



**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, August 23, 2011**  
**Minutes**

**Meeting Call to Order:** 6:30 PM

**Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors BreAnna Porter, Jim Runkles, Tim Dudley, Jennifer Stratton-Pies  
Absent:  
Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer John Spencer, Attorney Ken Woodrich

**Guests Present**

Approximately 20 guests were present, including.

**Agenda Changes and Additions**

**Public Hearings**

Potential Closure of TV Fund

Irene Bitikofer – Spoke against getting rid of the system because others in town won't be able to afford other options. Not sure why it's in bad shape. Suggested auditing the city to see if some people are getting free TV. Suggested an article in the newsletter.

Moratorium on Medical Marijuana

No comments.

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda included 8/9/11 Council Minutes and 8/23/11 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve the consent agenda items; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**  
**Yes: Councilors Porter, Runkles, Dudley and Stratton-Pies**  
**No:**  
**Passed 4 – 0**

**Guest Presentations**

None.

**Public Comment**

Penny DeBraie – Spoke regarding disputes she has with the fire department and regarding allegations of harassment. She threatened legal action against the city for harassment.

Nicole Porter – Spoke in support of Penny Debraie.

Elana Carpenter –Spoke in favor of ordinance 992 as co-trustee of the DeGroot trust.

Rick Harris – Spoke regarding the parking ordinance, stating that it is too restrictive.

Cheryl Jermann – Spoke in support of Penny Debraie, expressing hope that all parties can work out their issues. Also spoke regarding the tourism proposal, hoping to keep funding for community events.

Dave Bitikofer – Spoke in support of Penny Debraie, and against having additional parking spaces allocated to residents in the CBD.

### **Council Member Comments**

Councilor Runkles – Encouraged audience members to talk to the Planning Commission and think about joining it. Also discussed goats – suggested that if the city is going to become a tourism site per the sub-area plan, goats are not appropriate in the commercial district. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Porter– Asked for exec session regarding potential litigation.

**Adjourned at 7:05**

**Returned at 7:30 having made no decisions**

### **Clerk/Treasurer's Report**

Submitted.

Councilor Dudley offered to pick up speed humps, asked whether volunteers can install them.

Councilor Porter asked whether a maintenance worker collecting trash on Sunday was on a regular schedule.

### **Attorney Report**

None.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Lodging Tax

John provided an overview of the proposal.

Councilor Dudley expressed concern for funding Hot Springs signage.

Councilor Runkles expressed concern about auditing staff time. Also wants a side-by-side comparison with 2011 funding.

Councilor Porter – expressed reservations regarding proposed construction of a gazebo for disc golf. She also questioned whether staff could fill one day a week with tourism time and whether all the proposals are fully legitimate for hotel/motel tax. She would also like a side-by-side comparison with past funding.

Cheryl Jermann – expressed concern that if the city is suffering financially, lodging tax funding should be even more limited. Also expressed that disc golf should not get

emphasis and that the council needs to make a policy decision regarding funding of children events.

Councilor Dudley – asked for a committee to review lodging tax proposals.

Casey Roeder – asked whether the proposal can qualify for hotel/motel tax expenditure and echoed concerns about removing signage allocation to Hot Springs. Expressed concern regarding how advertising would be continued and about loss of Performing Arts events. Expressed concern about the Chamber of Commerce’s ability to continue to promote the city as a whole.

Ken noted that shifts from general fund to tourism fund expenditures will be closely audited.

Discussion continued on similar issues.

#### Restarting the Budget/Finance Committee

- **Councilor Dudley moved to restart the finance committee with the membership of the entire council, along with any volunteers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
- **Councilor Porter moved to amend the motion to include a starting time of 6:30 PM and moving regular council meetings to 7:30 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Vote on amendment

**Yes: Councilors Porter, Runkles, Dudley and Stratton-Pies**

**No:**

**Passed 4 – 0**

Vote on motion as amended

**Yes: Councilors Porter, Runkles, Dudley and Stratton-Pies**

**No:**

**Passed 4 – 0**

#### Ordinance 993 – Closure of TV Fund

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve ordinance 993; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Runkles (for discussion).**

Runkles noted that the city has no choice in this matter due to its finances and regrets the damage to citizens.

Councilor Dudley noted that Dish Network has a rate similar to ours.

Councilor Porter stated that we can not legally run under a deficit, and raising rates high enough to cover expenses would be too much.

John explained that overhead costs and taxes have hurt the system, and that adding additional subscribers is not likely to fix the problem.

**Yes: Councilors Porter, Runkles, and Dudley**

**No: Councilor Stratton-Pies  
Passed 3 – 1**

Update on CBD Parking

Don provided an overview of developments on this issue.

Councilor Dudley noted that there is not a lack of parking in CBD and suggested suspending this ordinance since he feels the issue has been blown out of proportion.

Councilor Porter noted that the problem isn't lack of parking, but unsightly vehicles.

Councilor Runkles echoed Councilor Porter's comments, adding that unsightly vehicles detract from the city's visual appeal. He asked whether the \$50 fine is per day.

Councilor Stratton-Pies noted that her apartments have similar rules.

Councilor Dudley requested an ordinance on the next agenda allowing for additional vehicles.

Ken noted the current ordinance authorizes the mayor to grant additional parking permits. Cautioned the mayor not to do so without council consensus, and that any such permits should be provided in written form with specific restrictions, including the ability to withdraw such permit at any time.

Mayor Stevens noted the reason for that section of city code was to allow for visitor parking and similar situations.

Councilor Dudley asked how the council feels about charging for additional spaces.

Councilor Runkles suggested that parking be marked for specific purposes.

Sub-Area Plan Committee

John provided background and discussion ensued.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to create a sub-area plan committee; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Committee to be formed next meeting.

**Yes: Councilors Porter, Runkles, Dudley and Stratton-Pies**

**No:**

**Passed 4 – 0**

## **New Business**

### Resolution 428 – USDA Community Garden Project

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve resolution 428; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Dudley.**  
**Yes: Councilors Porter, Runkles, Dudley and Stratton-Pies**  
**No:**  
**Passed 4 – 0**

### Ordinance 992 – Adjusting Sewer Rate for RV Park

- **Councilor Porter moved to approve ordinance 992; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
- **Councilor Dudley moved to add the words “per day” at the end of section C; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Vote on amendment

**Yes: Councilors Porter, Runkles, Dudley and Stratton-Pies**  
**No:**  
**Passed 4 – 0**

Vote on motion as amended

**Yes: Councilors Porter, Runkles, Dudley and Stratton-Pies**  
**No:**  
**Passed 4 – 0**

### Award to Public Works for Operations

Mayor Stevens congratulated the public works crew for their achievement of the ecology award.

## **Closing Comments**

Cheryl Jermann – Expressed disappointment in the idea that the city may not be funding events in the future.

Judy Nappe – Noted that the high school shop and art classes helped the port construct a gazebo and wind vane on their property, and suggested that the city could ask for similar help.

## **Adjournment**

- **Councilor Porter moved to Adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**  
**Yes: Councilors Porter, Runkles, Dudley and Stratton-Pies**  
**No:**  
**Adjourned 8:57 PM**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk**