



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

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Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday June 23, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee:

Meeting called to order 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call Councilors Bianchi and Hamilton and Mayor Stevens present.

New Business

There was no unfinished business or new business. There wasn't a quorum present but Mayor Stevens opened the meeting for discussion with Mike Hamilton and Bob Bianchi in attendance. The items discussed included efforts to apply for a transportation grant to improve Evergreen and a portion of East Cascade Drive Road, interpreting the budget figures found in the City's monthly budget to actual report, uses of tourism dollars and identifying possible reasons for the loss of water in the City's system.

Old Business

Adjournment: 6:58 P.M.



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Meeting Call to Order 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Mayor Stevens and Councilors Bianchi, Pace and Hamilton

Audience: 5 persons present

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions

Excusing Councilors Baker and Forster – agreed to by mutual consent

Consent Agenda

Approval of June 23rd Invoices

Councilor Pace made a motion to approve the invoices and seconded by Councilor Hamilton. Considerable discussion followed concerning the nature of the bills presented for payment.

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 3-0-0

Guest Presentations

Casey Roeder provided a quarterly chamber report reflecting on their many activities. She also called to the Council's attention upcoming summer events. Casey noted the weekend of the 26th the City of Stevenson is sponsoring the Gorge Blues and Brews Festival that will involve 11 bands, 16 breweries and 5 wineries. On the following weekend there is a 4th of July fireworks celebration at the Skamania Fairgrounds. North Bonneville Gorge Days will start July 10 and feature a host of activities Friday night and all day Saturday including the city wide garage sale, Skamania School PTO barbeque dinner, Bonneville Hot Springs Beer and Wine Garden, Gorge days Car Show and free concert with Hit Machine to name a few of the many planned festival events.

Public Comment:

Mary Armantrout complained about dogs running at large and noting that this is an ongoing problem complemented with piecemeal enforcement. She said there were some particularly large dogs that frequently followed and snapped at her. She was afraid to take her small dog for a walk.

Sandy Vigil said the new colors appearing around town are just a little bit too much and in particular the brightly painted yellow bus stops. She said these public facilities should be repainted to their former neutral colors that are more in keeping with Columbia Gorge ambiance.

She also noted that while walking on the big loop toward the Pierce Wildlife Preserve there were 3 streetlights on at 7:30 P.M. a good hour and half before sunset. She asked that they be examined.

Councilmember Comments

Councilor Hamilton responded to Ms. Armantrout's dogs roaming at large issue, stating he does not have an answer to her concern as the City has limited ability to address animal control. He also expressed some frustration with the summer weekend bus that runs from Vancouver. He noted the City contributed revenue towards a federal grant that made this transportation alternative possible but that ridership is so low the City ends up paying about \$28.50 per rider.

Councilor Pace noted there are City and Sheriff procedures for addressing animal issues. He said several individuals had called him to complain about the City's color scheme. He has been looking into the need for playground equipment and given how little equipment is available for City children. He noted there are many new intriguing designs developed to stimulate children's minds as well as grant monies available for development purposes. He intends to look into playground possibilities and provide the Council some concepts for upgrading them.

Councilor Bianchi noted the County got rid of its dog catcher and thus there is little animal control in this area except to attend to dangerous animals. He noted the painting effort was initiated as a preventive maintenance action because many of the City's public facilities have not been painted in many years. He was receptive to citizens approaching City Hall with a desire to paint their nearby bus shelter or parking bench a color more to their pleasing. Council Bianchi noted that when he was on the planning commission they looked at a lot of ADA approved playground designs but the real development constraint is the prohibitive cost of playground equipment.

Mayor Stevens observed how Gorge Days continues to build in strength and purpose from year to year. He said he was perplexed with Ms. Vigil's belief the bus shelters should be subdued in color as the reason for coloring them was to make them more visible and lessen the prospect that children waiting at them will be hit by a negligent driver. What is more important: maintaining a certain ambiance or children's safety? The Mayor inquired of Ms. Armantrout where he could find these dogs that were bothering her. He said he would pay the owners a visit and also recounted the City's efforts over the past few months to resolve various dog issues.

Administrator's Report - None

City Attorney's Report – None

Unfinished Business

Suspending the City's contractual arrangement with the Washington State Department of Corrections in the absence of the Washington State Legislature approving the State's biannual budget by June 30th 2015

Councilor Pace made a motion to suspend the City's contractual arrangement with the Washington State Department of Corrections and seconded by Councilor Bianchi.

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 3-0-0

Suspending the City's contractual arrangement with the Washington State Department of Commerce in the absence of the Washington State Legislature approving the State's biannual budget by June 30th 2015

Councilor Hamilton made a motion to suspend the City's contractual arrangement with the Washington State Department of Corrections and seconded by Councilor Bianchi.

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 3-0-0

New Business

Appointing Dolly Newman to the North Bonneville Public Development Authority [PDA] to replace Jeremy Bechtel

Councilor Pace made a motion to appoint Dolly Newman to the North Bonneville Public Development Authority [PDA] and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilor Pace
No Councilor Bianchi
Abstain Councilor Hamilton
Failed 1-1-1

Councilor Pace made a motion to table this action to the next Council meeting and seconded by Councilor Bianchi [likely the July 14 meeting]

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 3-0-0

Appointing Russell Owens to the tourism committee as the North Bonneville Hot Spring's representative – to replace Stacey Fernandez.

Councilor Pace made a motion to appoint Russell Owens to the tourism committee as the North Bonneville Hot Spring's representative and seconded by Councilor Bianchi.

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 3-0-0

Adding Chapter 12.30 "Street Addressing" to North Bonneville Municipal Code [Ordinance 1052]
Councilor Bianchi made a motion to add Chapter 12.30 "Street Addressing" to North Bonneville Municipal Code and seconded by Councilor Pace.

Yes Councilor Pace and Bianchi

No Councilor Hamilton

Abstain

Failed an Ordinance requires a majority of the full Council [3 of 5] to pass.

Contract and Agreement between Rainer Amusements, City of North Bonneville, Gorge Day Sponsors and Vivian Henderson – this contract is associated with a small amusement operation that will run concurrent with Gorge Days on a vacant tract of land owned by Vivian Henderson.

Councilor Hamilton made a motion to enter into a contract that provides for granting a licensing between the aforementioned parties and seconded by Councilor Bianchi.

Council asked staff to review the per occurrence insurance amount with a preference for \$5,000,000 per occurrence

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 3-0-0

Closing Public Comments

Julie Sabo expressed the opinion that a considerable portion of the North Bonneville population did not like the current color scheme. She wanted to know whether the Council had approved the colors placed on various public structures. She asked for a list of the current members on the Public Development Authority PDA.

Closing Council Comments

Councilor Bianchi said his concern about colors is limited to assuring all public structures are painted from time to time to extend their life. He noted that when he was on the planning commission they tried to enforce a City wide housing color palette and found it impossible to enforce because no one could agree on colors.

Mayor Stevens asked the council members if they would be receptive to doing away with receiving a hard copy of the invoices in their Council packet and noting they also receive it electronically the previous Friday. The council was receptive to having one [1] hard copy they could share along with the invoice packet as a cost and time savings measure.

Mayor Stevens also responded to Ms. Sabo's color concerns. He said the determination what colors to rely upon for painting purposes did not go through the Council because this is an executive decision as opposed to a legislative [Council] decision. Hence, this was a decision made by the Mayor and the Administrator. He agreed with Councilor Bianchi's assessment it is impossible for any number of citizens to reach some agreement on colors. He said a majority of Citizens he has encountered are supportive of the colors [or most of the colors]. He recognized that some folks were offended by the color choices and he was receptive to reviewing some color choices.

Councilor Pace said the I-502 initiative had intended to create some parity between alcohol and Cannabis and that has not yet to occur. He thanked Casey Roeder for the good work she did on behalf of the Skamania Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Hamilton noted whoever painted the Kiosk and the Gazebo should have used a drop cloth.

Adjournment

Councilor Bianchi moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Hamilton

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 3-0-0

Adjourned approximately 8:30 PM

Mayor

City Clerk