



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 April 14, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee:

Meeting called to order 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call All finance committee members present with the exception of Charles Pace

New Business

Providing an at large parking space in the Central Business District [CBD] for van pooling purposes – the van pooling is made available to individuals through WSDOT funding

North Bonneville resident Josh Hughes serves as a van pool coordinator for workers affiliated with the Bonneville Power Administration site at the Dalles. Apparently, these workers drive from different locations to NB where they park their vehicles and as a group drive to The Dalles Dam. Mr. Hughes is seeking permission to park the van in the CBD for this ride sharing purpose. The City has 12 at-large parking spaces for rent in the CBD but the rent is about \$420 annually per space. A question for the Council: are you receptive to making available one of the City's CBD parking spots for use by another government agency through an interlocal agreement in support of this transportation conservation strategy? After discussion it appeared the Council was receptive to such a consideration but needed to hear first from Mr. Hughes.

Public Camping in North Bonneville

Steve advised the Council that from time to time citizens ask – is there a spot in the City available for tent camping purposes? Staff directs these individuals to take advantage of camping sites located at the RV Park or Beacon Rock. However, given these inquiries, staff would like some direction whether the Council is receptive to designating a public area where some limited camping could occur. The thinking being: the camping would be limited to a City related event such as a sponsored bicycle race, disc golf tournament, Gorge Days, Boy Scout outing or some similar one or two day activity.

Steve also passed out a map constructed by Tom Jermann. The map identifies a possible one [1] acre public site that might be available for camping purposes. The site is south of the community garden and next to the City ball fields. The site is separated from residential activity, adjoins a public parking lot and is near a public restroom facility. The council appeared to be receptive to the idea but was concerned about possible enforcement issues and items such as trash accumulation. Steve will research these types of concerns and bring a proposal back to the next council meeting for further discussion.

Adjournment: 6:50 P.M.



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City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday April 14, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order 7:02 PM

Roll Call: All present

Audience: 4 visitors
Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions

The proposed interlocal agreement with the NB Public Development Authority for use of City Hall has been removed from the agenda at the applicant's request.

Consent Agenda

Approval of March 24th Council Minutes

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

Yes Councilor Baker, Pace, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

Guest Presentations

Mr. Hughes was present and the Mayor invited him to use the presentation time to explain about the van pooling request. After Mr. Hughes had provided an overview of the request and responded to a number of Council questions – the Council conveyed they would be receptive to an interlocal agreement with the Portland District Army Corps of Engineers for use of a City parking space for van pooling purposes. Steve will work with the Corps to construct an agreement for the Council's review.

Public Comment - None

Councilmember Comments

Councilor Pace noted that Councilor Hamilton had referenced situational ethics at the last Council meeting – but it was only after reading his editorial in the Skamania Pioneer that he now understands with some degree of clarity the context in which the message was conveyed.

Councilor Bianchi referenced a recent presentation by the USGS concerning an emergency response situation associated with a Cascadian Event earthquake [should it occur]. He said we are due for an earthquake event with a magnitude over 9. He noted a drill to simulate an emergency response to such a catastrophic event will be conducted next July [2016].

Mayor Stevens advised Council he had installed an unsecured wireless network circuit in City Hall that is separate from the current city & library systems. He noted the new WIFI signal is strong - even outside the building and requires no password to access.

Administrator's Report – No report

City Attorney's Report – No report

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Ordinance Number 1051 - Amending MBMC Chapter 18 and thereby adding new section 18.01.400 for purposes of establishing hearing examiner procedure and decision protocol

Steve noted that recently the Council had consented to relying on use of a hearing examiner for deciding land use decisions. And given that action it is necessary to establish rules of engagement the hearing examiner will rely upon for decision making purposes. To that end, Steve with assistance from Attorney Woodrich has constructed an ordinance for the Council's consideration.

Councilor Forster made a motion to approve this ordinance and seconded by Councilor Baker. Councilor Pace was concerned about Ordinance language found at 18.01.470 that addresses a hearing examiner appeal to the City Council. He felt the language should clarify Council's ability to remand the decision for purpose of building a better record.

