



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 July 14, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order 6:30 P.M.

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

Old Business - none

New Business:

Color Dash 5K Run

Mayor Stevens said the Color Dash is a running event known to generate considerable athletic competition and celebration. He suggested the Council consider hosting this event in North Bonneville next spring. He said there was an upfront cost to initiate this action but if more than 150 runners signed up the City would break even on its cost outlay and perhaps make some money. It would be one more opportunity to showcase the community. Council appeared receptive to the notion. The Mayor will bring back a formal proposal for council consideration.

Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form and Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Steve advised the City staff conducts drinking water tests ongoing to assure the City's water supply is safe. Every year the City is required to report these water quality evaluations to the State Department of Health and also make this information available to the public. Steve said the water quality report is available at the front counter for public review. He said the City's water supply meets all water quality standards. It was suggested this information be made available on the City's website and the document's water savings tips be made available as a separate source of information because of their value.

The City desires to seek a transportation grant through the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board to rehabilitate Evergreen Drive; an agreement with AKS Engineering to provide transportation assistance in the construction of this transportation improvement grant.

Steve advised the Council that a gentleman by the name of Chris Workman who works for the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board [TIB] recently evaluated the City's roadways and determined Evergreen Drive to be in a failing condition. In response to this finding the City intends to seek a grant transportation grant also available through TIB to rehabilitate the worst portion of this roadway by initiating what is known as a full depth reclamation process. As part of that effort the City, with Council's blessing, would procure the services of a transportation engineer to assist in the grant writing effort.

A contract with Pulse Consultants to assist with this year's budgeting process

The Council budgeted revenue in this year's budget for a consultant to assist the City with its budgeting process and related matters. Steve solicited for this person by way of advertisement. John Spencer who has previously provided this service is recommended to assist the City with the budget process.

Adjournment: 6:58 P.M.



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

Meeting Call to Order 7:05 PM

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

Audience: 15 persons present

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions

Consent Agenda

Approval of June 23rd Minutes

Councilor Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Councilor Forster

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, Baker, Forster and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

Guest Presentations

Casey Roeder - Gorge Days Overview

Casey advised the Council that this year's Gorge Days was very successful and brought a lot of people to North Bonneville. She said this was the first year the Chamber had assumed responsibility for the car show and they had learned a lot from that process that would make for a better show next year. She said there were nearly 200 vehicles on display and the weather was great. She thanked a number of individuals for their efforts and she provided an overview of the various events and how they fared.

Jacob Meyer – Discovery Trails Project and Geotour update

Jacob provided the Council with a packet of information that gave an overview of the Discovery Trails Committee's continuing efforts to improve the City's trail system. He described the group's actions to place signage, Bigfoot carvings and footprints along various trails as a means to promote North Bonneville. He explained how the committee promoted Geotour activity through a website established for that purpose. He shared statistical information reflecting the public's wide interest in this Geotour process. He reminded the Council that the committee's actions were consistent with the Heritage Trails Plan the Council had approved a couple years ago. He said the committee was in a money crunch because they did not use all the money the Council had provided them within the time frame allotted for its usage and thus they lost considerable of it when it reverted back to the tourism fund. Then they had compounded their money conflict by not reapplying for tourism funds in 2014, even though they were provided that opportunity. Hence, they had considerable ambitions but no money to work with, except through personal and private money donations. Jacob said the committee would like to have a line item in the City's budget so they did not have to rely on tourism funds and noting some of their efforts such as ongoing trail maintenance are not tourism fund eligible.

Public Comment:

Cheryl Jermann expressed concern that no one seems to know what the various siren alarms mean and thus how is someone to know when they should evacuate the town in case of an emergency and noting her encounter with a gas explosion. She also commented on the Gorge Day community garage sale stating that if someone does not want to pay \$10 to be part of the program that is their business and non-participation does not equal freeloading.

Amy Litton said she loved the Gorge Days event but was concerned about a big German Shepherd/Rottweiler mix dog that was loose with no supervision during the fair.

Diane Hamilton thanked Jacob and his committee for their wonderful products and efforts to make the community an interesting place. She asked the City to consider initiating some emergency training for the residents so they can gain survival skills.

Darlene Caird explained how the community wide garage sale was a community effort that involved considerable logistics to accomplish and that action was damaged by a few folks who attempted to capitalize on the effort of others by neither providing sweat equity nor paying the \$10 registration fee. Their selfish actions created a resentment that could unravel this fun event.

Kerry Lucia also commented on the garage sale noting that a lot of work went into the effort so that it would attract individuals to the community and that the price of admission to make this possible was \$10. Yet, every year there are those who capitalize on this event without payment and often the same people. She said this year's remedy was to advise these folks by way of a note they were freeloaders.

