



## NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

*Mayor Don Stevens  
Bianchi*

*Councilmember Bob*

### **North Bonneville Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday January 24, 2016 6:07 P.M.**

**Council Workshop:** Note - the workshop discussion period is from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. followed by the Regular Council Session - it is possible that workshop discussion items are continued into the regular council session.

**Workshop Meeting Call to Order** – Craig Forster was absent for the workshop  
**Unfinished Business**

#### **New Business**

##### **Discussion concerning annexation of unincorporated Skamania County Territory**

Mayor Stevens said the Council has discussed this item at length and did not see the need to spend more time on this issue at this time

##### **2017 Committee – board – appointments**

Mayor Stevens said no sense discussing committee assignments until the regular council session where they could be acted upon

Mayor Stevens concluded the workshop portion of the meeting - stating the rest of the time would be reserved to celebrate Steve's departure

**Adjournment** The Council adjourned the workshop meeting at 6.09 P.M.



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**Regular portion of the Council Meeting reconvened 7:00 P.M.**

**Roll Call: All present**

**Audience: 10**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Changes & Additions:**

- Adding an invoice 1017 in the sum of \$561.75
- Consideration of Glen Bell for City Fire Chief
- Committee Appointments

**Public Hearing:**

Public Hearing on the annexation of three parcels of land encompassing 6.26 acres into the City through Washington State's unincorporated island annexation method - these parcels are located at 510,580 and 610 East Cascade Drive

Mayor Stevens described this action and then opened the public hearing for comment. There was no public comment so the public hearing was closed.

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of January 10 Minutes and January 24<sup>th</sup> Invoices**

Councilor Forster made a motion to approve the minutes and invoices and seconded by Councilor Bianchi. An amendment was requested to add the payment of invoice 1017

Voting on the amendment

Yes Councilors Sabo, Forster, Bianchi, Whitcomb and Norris

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

Motion as Amended

Yes Councilors Sabo, Forster, Bianchi, Whitcomb and Norris

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

**Guest Presentations:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Council's Comments:**

**Councilor Bianchi** wished to thank the staff and contractors for their efforts to clear all the streets. He inquired whether citizens would be allowed to take their ice storm damaged debris and deposit it in the public rights of way for City removal.

**Mayor Stevens** replied that right now we are focusing on initiating an emergency declaration so we have an understanding of how we might finance the cleanup costs before we delve in a clean-up strategy. He said the cleanup effort is likely to last 6 to 9 months and noting the present damage is more than caused by the windstorm we had 14 months ago that took nearly a year to address. He said there are three strategies being considered: cutting it up for firewood, burning it and /or chipping it. He added there is a bio-waste business that is looking to establish an operation nearby and they may be interested in the wood material. It is likely that our citizens will be allowed to pile the material on City property for chipping purpose.

**Council Bianchi** advised he was aware that our retiring fire chief had moved more than a ½ hour from North Bonneville and thought there ought to be some standard for how far from the community they may reside.

**Councilor Forester** wanted to thank the crew for their attention to the snow and Steve for his four years of public service.

**Councilor Norris** asked if people could burn now and Mayor Stevens said he was discouraging that action until we have thought it through.

**Mayor Stevens** said given the volume of debris he was concerned about designating areas where it could be piled and then ending up with huge wood debris mounds.

**Administrator's Report:** Steve advised the Council that he had written a letter to the PDA requesting \$3,000 be made available to the City for park and recreation purposes.

**City Attorney's Report:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

**Ordinance 1076 constructed for purposes of modifying the Public Development Authority [PDA] Charter to resolve conflicting language**

**Robyn Legun** was present representing the PDA. She said that agency was requesting a couple of changes to their charter the City has constructed and the first item had to do with a requirement for the finance officer to carry a fidelity bond and noting the PDA because of its business is unable to acquire that insurance product. She said they have put other insurance in place and would request this requirement be removed from the charter. The second item had to do with the fact the charter requires a report be presented to the Council at the end of January and that is not a realistic timeframe. She asked that the date be changed to May 30<sup>th</sup> to be in keeping with state audit reporting requirements.

**Council Sabo** said he understood why the financial material could not be produced at the beginning of the year but thought the business plan could be provided at the beginning of the year. He said the PDA should have a plan in place and its goals set by the beginning of the year. **Councilor Forster** said he concurred with Councilor Sabo.

Robyn said that information could realistically be provided by the end of February.

**Teunis Wyers**, the PDA's attorney, wished to convey the trials and tribulations the PDA Has been subject the two years that it has been in operation for purpose of familiarizing new council members with the nature of the operation. He explained how much money the PDA has had to pay for various obligations during that timeframe. He noted the agency is in the black and is setting aside money for a rainy day. Teunis said they were in the process of trying to restructure their debt. He asked the Council to stay the course in their support of this operation. He said at some point they would like to provide money to the City. He said the operation was very transparent they had no secrets. In response to Steve's letter requesting revenue - he said that was wishful thinking as the PDA's charge was to address its long term

debt prior to other obligations.

**Councilor Sabo** noted that the new administration [Trump] may not embrace the same hands off marijuana position that we encountered with the Obama administration.

Robyn said it was her belief the new administration was pro business and would not take a hard view of marijuana usage.

**Councilor Sabo** inquired why the PDA did not have full membership [5 members].

**Mike Baker** replied that one reason they had trouble recruiting members is because the state directed background checks were invasive and brutal and many individuals did not wish to release the amount of information required to serve on this board – they wish to protect their privacy.

