

**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**

**Finance Committee Minutes**

**Meeting Call to Order:** 6:00 PM

**Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Charles Pace,  
Patience Udall, and Mike Baker

Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer

**Unfinished Business**

2013 Budget

John discussed with the Council the current budget projections, options for balancing the budget and remaining budgetary needs. Particular discussion centered on whether or not the city should fill a part-time receptionist position, whether to raise utility taxes, and on various options to reducing expenditures. There was a general consensus of those present to retain the Maintenance Worker Position at least as a ½ time position in 2013.

**New Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

6:55



**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Meeting Call to Order:** 7:04 PM

**Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Charles Pace, Mike Baker, Jennifer Stratton-Pies and Patience Udall

Absent:

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

**Guests Present**

Approximately 8 guests were present, including volunteer Jim Runkles, and Planning Commission Members Bob Bianchi and Sharon Runkles.

**Agenda Changes and Additions**

Councilor Pace asked to review payroll separately from the rest of the consent agenda.

**Public Hearings**

Ordinance 1013 – Heritage Trails Plan Appendix A-1

John provided an updated ordinance that corrected typographical errors. No comments were made.

Resolution 449 – Water System Plan

Quincy Anderson – Asked whether the council has read the plan and recommended that they do so. She stated that the plan would restrict citizen's property rights and that the plan requires continued rate increases. She questioned whether it is appropriate for the city to educate citizens on water conservation.

Michael Hamilton – Suggested that the council should not pass the plan without reading it in its entirety. He also complained the water rates are too high.

Jim Runkles – Noted that he read the plan and pointed out that requirements for metering water and educating the public come from the state. He also noted that the rate increases discussed in the plan were approved by a previous council.

Quincy Anderson – Discussed water leakage requirements, asked why the shoreline plan is mentioned in the water system plan, noted that 2007 sample results allow for a maximum level of fluoride in the water, noted that the city was

granted a waiver on asbestos testing and asked why the city requested it, asked whether the plan requires additional chlorine, and suggested that a section regarding irrigation be stricken from the document.

Robert Bianchi – Noted that many of the issues raised during the hearing so far are state, not federal, requirements and recommendations.

Judy Nappe – Asked whether copies of the plan are available.

2013 Revenue Sources and Resolution 450 – Property Tax Levy  
Council Pace verified that this hearing was noticed in the paper.

No comments were made.

### **Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda included the September Payroll, 9/26/12 Council Minutes and 10/9/12 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve the council minutes and vouchers for 10/9/12; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Baker.**

Councilor Baker asked for clarification on interfund payments.

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

- **Councilor Stratton-pies moved to approve the September Payroll; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Baker.**

Councilor Pace asked about a medical payment, and discussed the details of the payroll documents at length. Ken pointed out that many of the issues Councilor Pace brought up are issues of the collective bargaining agreement. Discussion ensued.

- **Pace moved to amend the motion to approve the payroll with the exception of health and welfare benefits, sick leave and vacation for the Deputy Clerk Position.**

Discussion ensued. Motion died for lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On the original motion  
**Yes:**                      **Councilors Baker, Stratton-Pies and Udall**  
**No:**  
**Abstain:**                **Councilor Pace**  
**Passed**                **3 – 1 – 0**

### **Guest Presentations**

None.

### **Public Comment**

Michael Hamilton – Asked if the city is currently in labor negotiations and suggested that the city stand up to the union.

Judy Nappe – Stated that she supports finding ways to replace the pumps in the pump stations.

Mary Armantrout – Suggested that the union is necessary for the welfare of our employees, and that she hopes the negotiations will result in a way for the community to support the employees.

### **Council Member Comments**

Councilor Udall – Suggested that the city needs to find a way to make sure that part-time employees receive pro-rated accruals.

Councilor Stratton-Pies – Asked how the city had dealt with an employee’s medical benefits.

Baker – Assured the audience that he would not vote for the water system plan until he has fully read it. He also applauded Nellie’s Pies for the quality of their food.

Mayor Stevens – Noted a recent accident in which a 2” gas line on the edge of the city was ruptured.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to excuse Councilor Arthurs from the meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Baker**  
**Yes                      Councilors Pace, Baker, Stratton-Pies and Udall**  
**No**  
**Passed                4 – 0**

Councilor Pace – Expressed his appreciation for comments during the hearing on the water system plan, and noted that he has read the plan. He discussed consent requirements for recording council executive sessions. He asked for a report on an employee who was injured at work.

Mayor Stevens – Stated that elected officials are open to more scrutiny than the average person and that he will endeavor to better explain rules governing public hearings and comments in the future.

### **Clerk/Treasurer’s Report**

Provided in written format, John also discussed a need to purchase 2 portable pumps, noted that the new employee quit, and discussed a meeting with the State Department of Health regarding the new water system plan. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Pace suggested that as a result of the recent tri-city meeting, staff should focus on inter-city cooperation. Mayor Stevens concurred.

### **Attorney Report**

None.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Unpaid Medical Benefits for Council

John stated that he has not made progress on this item.

**Consensus for the John to work continuing working on a plan for council review.**

**New Business**

Signs in CBD

John provided background. Discussion ensued, particularly around how best to craft a motion approving Rick Harris's request.

- **Councilor Udall moved to give Rick Harris the right to place a sign on city property within 100 yards of his business entrance for three months, as decided by the planning commission, and to direct him to work with the planning commission on a permanent sign; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

**Yes                    Councilors Baker, Stratton-Pies and Udall**

**No                     Councilor Pace**

**Passed              3 – 1**

Resolution 451 – Non-Discrimination Policy

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve Resolution 451; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Baker.**

Councilor Pace asked some clarifying questions. Discussion ensued on the impact of this resolution as well as its applicability.

- **Councilor Pace moved to replace the word “gender” with “sex” in section 4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Stratton-Pies**

On the amendment

**Yes                    Councilors Pace, Baker, Stratton-Pies and Udall**

**No**

**Passed              4 – 0**

On the motion as amended

**Yes                    Councilors Pace, Baker, Stratton-Pies and Udall**

**No**

**Passed              4 – 0**

Ordinance 1013 – Comprehensive Plan Appendix A-1

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve ordinance 1013 as revised; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Udall.**

Councilor Baker asked questions about the goals and objectives section as well as about the funding sources section.

Jim Runkles provided clarification on the ordinance, discussing the reasoning that went into it.

Discussion ensued regarding the details of the plan.

Ken noted that the city may only update the comprehensive plan once every 12 months, and that the council should consider combining this update with any others that they feel may need to be done.

- **Councilor Udall removed her 2<sup>nd</sup> and Councilor Stratton-Pies removed her motion.**

Employee Compensation & Working Conditions

Councilor Pace expressed his concerns that his previous comments not be construed as being directed at any one person, and that the union contract issues be addressed through the bargaining process.

Councilor Pace verified that the council has not yet approved any hotel/motel expenditures for 2013.

**Closing Comments**

Michael Hamilton – Expressed satisfaction with the discussion on the comprehensive plan amendment.

Quincy Anderson – Expressed concern about inter-governmental entanglements.

Jim Runkles – Provided a report on his attendance at the IACC conference, noting that he found out about some great grant opportunities.

**Adjournment**

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to Adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Baker.**  
**Yes: Councilors Pace, Baker, Stratton-Pies and Udall.**  
**No: None**  
**Passed 4 – 0**

**Adjourned 9:03 PM**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk**