



**NORTH BONNEVILLE
CITY COUNCIL**

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**North Bonneville Workshop Minutes
October 10, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

Council Workshop

Workshop Meeting Call to Order

Roll Call – all present

Unfinished Business - John Spencer prepared a recap of the budget for Council. Change dates on Budget Schedule from November 14 and 28 to Oct 24 and November 14. General Fund is comprised mostly of property tax, sales tax, and utility taxes

Ordinance 1083 and 1085 – need a change at the end which states they are effective 5 days after publication

New Business

Adjournment



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Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Agenda Changes & Additions - none

Public Hearings:

Consent Agenda

- Approval of meeting minutes – Motion to approve by C. Sabo; seconded by C. Randall; unanimously approved

Guest Presentations

- Jake Meyer - Tourism Funds – requesting \$7K for 2018 for miscellaneous trails initiatives
- Casey Roeder – Tourism Funds – requesting \$39K for 2018 for operating and Gorge Days
- Port of Cascade Locks – presentation by Paul, Jess and Ryan re: toll proposal at the Bridge of the Gods – affects 3-8 axle trucks only – discussion re: transponder

Public Comments

- John Mobley – supports Chamber receiving Tourist Funds
- Cheryl Jermann – a committee should decide what to do with the funds
- Diane Hamilton – After all our work, we only have trails to show for our Tourist Funds
- Irene Bitikofer – when I worked here we only had a flat rate for sewer (no averaging) and utility bills were easier to calculate than today

Councilmember Comments

- C. Randall – we took a big hit when the hotel closed; no place for folks to stay in the city
- C. Norris – we need to think outside the box
- C. Sabo – People need to understand we are strapped financially

Mayor's Comments

Administrator's Report

- RTC and EDC meetings last week; see report; Cascade Locks Integrated Resort is on hold again

City Attorney's Report

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- Resolution 504 – tabled until next meeting
- Ordinance 1083 – tabled until next meeting

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C. Norris – inspirational

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Motion to adjourn

Executive Session

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