Attorney Woodrich suggested an addition to the sentence that reads: *In respect to the matter appealed, the city council may adopt or reject, in whole or in part, the findings and recommendations of the hearing examiner or make such other dispositions of the matter.* The additional language would read: *including, without limitation, remand for further hearing.*

Council was satisfied with the additional language. In response, Councilor Pace made a motion to amend the motion to include the supplementary language and seconded by Councilor Forster.

Yes Councilor Baker, Pace, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 5-0-0

Approval of Ordinance 1051 as amended

Yes Councilor Baker, Pace, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 5-0-0

Determining Ron Bush and Associates to be the most qualified firm to provide for the City's Engineering Services and directing staff to negotiate a fair and reasonable price for services rendered for Council's consideration

Steve noted the process the City pursued to procure an engineer who will oversee our day to day engineering services as well as facilitate the installation of lift station #3. He noted the City's efforts to solicit an engineering services request for proposals through advertisement in three [3] newspapers and OMWBE. A number of engineering firms contacted the City and subsequent we received four [4] engineering proposals that responded to the information sought by the timeframe provided for submittal.

Four [4] evaluators independently evaluated and score the four [4] proposals submitted. Ron Bush who has previously provided for the City's engineering services scored highest overall. Accordingly, staff is recommending the Council designate Ron Bush the most qualified firm/individual to provide for the City's Engineering Services. If Council takes this action they should also direct staff through the Mayor to negotiate a fair and reasonable price for services rendered for Council's further consideration.

Councilor Forster made a motion to designate Ron Bush and Associates the most qualified firm and seconded by Councilor Baker [inherent in the motion was direction for staff to negotiate a price for Council's review].

Yes Councilor Baker, Pace, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton
No
Abstain Councilor Hamilton
Passed 5-0-0

Accepting a staff recommendation to rely upon Joe Turner P.C. for hearing examiner purposes on an “as needed” basis and directing the construction of a professional services contract with Mr. Turner for Council’s consideration

Steve advised the Council that because they have decided to rely upon a hearing examiner from time to time to hear land use matters - it served the City’s best interest to find a person who would perform that service. Accordingly, Steve contacted Gary McLean, who is the president of the Washington State Hearings Examiner Association to help the City procure these services. Mr. McLean helped write the request for proposal and solicit it to the membership. In response we received two [2] proposals. Attorney Woodrich was asked to weigh in which was the more qualified firm and suggested Joe Turner provide this service based on years of experience and familiarity with land use law.

Councilor Forster made a motion to acknowledge Joe Turner as the person to provide this service and asking the Mayor to direct staff to construct a professional services contract with him for the Council’s further review and seconded by Councilor Bianchi.

- Yes Councilor Baker, Pace, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton
- No
- Abstain
- Passed 5-0-0

Closing Public Comments – None

Closing Council Comments

Councilor Bianchi recollected that if the City charges a fee for use of its facilities that there may be some liabilities associated with that action. Attorney Woodrich responded that Councilor Bianchi was referencing the Washington State Recreational Immunity Statute. He said that if the City charges for use of its facilities that action may reduce the City’s immunity in the event of accident or injury.

Councilor Baker commented on the letter Steve had sent to John McSherry in support of the Port District’s efforts to secure grant and loan monies to help build a larger facility on Port District property that would likely be occupied by a local business looking to expand their operation.

Councilor Pace commented on the camp site proposal - stating it merits further discussion.

Councilor Hamilton expressed his appreciation for Councilor Pace’s comments on his newspaper editorial.

Mayor Stevens expressed his enjoyment working with a knowledgeable and collaborative Council

Adjournment

Councilor Pace moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Forster

- Yes Councilor Baker, Pace, Bianchi, Forster and Hamilton
- No
- Abstain
- Passed 5-0-0

Adjourned approximately 8.04 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk