repairs.
- He noted that staff continues to work to resolve some utility billing issues that resulted from the software upgrade.

Discussion ensued.

Attorney Report

Ken discussed the recreational immunity statute, which provides the city immunity from liability for the use of recreational facilities for which the city does not charge. He recommended posting warning signs for latent hazards.

Discussion ensued regarding where and how to place signs.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Ordinance 1021 – Comprehensive Plan Amendment

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve ordinance 1021; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**
Yes **Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies, and Baker**
Abstain **Councilor Bianchi**
No
Passed **3 – 0 – 1**

Hotel/Motel Contracts

John noted that the Hot Springs has pulled its request for funding for a trailhead gazebo because they do not have time to build it this year.

Regarding the contract for a concert

- **Councilor Baker moved to approve the contract not to exceed \$3,000; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies**
Yes **Councilors Stratton-Pies, Baker, and Bianchi**
No **Councilor Pace**
Passed **3 – 1**

Regarding the contract for highway signage

John noted that the contract does not specify an exact location and that they are unlikely to use the billboard in Troutdale this year.

- **Councilor Baker moved to approve the contract not to exceed \$7,000; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies**
- **Pace moved to table until we have specific details on where the signs will**

be posted; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies

Yes Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies, Baker, and Bianchi

No

Passed 4 – 0

Court Service Contract

John provided background.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve the court services contract; 2nd by Councilor Baker**

Baker and Pace asked some questions.

Yes Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies, Baker, and Bianchi

No

Passed 4 – 0

Resolution 455 – Surplus Firewood

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve resolution 455; 2nd by Councilor Bianchi**

Mayor Stevens asked whether it would be appropriate to add a fee for the sale of firewood. Ken suggested adding language in the hold harmless document referencing RCW 4.24.210. Councilor Pace noted that this may be something to revisit in the future after the city has worked with it for a while.

Yes Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies, Baker, and Bianchi

No

Passed 4 – 0

Resolution 456 – Supporting partnership efforts with Stevenson and Cascade Locks

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve resolution 456; 2nd by Councilor Baker**

John provided two versions for discussion – a revision he created and a revision created by Councilor Pace. Councilor Pace explained his thoughts behind his revisions. Discussion ensued supporting the drafting of an agreement rather than approving any as-yet-to-be-created agreement.

Councilor Pace suggested that Mr. Litwak (legal counsel for the Gorge Commission) could create a legal memo supporting a compact, which the city could then site in future documents.

- **Councilor Baker withdrew his 2nd; Councilor Stratton-Pies withdrew her motion.**

Utility Billing Adjustments
John provided background

Beat

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve the utility billing adjustment for the Beats as presented; 2nd by Councilor Baker**
Yes Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies, Baker, and Bianchi
No
Passed 4 – 0

Herzig

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve the utility billing adjustment for the Herzigs as presented; 2nd by Councilor Baker**
Yes Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies, Baker, and Bianchi
No
Passed 4 – 0

Henrichsen MOA

Mayor Stevens provided background. Councilor Pace suggested reopening the unfilled position and encouraging Bryan Henrichsen to apply.

Councilor Baker moved to accept the draft of the MOA and to waive the requirement to include this item on the agenda; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies

Yes Councilors Stratton-Pies, Baker, and Bianchi
Abstain Councilor Pace
No
Passed 3 – 0 – 1

Closing Comments

Cheryl Jermann – expressed her approval of Councilor Pace’s comments on resolution 456.

Adjournment

Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Baker.
Yes: Councilors Stratton-Pies, Baker, and Pace.
No:
Passes 4 – 0

Adjourned 9:00 PM

Mayor

Clerk