

NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Special Council Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Jerry Arthurs, Charles Pace, Mike Baker, Tim Dudley and Jennifer Stratton-Pies

Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer, Asst. Utilities Manager Bryan Henrichsen

Unfinished Business

Continued Review – 2012 Budget

John explained how the personnel portion of the budget is split out among the various departments. Councilors asked a variety of questions around this topic.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

6:55 PM



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Minutes

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Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer, Attorney Ken Woodrich, Asst. Public Utilities Manager Bryan Henrichsen, and Planning Advisor Tom Jermann

Guests Present

Approximately 11 guests were present.

Agenda Changes and Additions

Councilor Stratton-Pies asked to move the grievances up on the agenda since she needs to leave early.

Public Hearings

None.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included 4/10/12 Council Minutes and 4/24/12 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve the council minutes and vouchers; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, Dudley and Stratton-Pies

No:

Passed 5 - 0

Guest Presentations

Julie Stevens – City Website

Julie Stevens of Columbia Gorge Information Systems presented the upgraded city web site. Q&A followed.

Public Comment

Paul Lambson – Stated his preference for mowing grass before spending money on the website.

Moved In Agenda By Consensus

Columbia Gorge Information Systems Amendment

John noted that council has a newer version of the amended contract in front of them than was sent in their packets last week.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve amendment #2; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**

Tom Jermann suggested that the \$500 increase is a minimal amount.

- **Pace moved to double the increase to \$1,000 with a focus on shoreline management, but also continuing to pursue further website improvements; 2nd by Stratton-Pies.**

On Amendment

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, Dudley and Stratton-Pies

No:

Passed 5 - 0

On Amended Motion

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, Dudley and Stratton-Pies

No:

Passed 5 - 0

Grievance #8332 RE On-call Status

Ken walked council through the grievance process. Discussion ensued regarding council's authority and ability to affect a desirable outcome.

Councilor Arthurs provided disclosures of his interactions on the grievances.

Councilor Pace provided disclosures and expressed concern regarding the appearance of his impartiality. He expressed his feeling that he cannot be impartial on one of the grievances (#8333).

Councilor Baker provided disclosures of his interactions on the grievances.

Councilor Stratton-Pies provided disclosures of her interactions on the grievances.

Councilor Dudley provided disclosures of his interactions on the grievances.

Discussion ensued regarding how Council might best respond to the grievances.

- **Councilor Pace moved to suggest that this process move to arbitration; 2nd by Stratton-Pies.**

Councilor Stratton-Pies left the meeting for another appointment.

Question called.

Yes:

No: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, and Dudley

Failed 0 - 4

Discussion ensued regarding opportunities to settle the disputes.

- **Councilor Arthurs moved to offer one additional employee for assuming on-call time so that the employees will have one week out of every three weeks, with no response for the request for an increase in hourly wages or making whole for back wages; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Council adjourned to executive session to discuss potential litigation at 9:02, returning at 9:10 with no decisions having been made.

Councilor Baker withdrew his 2nd; Councilor Arthurs withdrew his motion.

- **Councilor Arthurs moved to reduce on-call duty to an average of one week every three weeks; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Discussion and clarification ensued. Arthurs explained that his motion leaves the mechanics open to negotiation.

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, and Dudley

No:

Passed 4 - 0

Ken confirmed that there is no response to the on-call pay issue in this motion.

Grievance #8333 RE Wage Increase Amendment

Councilor Pace recused himself from this discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding whether there was an actual agreement made. Councilors Dudley and Baker both expressed concern that no written evidence has been provided.

- **Arthurs moved to give a \$2.50 per hour increase plus the title of Public Works Supervisor to Bryan Henrichsen.**

Died for lack of 2nd.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to reaffirm the mayor's decision; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Yes: Councilors Baker and Dudley

No: Councilor Arthurs

Abstain: Councilor Pace

Passed 2 - 1 - 1

Council Member Comments

Councilor Arthurs – Discussed the last chamber meeting and provided news that while the City of North Bonneville will be the first to install Sasquatch statues, Stevenson wants to create a bronze Sasquatch. He also noted that he wouldn't be available at the next meeting. He offered to attend via phone.

Councilor Pace – Expressed his gratitude for the job Bryan’s doing, as well as the rest of the employees.

Mayor Stevens – Noted that Dan Smith has succeeded in his tennis court backdrop project along with Fern Armstrong, Jerry Arthurs, Mike Baker and Charles Pace. He expressed his thanks.

Mayor Stevens – Noted that staff reviewed the Hillsboro oxygen tank explosion and feels our air tank filling operations are safe.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report

Presented. John noted that city hall would be closed on Friday while he is in training. He also noted that he, City Engineer Ron Bush, and Bryan are discussing how we might upgrade the chlorinating system in the well house to sodium hypochlorite. A brief Q&A ensued.

Attorney Report

Ken noted the Washington State Municipal Attorney’s conference starts tomorrow. He also requested a motion to appoint a council member to sign the council’s response to the grievances.

- **Councilor Arthurs moved to authorize Councilor Baker to sign on behalf of the council; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, and Dudley

No:

Passed 4 - 0

Unfinished Business

Resolution 442 – Attorney Fees.

Councilor Dudley gave a recap of a meeting with Don, John, Councilor Baker, Attorney Woodrich and Attorney Menke. He explained that the group consensus was to table the issue for now, to hold a monthly conference call with our attorney for updates, and for John to provide monthly budget reports that include a line on the attorney fees.

Councilor Baker noted that the mayor had agreed to notify the council if attorney expenses were likely to exceed the line item in the budget.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to table resolution 442 indefinitely; 2nd by Councilor Arthurs.**

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, and Dudley

No:

Passed 4 - 0

New Business

Bill Adjustment – 1012 Lakeside Court (Fisher)

John gave background on the issue. Discussion ensued.

- **Councilor Arthurs moved to adjust the bill to the minimum charge; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, and Dudley

No:

Passed 4 - 0

Financial Policies Discussion

- **Councilor Dudley moved to table; 2nd by Councilor Arthurs.**

Councilor Pace noted that this will take a number of meetings to go through.

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, and Dudley

No:

Passed 4 - 0

Closing Comments

None.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Arthurs moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Yes: Councilors Pace, Arthurs, Baker, and Dudley.

No: None

Abstain:

Passes 4-0

Adjourned 7:50 PM

Mayor

Clerk