



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

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North Bonneville Workshop Minutes January 23, 2018 6:00 p.m.

Council Workshop

Workshop Meeting Call to Order 6:00 pm

Roll Call – Present Mayor Sabo, Councilmembers Lee, Acton, Randall, Whitcomb, Norris

Unfinished Business

- Open Record City Staff and Elected Officials Training covering Public Records Act 42.56 and Public Meetings Act 42.30 via slideshow.
- Slideshow also sent via email and available in MRSC

New Business

Adjournment - 7:00 pm



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Meeting Call to Order at 7:10 pm

Roll Call - Present Mayor Sabo, Councilmember Norris, Randall, Lee, Acton

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions

- The Mayor added excusing Councilmember Whitcomb.

Public Hearings - None

Consent Agenda

- Approval of January 9th, 2018 meeting minutes & vouchers.
Motion to approve by T Norris, second by M Lee Passed 4-0

Guest Presentations – Tunis Wyers- Atty for PDA. Robyn Legun- exec director for Cannabis Corner: Presenting most recent financial report, not including EOY numbers.

Highlights: So far \$6000 donated to City of NB, \$15,000 seed loan paid. Reflecting complete transparency on the website. Refinanced a loan with 33% less interest, PDA pad. 83K in loan redemption/still owing 210k. \$6800/mo. rent for bldg. 2-year plan for paying debt, then more money going to the city. Mike Baker, Board President of PDA adds that the PDA primary goal is to “Do good things for the city.”

Public Comments

- Tiffeny Jordan of NB– CC employee- states that the public wants to support municipally owned cannabis business. CC helping with citizens alternative healing rather than prescriptions.
- Richard Mortweed of NB- Kids need a safe place for crossing/crosswalks
- Cheryl Jermann of NB- city needs to do what it needs to do- maybe fair/slow parting from city
- Shelli Acton of NB- Against pot shop at all, especially with city support
- Mike Baker of NB- why such high rent for CC?
- Robyn Legun of NB- 3 board members on PDA from within our community, jobs at CC provide career bldg.. skills; sales/marketing, buying, retail, customer service, inventory. CC has impeccable audit compliance. Open Public meetings are posted on website. Will return end of February for whole 2017 report.
- Dana Hall of NB- Happy for Robyn’s PDA business practices. Has seizures and happy cannabis is an option here.
- Tom Flannigan of NB- NB City should disassociate with the PDA and CC. Finances at net zero as of now is very dangerous for the city.
- Don Stevens of NB- PDA is used for absolving city of all liability if things go wrong. Preliminary reports of the revenue were unreasonable. Lease agreements expire 2019- good time to refinance or move location. City needs to research before dissolving – may be in our responsibility/rules to do so.
- Robyn Legun of NB- CC paid 1/3rd of its debt last year

- Dian Hamilton of NB- council took an oath of office to uphold constitution of USA and State laws- in this case there is a federal problem with our city being involved in the sales of pot.
- Mike Baker of NB- Public works replaced 66 interior lights with LED's for free. Call 888-883-9879 Also, AARP will do taxes at Stevenson library for elderly/poor on Saturdays in February
- Mike Hamilton of NB- Signed oath when he was on council- swears oath included upholding federal law as well as state *Ken Woodrich states that is not true
- Tunis Wyers atty for PDA- states they had no choice on building because of restrictions- looking at options when lease expires.
- Cheryl Jermann of NB- Sold the city out when said default would go to landlord
- Julie Sabo of NB- against city involvement in PDA. Charles Pace's original idea- begged council to dissolve PDA. Cole memo- consider what happened. This was est. as a recreational store. Consider going private. Simple vote of council can dissolve PDA.
- Robyn Legun of NB- Charles Pace offered unrelated material, then asked for a lot of money. 2 people who signed the lease are no longer involved. Atty was involved in negotiation of lease. PDA is named on the license.
- Cheryl Jermann of NB- License not hard to get if you/'re clean.
- Don Stevens of NB- PDA was constructed for medical and recreation.

Councilmember Comments

- John Acton- has been a business owner. Looking at PDA/loans/ordinances- seems like it's doomed
- Terry Norris- We're only talking about this because of Session's statement. PDA was a shaky idea, now shakier. To receive sources of Government funds- pot could be a sore spot. City support saves PDA on taxes
- Travis Randall- PDA was meant to bring money to the city. Really not happening until loans paid. Why was the landlord able to price gouge based on the type of business? DTI ratio not good. In the long run, it will pay off though. Great that PDA absolved liability, but many do not want to be known as a "pot town".
- Margie Lee- There are pros and cons on PDA- the city is just concerned with liability and city downfalls.
- Travis Randall- Why is state tax dipping from our pot tax? Were receiving 20%, now 9%?

Mayor's Comments

Citizens are at a 50/50 want for the CC and PDA. Lot of "pie in the sky" based on the Cole memo. Definitely may be legal challenges- no guarantee of how the law will stand at this point. Seek agreement with DOJ for shutdown in business plan. The private buyer deal is in the PDA business plan. The big deal is do we want our city known for this? The city receives the same amount of taxes whether privately or city owned.

Administrator's Report – Decided that there will be a 'staff report' to replace the administrator's report.

City Attorney's Report - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

- Approval of Res. 505
 - Motion by T. Randall, second by John Acton, Passed 4-0
- Excuse Judy Whitcomb from meeting
 - Motion by T. Randall, second by Margie Lee, Passed 4-0
- Review City committees, boards, and appointments – put on agenda until next meeting

Closing Public Comments:

- Mike Hamilton of NB- Will find oaths of office from different years to clarify. Not against pot-

daughter on oil for health. Suggest limiting phone calls to lawyer to save money. Only prejudice about govt. going into private business.

- Cheryl Jermann of NB- CC should renegotiate their rent asap.
- Mike of NB- Seattle's Pike Market is run by PDA. Pot sold on street is worse on families than having a store.
- Brooke Lyddon of NB- Doesn't like the stigma behind pot. Can tear families apart, but also can be very helpful when correctly educated on the science and strains.
- Shelli Acton of NB- not enough medical studies to make the case for pot.
- Don Stevens of NB- even with limited medical testing- the VA now uses pot for PTSD. There is anecdotal evidence showing positive effects. PDA Hilton Vancouver really cleaned up the area. Be patient for the money.
- Cheryl Jermann of NB- Does help with cancer, has helped people for years. Not against pot, just against city involvement.

Closing Council Comments:

- Travis Randall- Shelli, we are listening. Pros and cons to all involved.
- Terry Norris- Great discussion and ideas, pros/cons. Can't deny what's on paper. As a biz owner, I've seen It takes about 5 years to see if a biz succeeds.
- John Acton- no comment
- Bryan Sabo- appreciate input

Motion to adjourn – 9:05 pm

Motion to adjourn by M. Lee