



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 26, 2012
Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Jerry Arthurs, Charles Pace, Mike Baker, and Stratton-Pies

Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer, City Attorney Ken Woodrich

Guests Present

Approximately 10 guests were present, including Council Candidate Patience Udall, Casey Roeder of the Chamber of Commerce, Sharon Runkles of the Planning Commission, local business owner/resident Rick Harris.

Agenda Changes and Additions

Mayor Stevens requested moving the council member appointment to the beginning of the agenda.

Consensus to move the appointment up in the agenda.

Councilor Pace asked why the Hotel/Motel allocations were on the agenda. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Pace also noted a misprint in the Pioneer - the taping of executive sessions is not a topic on this agenda.

Public Hearings

Resolution 449 – Adoption of Water System Plan

John noted that we don't need to adopt the plan tonight. The State Department of Health will review the plan and provide comments that we can incorporate before final approval.

Quincy Anderson – Asked whether the council has read through the entire plan, and expressed concern about various portions of the plan, particularly Fluoride and Chlorine use and citizen education.

Jim Runkles – Noted that he has read the entire plan in his volunteer capacity and that there is nothing in it regarding Fluoride. He stated that it is well written and includes plans for future improvements.

Cheryl Jermann – Asked whether the plan will result in additional rate increases.

Quincy Anderson – Noted that the plan notes an annual fee increase.

Jim Runkles – Noted the plan calls for an annual rate increase, which was approved when he was on council. The education portion is simply to make people aware of water saving measures.

Mayor Stevens responded to citizen questions and John provided additional background on the water conservation components of the plan.

- **Council Pace moved to continue the public hearing to the next council meeting at 7:00 PM; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies**
Yes Councilors Baker, Pace, and Stratton-Pies
Abstain Councilor Arthurs
No
Passes 3-0-1

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the 9/11/12 Council Minutes and 9/26/12 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve the consent agenda; 2nd by Councilor Baker for purposes of discussion.**

Councilors Pace and Baker noted a few corrections to the minutes.

- Yes** Councilors Arthurs, Baker, Pace, and Stratton-Pies
No
Passed 4 - 0

Guest Presentations

None.

Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann – Complained that the city spends too much Hotel/Motel tax money and expressed her belief that the Chamber can do a good job on Gorge Days without assistance.

Mayor Stevens noted that the Chamber was helpful with organizing the 2012 Gorge Days.

Vacant Council Position

Councilor Pace – Asked how long Patience has lived in town, whether she has discussed particular issues with the Mayor or Administrator, and whether she has an agenda.

Councilor Arthurs – Suggested that Patience’s first name makes her more than qualified.

Councilor Baker – Asked how long Patience has been with the Boy Scouts and what her commitment to them is.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to appoint Patience Udall to Council Position #4 for the remainder of the term; 2nd by Councilor Arthurs.**
Yes Councilors Arthurs, Baker, Pace, and Stratton-Pies
No
Passed 4 - 0

Councilor Udall joined the council and joined in conversations, but is unable to vote until she takes her oath of office.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Arthurs – Expressed his happiness with the addition of Councilor Udall.

Councilor Pace – Agreed with Ken’s contention that recording executive sessions requires consent, but suggested the requirement could be satisfied by someone stating that the meeting is being recorded. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Stevens – Discussed the issue of speeding on Evergreen. He noted the sheriff’s office has put up a speed reader board to help reduce speeding.

Councilor Stratton-Pies – Noted she would need to leave the meeting early.

Councilor Pace – Asked why city hall was closed during business hours at one point last week.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report

Provided in written format, John also noted that:

- Public Works will be working on leak detection in next couple weeks.
- Court may be moving to Tuesdays to allow for the presence of a court appointed defense attorney.
- The State intends to stripe city street centerlines and some crosswalks this Friday. Discussion ensued.
- **Councilor Arthurs moved to approve an additional \$1,500 for the State to stripe additional crosswalks; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
Yes Councilors Arthurs, Baker, Pace, and Stratton-Pies
No
Passed 4 - 0

John presented September financials. Discussion ensued regarding ways to make the financials easier to read.