**Councilor Sabo** said if there are structural issues with the PDA such as board composition issues that out of respect for the Council and the Citizens it represents the PDA would call these matters to our attention instead of us having to initiate inquiry.

**Mayor Stevens** said that the PDA had no blueprint to follow as it is the first of its kind and the State continues to change the rules so it is difficult for the PDA to have a good operational plan.

**Attorney Teunis** cautioned the Council about taking too much interest in the PDA workings or that action may pose liabilities.

**Attorney Woodrich** said he did not see an issue with changing the number of board members from 5 to 3.

#### **Ordinance 1076 constructed for purposes of modifying the Public Development Authority [PDA]**

It was determined that action on Ordinance 1076 would be tabled until the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide time for the PDA to restructure the Charter language that is subject to modification to address the concerns expressed by council.

Councilor Bianchi made a motion and seconded by Councilor Whitcomb to defer action on this ordinance and to hold its potential conflicts in abeyance until the next meeting.

Yes Councilors Sabo, Forster, Bianchi, Whitcomb and Norris

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

#### **Affirming the North Bonneville Public Development Authority's appointment of Randy Nieto to serve on its board**

Robyn advised the Council that Mr. Nieto had withdrawn his application for health related reasons.

#### **New Business**

##### **Consideration of Glen Bell for City Fire Chief**

The Council adjourned to executive session to discuss the fire department's nomination of Mr. Bell to serve in this capacity.

The Council returned after deliberation and the Mayor advised that he was unable to nominate Mr. Bell to serve in that capacity and thus the fire department's nomination could not be ratified by council.

#### **Committee Appointments for 2017**

Mayor Pro Tem - Councilor Bianchi

Volunteer Fire Department - Councilor Sabo

Skamania County Emergency Mgt. Board - Councilor Bianchi

Skamania County Emergency Mgt. Volunteer Org - Councilor Bianchi

Emergency Service Compensation Board - Mayor Stevens and Councilor Forster  
Skamania County Chamber of Commerce - Councilor Whitcomb  
Skamania County Regional Transp. Board (RTPO) - Mayor Stevens  
Skamania County Law and Justice Council - Councilor Sabo  
Skamania County Disabilities Board - Councilor Forster  
Klickitat-Skamania Utilities Coordinating Council - City Administrator  
Skamania County Boundary Review Board - Tom Jermann  
Skamania County Solid Waste Advisory Board - Open  
Southwest Washington Air Pollution Authority -Open  
Community Action Team - City of Stevenson  
Mid Columbia Economic Development District - City of Stevenson  
North Bonneville Public Safety Committee - Councilor Bianchi  
North Bonneville Finance Committee - Full City Council  
Streets/Utilities/Maintenance Committee - Tom Jermann  
Parks/Recreation/Landscaping Committee - Tom Jermann  
North Bonneville Sign Committee - Tom Jermann  
Utility Rates Committee - City Council  
Mosquito Board - Tom Jermann  
WA Cities Insurance Authority - City Administrator  
Hotel/Motel Tax Committee - Councilor Forster

Councilor Forster made a motion to adopt the slate of committee assignments and seconded by Councilor Whitcomb

Yes Councilors Sabo, Forster, Bianchi, Whitcomb and Norris  
No  
Abstain  
Passed 5-0-0

**Adoption of Resolution 495 providing for a declaration of emergency for North Bonneville due to January 17/18 Ice Storm**

Councilor Forster made a motion to approve the emergency declaration and seconded by Councilor Norris

Yes Councilors Sabo, Forster, Bianchi, Whitcomb and Norris  
No  
Abstain  
Passed 5-0-0

**Adoption of Ordinance 1077 – an ordinance annexing to the City of North Bonneville three parcels of land**

Councilor Bianchi made a motion and seconded by Councilor Forster to approve Ordinance 1077 and its provisions

Yes Councilors Sabo, Forster, Bianchi, Whitcomb and Norris  
No  
Abstain  
Passed 5-0-0

**Two year contract with Jackson Civil Engineering for engineering services**

Councilor Forster made a motion to approve this engineering services contract and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Sabo, Forster, Bianchi, Whitcomb and Norris

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

**Closing Public Comments:**

**Mike Baker** thanked Steve for his public service and many contributions to the city

**Glen Bell** noted that he remains the fire department incident commander for this storm event until its conclusion

**Greg Johnson** advised everyone that the ice storm should be considered a teaching moment whereby you determine what it is you should have at home available to address an emergency like this one. Additionally, the City should work on developing a plan for this type of event.

**John Spencer** said it had been an honor working with Steve

**Closing Council Comments:**

**Councilor Sabo** thanked the public and the Mayor for all their community efforts during the storm event

**Councilor Whitcomb** said she appreciated Attorney Teunis' comments

**Councilor Norris** said that the City would not have to pay for acquiring engineering services because they would be paid for from the grant. He also inquired whether Steve is leaving behind accessible documents for his successor.

**Councilor Bianchi** thanked Steve for his service to the community.

**Mayor Stevens** thanked Steve for his service and noting that his contributions will be positively felt for many years.

**Adjournment**

Councilor Norris made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Forster

Yes Councilors Whitcomb, Sabo, Forster, Bianchi and Norris

No

Abstain

Passed 5-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM

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**Mayor**

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**City Administrator**