

Tuesday, April 8 2014

**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Finance Committee Minutes**

Meeting Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Roll Call

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

Excused absence – Michael Hamilton

Staff Present: Steve Hasson and Richard Lafayette

Unfinished Business

Steve reviewed tonight's public hearing items, these being: Ordinance 1036 intended to update City water policies and practices found in Title 13; Ordinance 1037 intended to update City sewer policies and practices found in Title 13 and Resolution 471, which breaks out utility rates, charges and fees from Title 13 so they are readily accessible.

Council members discussed proposed language changes, specifically: the provision dealing with property owners sharing water with their neighbors and the section addressing health and safety issues associates with water turnoff for lack of payment.

New Business

Adjournment

The Committee adjourned about 7:00 P.M.



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Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 7:10 PM

Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Steve Hasson and Richard Lafayette

Councilor Bianchi moved to excuse Councilor Hamilton and seconded by Councilor Baker
Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Forster
No
Abstain
Approved 4-0-0

Guests Present

Approximately 5 guests present

Agenda Changes and Additions

None

Public Hearings

Ordinance 1036 an update to Municipal Code Title 13 Chapters 13.04 – this chapter deals with water policies, practices and related utility matters

Comments: Cheryl Jermann noted that the Health Department was aware the RV Park was without potable water for approximately 12 weeks and took no action – thus, they may not be a good enforcer of City rules.

Ordinance 1037 - update to Municipal Code Title 13 Chapters 13.12; 13; 32; 13.36 and repeal of Chapters 13.20 and 13.28 – these chapters deal with Sewer policies, practices and related utility matters

There were no comments

Resolution 471 - This Resolution places utility rates in a separate rate schedule for ease of access. The City Council may also adjust some of the rates after public discussion.

Comments: Cheryl Jermann inquired: if rates are contemplated for increase – is that action subject to public hearing?

Consent Agenda

The following item was presented for approval:

- March 25 Council Minutes

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

Guest Presentations

None

Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann – expressed the opinion that Tourism dollars should not be relied upon to support the PDA

Council Member Comments

Councilor Bianchi suggested that the order of items for council action be adjusted to have the rate structure considered first for approval

Councilor Baker noted the presence of two new bigfoot sculptures

Councilor Pace said the comments he made about use of hotel/motel proceeds were appropriate

Administrator's Report

Steve noted he has constructed a draft issue paper that addresses concerns associated with the City's lift stations and provides a number of reasons for replacing them. He advised the Washington State Department of Commerce will be at City Hall on April 17th to assist us in the development of a CDBG application.

Attorney's Report

Ken Woodrich advised that utility rate increases are not statutorily subject to public hearing – however there is nothing to preclude the Council from holding a hearing for that purpose should they so desire.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Resolution 471 - this resolution places Title 13 utility rates in a separate schedule for purposes of public accommodation as well as adjusts some of the rates

Comments: the fee increases were discussed and clarified

Councilor Bianchi moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Baker, Bianchi and Forster

No Councilor Pace

Abstain

Passed 3-1-0

Ordinance 1036 - update to Municipal Code Title 13 Chapter 13.04

Comments: a number of changes to section 13.04.170 were discussed during the finance meeting. It was recommended these changes be included in the motion for approval along with the striking of language referencing Ordinance 831. Additionally, it was agreed that the phrase ... *for health and safety reasons a person shall not occupy a premise for more than a one week period after their water has been disconnected* - found in section 13.04.064 be stricken and substituted with the following language: *For health and safety reasons the City shall notify the County Health District whenever a utility service disconnected for non-payment has not been restored within seven [7] days.*

Councilor Bianchi moved for approval with the noted changes and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Baker, Bianchi, Pace and Forster

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Ordinance 1037 - update to Municipal Code Title 13 Chapters 13.12; 13; 32; 13.36 and repeal of

Chapters 13.20 and 13.28

Comments: a few minor wording changes were recommended

Councilor Bianchi moved for approval with the noted changes and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Baker, Bianchi, Pace and Forster

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Bonneville Lock and Dam Fish Monitoring Facility - request for one time reduction in water/sewer bill due to leakage

Councilor Bianchi moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Forster

Yes Councilors Baker, Bianchi and Forster

No

Abstain Councilor Pace

Passed 3-0-1

Kialie Starr - request for one time reduction in water/sewer bill due to leakage

Councilor Baker moved for approval and seconded by Councilor Forster

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Forster

No

Abstain

Approved 4-0-0

Closing Public Comments

None

Closing Council Comments

None

Adjournment

Councilor Forester moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Forster

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Adjourned approximately 7.49 PM

Mayor

City Clerk