Irene Bitikofer said she was one of those folks lumped into the freeloader category and she did not like it.

Cheryl Jermann said this whole garage sale issue could have been averted if Darlene had taken the time to inform others in advance.

Darlene Carid said that she posts information about the garage sale on the Community Kiosk 6 weeks in advance of the event so the word gets out. She said the \$10 is given to charity and her reward is doing a good community deed.

Councilmember Comments

Councilor Forster thanked Darlene for her community service.

Councilor Bianchi noted that he was a member of the emergency operating center of Skamania County and was working on a rewrite of North Bonneville's emergency operating procedures. He also thanked Casey for her Gorge Day effort.

Council Baker thanked Darlene – he said his family was one of the 52 families participating in her coordinated garage sale effort and he supported her 100 percent. He requested an item be added to a future Council agenda concerning Council pay. He envisioned a small stipend to offset the considerable work involved in this role and sometimes at the family's expense. He also recommended the Mayor's salary be increased because he does so much to support this City. The increase would not apply to sitting Councilors or the Mayor but those elected or appointed after the compensation had been established.

Councilor Pace complimented Jacob on his groups trail effort and suggested they expand their story to note the inclusiveness and accessibility of the trail system as a marketing approach. He said that those who capitalized on the surplus labors of others were not in his estimation freeloaders, rather they were free riders and he did not believe that was necessarily a bad thing.

Councilor Hamilton said he had reviewed the City ordinances and believed that any garage sale required a City permit and/or its consent and the solution was to prohibit the issuance of garage sale permits

during Gorge Days.

Mayor Stevens said he would look into the meaning of siren blasts and place that information in the Newsletter.

Administrator's Report Steve referenced the Washington State Surveying and Rating Bureau Preliminary Evaluation that is in the Council packet. He noted that this evaluation is used to determine the City's fire rating which is tied to how much Citizens pay for fire insurance. At present it appears the rating is going from a 5 to a 6 and mainly because of lack of fire training and written procedures. He said these things are curable but require the fire chief's diligence. He suggested the Council consider a contractual arrangement with the fire chief to assure positive outcomes. He will bring this item up at future council meeting for Council discussion.

City Attorney's Report Ken referenced ways the Heritage Trail's Committee could attend to trails maintenance without running afoul of that being a City public works matter. For example, they could set up a 501C3 and/or use the City's donation ordinance that would allow individuals to contribute to a capital improvement.

Unfinished Business

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

Councilor Pace made a motion and seconded by Councilor Baker
Yes Councilor Pace, Baker and Forster
No Councilor Hamilton
Abstain Councilor Bianchi
Passed 3-1-1

Adding Chapter 12.30 "Street Addressing" to North Bonneville Municipal Code [Ordinance 1052]

Councilor Pace made a motion and seconded by Councilor Forster
Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, Baker and Forster
No Council Hamilton
Abstain
Passed 4-1-0

New Business

An agreement with AKS Engineering to provide transportation assistance in the construction of Washington State Transportation Improvement Board grant(s) for purposes of reconstructing portions of Evergreen and East Cascade Road – not to exceed \$5,000

Councilor Pace made a motion and seconded by Councilor Hamilton
Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, Baker, Forster and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 5-0-0

Contract for Budgeting Services with Pulse Consulting not to exceed \$6,000

Councilor Pace made a motion and seconded by Councilor Baker
Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, Baker and Forster

No Council Hamilton
Abstain
Passed 4-1-0

Closing Public Comments

Julie Sabo noted that the addressing efforts were intended to qualify designation of the pot shop with a 420 address and that number is another name for Marijuana. She thought Dolly Newman was a nice lady but since she is Fern Armstrong's daughter and Fern was a financial backer of the Pot Shop and living with Dan Smith who was a member of the PDA and hence this appointment posed a conflict of interest. Additionally, Steve is responsible for the budget and so hiring John Spencer is a questionable act because he recently admitted his forecast of Marijuana sales was understated.

Cheryl Jermann said she felt like the City had shut down Jacob's request for funding and yet the City's financial doors were always open to others.

Robert Miller stated the City needs to have a marketing strategy it appears we don't know what we want to be – either we are going to support the business community or not.

Closing Council Comments

Councilor Baker supports efforts to assure we do not lose our fire rating.

Councilor Bianchi advised he would bring the parking issue and its signage to the next council meeting. He noted we need to purchase some paint for the trail for safety purposes.

Adjournment

Councilor Forster moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, Baker, Forster and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

Adjourned approximately 8:30 PM

Mayor

City Clerk