



**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 27, 2011
Minutes**

Special Council Meeting – Finance Committee

Meeting Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Jim Runkles, Tim Dudley,
Jennifer Stratton-Pies

Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer John Spencer

Review of Changes to 2011 Year End Estimates and 2012 Budget.

John Gave an update of the 2011 estimates and budget as it stands.

Discussion: Options for Balancing the Budget.

John provided and discussed a list of options to balance the budget. John was asked to put together a proposal on creating a fire district and to provide recommendations at the next meeting.

Adjournment: 7:15 PM

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Woodrich

Guests Present

Approximately 19 guests were present, including Greg Hartnell of the Planning Commission, Brian Adams of Sawnet, and resident Dan Smith.

Agenda Changes and Additions

None.

Public Hearings

John provided an overview of Sawnet's proposal to purchase the city's cable television system, noting that the city wishes to negotiate Sawnet's proposal rather than accepting it outright.

Brian Adams of Sawnet gave a presentation on his proposal, noting that he considered providing cable TV service, but that the expenses of the system would far exceed possible revenues. He also noted that residents will be able to obtain most television services via the internet connection and that he can get the system up and running within 30 days.

Judy Nappe – expressed her excitement for the proposal.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included 9/13/11 Council Minutes and 9/27/11 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to approve the consent agenda items; 2nd by Councilor Runkles.**

Yes: Councilors Runkles, Dudley and Stratton-Pies

No:

Passed 3 – 0

Guest Presentations

Dan Smith, resident, proposed to pay for a backboard for the tennis court. John provided some further information.

Councilor Runkles expressed concern that the boards would need to be adequately maintained. Dan Smith suggested biennial painting would be enough maintenance.

Public Comment

Greg Hartnell – chairman of the Planning Commission, spoke on Planning Commission recruitment and invited anyone in the audience to consider joining.

Cheryl Jermann – expressed a desire to see efforts to let citizens understand how dire the city's financial situation is.

Mary Armantrout – brought voter registration forms and asked the audience to register. She said the deadline is October 8th for mail-in registration.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Runkles – noted that the planning commission has vacancies!

Mayor Stevens – read a resignation letter from Councilor BreAnna Porter. Mayor Stevens thanked her again for her time and efforts on the city's behalf.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Submitted.

Attorney Report

Ken discussed council voting law and the difficulties of operating with only three active councilors, suggesting that the council may wish to appoint someone.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 995 – Overnight Parking

John provided an overview of the ordinance.

- **Councilor Runkles moved to approve Ordinance 995; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
- **Dudley moved to amend the motion to amend the ordinance, limiting at-large permits to no more than one per property address, making the permits non-transferable, and limiting their use to only the southern-most CBD parking lot; 2nd by Councilor Runkles.**

Discussion ensued. Councilors requested that the ordinance include language defining vehicles as only those that are licensed and operable, and requested that the conditions listed for temporary permits be applied to all permits. They further agreed that parking permit applications should warn that parking is at the permit holders risk.

- **Councilor Dudley withdrew his motion to amend ordinance 995, and Councilor Runkles withdrew his 2nd.**
- **Councilor Runkles withdrew his motion to approve ordinance 995, and Councilor Stratton-pies withdrew her 2nd.**

John will revise the ordinance and bring it back at the next meeting.

Resolution 430 – Surplus Cable TV Equipment

This topic was combined with discussions on the sale of the television system

and franchise agreement.

John asked that all these items be tabled to give staff time to make some corrections and further negotiate the agreements.

- **Consensus for staff to negotiate the sale of the cable television system as discussed.**

Resolution on Parking Rates

- **Tabled by consensus.**

Ordinance 997 – Overnight Camping

John provided background.

- **Councilor Runkles moved to approve the Ordinance 997; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.
Yes: Councilors Runkles, Dudley and Stratton-Pies
No:
Passed 3 – 0**

Continued Lodging Tax Discussion

John provided a review of the lodging tax committee's discussions and recommendations.

Councilor Dudley provided further detail, noting that the proposed expenditures are higher than revenues, but are reasonable since they include capital expenditures.

Councilor Runkles expressed satisfaction with the recommendation.

John will include the recommendations in the budget proposal.

Approval of Water System Plan Contract

John gave background.

- **Councilor Dudley moved to approve the Water System Plan contract, subject to Ken's approval; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.
Yes: Councilors Runkles, Dudley and Stratton-Pies
No:
Passed 3 – 0**

Settlement of Union Grievances

Mayor Stevens asked for an executive session to discuss matters related to potential litigation.

Adjourned at 8:30

Returned at 9:12 with no decisions made.

Discussion ensued regarding status of the agreement and whether the additional provision regarding Cameron Russell's pay rate has been added. John obtained a copy of an email related to the grievances for council review.

- **Councilor Runkles moved to approve the grievance settlement.**
Discussion ensued regarding appropriate procedure under Roberts Rules.
- **Councilor Dudley provided a 2nd to the motion for the purpose of discussion.**

Councilor Dudley expressed his competing concerns regarding the moral appropriateness of the settlement and the city's finances.

Councilor Runkles expressed his belief that this is not a moral issue, but simply a financial one.

Discussion ensued.

Yes: Councilors Runkles and Dudley
No: Councilor Stratton-Pies
Passed 2 – 1

New Business

None – items covered during Old Business.

Closing Comments

Cheryl Jermann – expressed her concern that Public Works continues to get more while city hall staff continue to get less.

Josi Lambson – thanked Councilor Dudley for his decision on the city's behalf.

Sharon Runkles – expressed her appreciation of the council's different viewpoints and efforts.

Cheryl Jermann – stated that the city can not afford these grievances.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.**
Yes: Councilors Jim Runkles, Tim Dudley, and Jennifer Stratton-Pies
No: None
Adjourned 9:42 PM

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