



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 28, 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 - all present

Old Business

Parking Signage [Councilor Bianchi]

Councilor Bianchi provided Council with two [2] signage templates that are intended to notify the public that overnight parking is prohibited on City right-of-way. The first sign states “no overnight parking allowed on City streets” and the second one provides “no overnight parking except permitted vehicles”. The latter sign will be posted in the Central Business District [CBD]. Councilor Bianchi explained that neither sign is in keeping with the provisions of state statute but that will not pose a problem because enforcement will be by way of a 24 hour law enforcement notice which meets State notification requirements. Councilor Bianchi’s efforts to construct these signage templates follows the Council’s action to update the City’s parking ordinance 10.12 to include provisions that address overnight parking concerns. Soon the City will order about 2 dozen of these signs and staff will place them at appropriate locations around the City.

New Business:

Color Dash 5K Run

Mayor Stevens passed out information about Color Dash which is a 5K [3.1 mile] running event known to generate considerable athletic competition and celebration. He suggested the Council consider hosting this event in North Bonneville next spring. The Council would need to approve a \$3,000 payment to the organizers to reserve this event. The City would also be obligated to have 25 volunteers to help organize the run. Should this event generate more than 150 runners then the City will break even on out of pocket expenses. The Mayor believes this is one more opportunity to showcase the community. Council appeared receptive to this proposal.

Discussion about Council and/or Mayor Compensation

Councilor Baker suggested the Council consider providing its membership compensation in the form of a meeting stipend for the service each member provides and noting other cities provide some council compensation to offset commitment expenses. Councilor Baker suggested a payment of \$25 to each Councilor for every Council meeting they attend and increasing the Mayor’s salary by \$200 per month. The financial impact of this action would be approximately \$5,400 per year. Mayor Stevens noted that the salary payment would only take effect after election of new council members and mayor or reelection of the existing membership and this was according to Washington State law.

Adjournment: 7:00 P.M.



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Meeting Call to Order 7:10 PM

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

Audience: 15 persons present

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions [none]

Consent Agenda

Approval of July 14TH Minutes and July 28th Invoices less the Sierra Springs Invoice 23197

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

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, Baker and Forster

No

Abstain Councilor Hamilton

Passed 4-0-1

Approval of the Sierra Springs Invoice 23197

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve invoice 23197 and seconded by Councilor Forster

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, Baker and Forster

No Councilor Hamilton

Abstain

Passed 4-1-0

Guest Presentations [none]

Public Comment:

Cheryl Jermann thanked Mayor Stevens for his efforts to diffuse a garage sale conflict. She also thanked Councilor Baker for his position on use of tourism dollars. Cheryl expressed frustration with the person[s] who defaced the side of a City bus shelter with spray paint.

Robert Miller inquired about the status of a fire rating evaluation intended to keep the City's present fire rating intact believing we had to submit information for rating evaluation by July 25th. He also noted there was a levy underway for emergency services. He wondered if it might be time to initiate a similar type levy to bring about a professional fire department, one where the firemen receive compensation for their efforts.

Terry Norris inquired as to the nature of the plumbing problem that rendered the City Hall water non potable?

Councilmember Comments

Councilor Forster advised the Council and audience he needed to resign his Council position for health related reasons. This would be his last meeting. He said he was not going away, rather he intended to continue participating in public service ventures but to a lesser extent.

Councilor Baker thanked Craig Forster for his service. He also noted there should be a simple means available to address Heritage trail costs.

Councilor Hamilton wondered why the Council's determination to have the July 8th council meetings set aside for workshop purposes was replaced by a standard Council meeting and whether the nature of the regular meeting was a ploy to have the addressing ordinance 1052 passed for purposes of advancing marijuana promotion. Councilor Pace said he saw passage of the addressing ordinance as a way to enhance the City's ability to attend to addressing matters consistent with Washington law – he did not see the action as conspiratorial in nature. Mayor Stevens said that Cannabis Corner benefited from passage of the addressing ordinance but that legislation's overall purpose was to bring the City's addressing system in line with state regulations. He also noted that discussions about changing Cannabis Corners address had been ongoing for several months and had been initiated at the property owner's request.

Councilor Hamilton inquired whether the Sheriff had shut down an early Cannabis Corner addressing effort. Mayor Stevens said absolutely not - the Sheriff has no authority over the City's addressing effort because that action is land use related. The City Attorney confirmed the Mayor's position that addressing was in fact an administrative effort and not a sheriff related issue. The Mayor also noted that the volunteer firefighters did receive a \$10 stipend every time they attended a training session and another \$10 stipend when they respond to a fire or accident call out. Additionally, the City pays into a retirement fund for these folks.

Councilor Pace noted that if the City's fire rating goes down because of the latest evaluation the City needs to invest in equipment and training as a restorative strategy.

Mayor Stevens noted that the issue with the City Hall water system related to the fact the water pipe into the building was not part of a looped circulatory water system, and thus it had no circulation ability hence the water in the pipe was prone to stagnation. Additionally, the water pipe was chased up through the City Hall ceiling which increased the pipe's water temperature leading to bacterial contamination. To replace this water system would cost a lot more than providing bottled water.

Administrator's Report

Steve advised that City staff is responding to the Washington State Surveying and Rating Bureau analysis of the City's fire department structure. The analysis is preliminary but findings to date suggest the City's 5 rating could drop to a 6. That action could increase business and resident fire insurance rates. City staff is implementing a number of actions to keep the rating status quo. Steve will keep everyone informed how this matter concludes.

Steve also noted the City's hearing examiner will render a final order on a short plat and variance. When this action occurs those who were a party to this matter have the opportunity to appeal that land use decision to the Council if they act within a certain time period and noting Council is the appellant body. With this in mind, Steve cautioned the Council against gaining or sharing information about the examiner's final order until the matter is before them at a noticed public hearing.

Finally, Steve added some comments about the City Hall water line. The City Hall water fountain is not out of order rather City staff disabled it as public health precaution because the water coming out of the faucet was not fit to drink. No one knows where the water line that comes into City hall originates. To find the connection would necessitate an extensive excavation to find and replace it with a new looped system and the total labor and construction costs would exceed several years the cost of bottled water. Councilor Hamilton countered Steve's assessment asserting these were weak arguments.

City Attorney's Report

Unfinished Business

New Business

Appointing Adam Schaeffer to the North Bonneville Public Development Authority [PDA]

Councilor Hamilton made a motion to table this item until Mr. Shaffer was in attendance and able to respond to Council questions and seconded by Councilor Baker

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

Personal Services Contract with Reliable Diving LLC to provide for Inspection of the City's Sewer Effluent Outfall Pipe - not to exceed \$1,550

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

Personal Services Contract with H2O Solutions LLC to inspect and clean the City's 3 Water Reservoirs - not to exceed \$3,900

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

Relief from a water bill due to water leakage – property owner Doug McKenzie

Councilor Bianchi made a motion to table this matter for clarification and assurance the request was in keeping with City utility relief standards and seconded by Councilor Hamilton
Yes Councilor Bianchi, Baker, Forster and Hamilton
No
Abstain Councilor Pace – actually Councilor Pace recused himself from participation for personal reasons
Passed 4-0-1

Planning Commission request – asking that Jake Meyer be appointed to the North Bonneville Tourism Committee

Councilor Hamilton made a motion to appoint Jake Meyer to the tourism committee and seconded by Councilor Baker
Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, Baker, Forster and Hamilton
No
Abstain
Passed 5-0-0

Closing Public Comments

Brian Sabo thanked Councilor Forster for his public service.
Ian Gwynne identified himself as a City volunteer firefighter. He felt the City would have more applicants and attendance if they would raise the monetary stipend from \$10 to \$15 or \$25.
Cheryl Jermann said the Council ought to consider increasing the amount of stipend provided to the volunteer fire fighters. She did not like the idea of further promoting the presence of the pot shop by signage or address modification. She said the community children will be influenced by the marketing and we don't need this in our faces.

Closing Council Comments

Councilor Hamilton expressed dismay at the City administration. He does not believe the administration is forthright in its actions or intent as evidenced by the 420 addressing matter and perusal of a transportation grant to improve Evergreen Drive that will benefit the Cannabis Corner.
Councilor Pace said he was mystified by citizens bringing the garage issue to Council but the more he thought about it this was the proper venue for that type issue. He thanked Councilor Forster for his public service.

Councilor Baker noted that the reason the last Council meeting was converted from a workshop to a regular meeting was the Council had agreed in the event there was a need to timely process items - they could take that action and that was the circumstance in this instance.

Mayor Stevens said that from his perspective that Councilor Hamilton's characterization of the Council being out of touch with its constituency was incorrect – rather the Council members had ongoing dialogue with their constituents and had mentioned that fact in several meetings.

Adjournment

Councilor Forster moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilor Pace, Bianchi, Baker, Forster and Hamilton

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

Adjourned approximately 8:14 PM

Mayor

City Clerk