John presented the draft general fund budget and provided a list of options for balancing it. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Report

None.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 1011 – Mobile and Itinerant Vendors

- **Councilor Baker moved to pass Ordinance 1011; 2nd by Councilor Arthurs.**

Councilor Pace suggested that this ordinance may not be required in order for the city to pass a license with Nellie's Pies. Discussion ensued

Yes Councilors Arthurs, Baker, and Stratton-Pies
No Councilor Pace
Passed 3 - 1

Councilor Stratton-Pies left at the meeting after this vote at 8:42 PM.

Resolution 448 – Vendor Licenses Fees

- **Councilor Arthurs moved to approve Resolution 448; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Councilor Arthurs noted this resolution is required by ordinance 1011.

Yes Councilors Arthurs, Baker, and Pace
No
Passed 3 - 0

Un-Paid Medical Benefits for Council

Councilor Pace asked a question about participation rates.

Consensus to move this to the next meeting.

License Agreement with Nellie's Pies

- **Councilor Pace moved to approve the license agreement with Nellie's Pies; 2nd by Councilor Arthurs.**

Yes Councilors Arthurs, Baker, and Pace
No
Passed 3 - 0

Ordinance 1012 – Skate Park Donations

- **Councilor Baker moved to approve ordinance 1012; 2nd by Councilor Arthurs.**

Councilor Arthurs noted that a wooden skate park can be built on top of a parking lot inexpensively and that the city has some parking lots that are underused. Building a portable one might be a future option.

- **Councilor Pace moved to amend section 1 by adding the words, "with an initial balance of \$871.37"; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

On Amendment

Yes Councilors Arthurs, Baker, and Pace
No
Passed 3 - 0

On motion as amended

Yes Councilors Arthurs, Baker, and Pace
No
Passed 3 - 0

Consensus to begin writing contracts for council review/approval.

Councilor Arthurs expressed the desire to see contracts that allow council to partially fund various projects. Discussion ensued.

New Business

Resolution 449 – Adoption of Water System Plan

No action taken

Discussion: Special Joint Meeting with Cascade Locks and Stevenson

Don provided background. He noted that the newspaper misquoted him regarding contracting out sewer services, that one of the goals is to discuss the possibility of arranging for Cascade Locks to take the city's sewage sludge.

Councilor Arthurs noted that another discussion item may be to find ways for city staffs to back each other up.

Discussion ensued.

Ken noted that he will not be at the meeting. He noted that all compacts between states must be approved by congress, but both states have interlocal cooperation acts that allow for interstate contracts so long as no entity expands its powers beyond those otherwise allowed.

Discussion: Striping Crosswalks

No action taken; handled during Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

Discussion: Lobbying Efforts on Hotel/Motel Tax

Discussion ensued regarding staff lobbying the state legislature to support an extension of the current law.

- **Councilor Arthurs moved to approve lobbying efforts on behalf of the city; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Yes	Councilors Arthurs and Baker
No	Councilor Pace
Passed	2 - 1

Closing Comments

Rick Harris – Asked permission to put a sign up under the Ballpark Sign. Sharon Runkles noted that the Planning Commission is currently in the process of writing code to allow for situations such as this. Staff will attempt to bring a code revision to the next council meeting.

Cheryl Jermann – Complained that she doesn't like to hear discussion about laying off employees.

Jim Runkles – Noted that when the prior council created the policy to set aside hotel-motel funds the goal was to build a sizable fund balance that could be used for construction of a tourism facility. He urged the current council to continue this policy.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Arthurs moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**
Yes Councilors Pace, Baker and Arthurs.
No
Passed 3-0

Adjourned 8:31 PM

Mayor

Clerk