



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 24, 2010
Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 6:31 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Jennifer Stratton-Pies, Jim Runkles, BreAnna Porter, Tim Dudley
Absent: Councilor Tom Herzig (excused)
Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer John Spencer, Attorney Teunis J. Wyers

Guests Present

Approximately 13 guests were present, including: Skip Rand RCAC (Rural Community Assistance Corp), David Bitikofer, Cheryl Jermann, Mary Armantrout, and Randy Pies.

Consent Agenda

The Consent agenda included August 10, 2010 Council minutes and the 2nd run of August 2010 vouchers.

- **Councilor Jim Runkles moved to approve the consent agenda; 2nd by Councilor BreAnna Porter.**
Yes: Jennifer Stratton-Pies, Jim Runkles, BreAnna Porter, Tim Dudley
No: None
Passed 4 – 0

Public Comment

Dave Bitikofer – spoke regarding the need for a port-a-potty at the Greenleaf Lake Boat access

Council Member Comments

Jennifer Stratton-Pies asked to be excused from the next council meeting.

Councilor Tim Dudley moved to excuse Jennifer Stratton-Pies from the next meeting, 2nd by Councilor Jim Runkles

Yes: Jim Runkles, BreAnna Porter, Tim Dudley, Jennifer Stratton-Pies
No: None
Passed 4 - 0

Jim Runkles asked to be excused from the next council meeting.

Councilor Tim Dudley moved to excuse Jim Runkles from the next meeting, 2nd by Councilor Jennifer Stratton-Pies

Yes: BreAnna Porter, Tim Dudley, Jennifer Stratton-Pies
No: None
Abstain: Jim Runkles
Passed 3 - 0

Jim Runkles noted we missed the closing public comments on the agenda.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

John Spencer read highlights from the Clerk/Treasurer's report and reviewed an initial report on estimated 2011 revenues and the 2011 budget calendar, noting that 2010 general fund expenditures are significantly higher than 2011 estimated revenues. Council corrected a number of calendar dates.

Attorney Report

Teunis J. Wyers provided a report regarding the question of councilors attending Planning Commission meetings. He discussed Councilors' legal right to attend these meetings and discussed some of the dangers involved. He recommended against creating any new rules regarding this matter.

Unfinished Business

Review of Committee Structure and Appointments

John Spencer reviewed his report without making recommendations. Discussion ensued. All committees will remain as they are.

Bob Bianchi and Councilor Jim Runkles offered to join the Parks/ Recreation/ Landscaping committee.

All councilors agreed that the city should put a request for committee volunteers in the next newsletter.

Councilor BreAnna Porter moved to establish the Hotel/Motel Tax Committee, 2nd Councilor Jim Runkles.

Yes: Jim Runkles, BreAnna Porter, Tim Dudley, Jennifer Stratton-Pies

No: None

Passed 4 - 0

Councilor Jim Runkles withdrew from the finance committee to avoid creating a quorum. Councilor Tim Dudley doesn't want to leave the committee. Councilors Jennifer Stratton-Pies and BreAnna Porter would consider leaving, but aren't ready to do so at this time. Further discussion will be placed on the next agenda.

New Business

Water Rates

Mayor Don Stevens rearranged the order of business to let guest presenter Skip Rand leave earlier.

Skip Rand gave a presentation on setting utility rates, focusing on water rates. Members of the public asked some questions and discussion ensued, including:

- Small customers currently subsidize larger ones.
- Most customers do not use the amount of water included in the base rate (average usage is 922 cubic feet).
- A proposal to move from the current 700/1200 cubic foot included system to a 400 cubic foot included system. This will result in a lower base rate.
- Sewer rates will be studied once water rates have been set.

Budget Meeting

John Spencer explained that he would like the council to hold a meeting to discuss broad policy and budgetary goals and preferences. He needs this as background information so that he can submit a preliminary budget that will be more in line with council expectations. Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the council is to hold this discussion during the next meeting, and to continue it at a special meeting if needed.

Closing Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann spoke about the Candidates Forum, indicating that the County needs better numbers and that Cheryl is concerned that a park district could take over our parks. Cheryl is concerned whether the County Commissioners understand the city's position.

Adjournment

Councilor Tim Dudley moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Jennifer Stratton-Pies.

Yes: Jennifer Stratton-Pies, Tim Dudley, Jim Runkles, BreAnna Porter

No: None

Adjourned 8:01 PM

Mayor

Clerk