

**NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, December 11, 2012
Finance Committee Minutes**

Meeting Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Roll Call

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

Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer

Unfinished Business

2013 Budget

John reviewed the final 2013 budget with Council. Detailed discussion ensued.

New Business

Adjournment

7:02



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
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Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 7:10 PM

Roll Call

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

Absent:

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

Guests Present

Approximately 2 guests were present.

Agenda Changes and Additions

Mayor Stevens noted the council minutes on the consent agenda are for the meetings of 11/27/12 and 11/29/12; the agenda had a typographical error.

Guest Presentations

None.

Public Hearings

2013 budget

Mayor Stevens opened the public hearing on Ordinance 1017 regarding the 2013 Budget.

No comments were made.

Mayor Stevens closed the hearing.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the 11/27/12 Council Minutes, 11/29/12 minutes, 12/11/12 vouchers and November payroll.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve the consent agenda; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Councilor Baker asked a couple questions about the invoice vouchers.

Discussion ensued specifically on the sign being constructed for placement in front of the grand elder bigfoot carving.

Consensus to direct the Heritage Trails Committee not to place the welcome sign under the grand elder carving.

Councilor Pace made some comments regarding the minutes of the 11/29/12 meeting, expressing concern regarding vouchers and agenda items. Discussion ensued. He also expressed concern regarding the Deputy Clerk's benefits.

Yes **Councilors Stratton-Pies, Baker, Udall and Lowrance**
No **Councilor Pace**
Passed **4 – 1**

Public Comment

None.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Stratton-Pies – Asked for to be excused from the 11/29/12 meeting.

- **Councilor Pace moved to excuse Councilor Stratton-Pies from the 11/29/12 meeting, 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Yes **Councilors Pace, Baker, Udall and Lowrance**
No
Abstain **Councilor Stratton-Pies**
Passed **4 – 0 – 1**

Councilor Udall – Asked to organize a rotation for attendance at Planning Commission meetings. Mayor Stevens suggested doing it by position number. John said he would send out a calendar for this purpose. Ken reminded the councilors that they should excuse themselves from Planning Commission meetings whenever the agenda include an adjudicative process. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Pace – Expressed concern regarding the water charges being made to various departments and requested further detail. Expressed concern about the level of service at the front desk in city hall.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

John provided in written format and provided some additional updates:

- He received the Draft 2011 Audit Report and asked the council for attendees at the exit conference scheduled for Tuesday. Discussion ensued.
- Do's and Don'ts training scheduled for January 22.

Councilor Pace asked a few clarifying questions regarding the treasurer's report.

Councilor Baker asked for an update regarding negotiations with the union on part-time employees. He also asked for details on a veterinary bill.

Attorney Report

None.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 1017 – 2013 Budget

- **Councilor Pace moved to table this item and convene a special meeting on 12/18; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Councilor Udall will be available by phone. Councilor Stratton-Pies asked to schedule it at 7:00 PM.

Yes **Councilors Pace, Baker, Udall, Pace and Lowrance**
No
Passed **5 – 0**

Resolution 452 – Fire Fighter Pensions

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve Resolution 452; 2nd by Councilor Pace.**

Yes **Councilors Pace, Baker, Udall, Pace and Lowrance**
No
Passed **5 – 0**

New Business

Discussion Regarding the Golf Course

Mayor Stevens related an update provided to him by Port Executive Director John McSherry. Councilor Baker noted that the Port will have an honor box to continue operations.

Councilor Pace expressed his support of existing zoning for the golf course.

Cancel the 4th Tuesday Council Meeting

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to cancel the last meeting in December, 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Yes **Councilors Pace, Baker, Udall, Pace and Lowrance**
No
Passed **5 – 0**

Council asked Ken to be present for their special meeting on December 18th.

Resolution Regarding Coal Trains

Councilor Pace provided background, recommending the council look into the issue and draft a resolution for the first meeting in January.

Resident and former City Planning Advisor Pollard Dixon provided a letter to council on this matter (attached), recommending the council pass a resolution expressing support for a full environmental impact study on the issue.

Councilor Udall expressed concern regarding the impacts of the coal proposal to the region's infrastructure as well as regarding noise and pollution impacts. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Pace stated that he will work with Pollard Dixon to write a draft resolution.

Closing Comments

None.

Adjournment

Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Baker.

**Yes: Councilors Udall, Baker, Pace, Lowrance, and
Stratton-Pies.**

No:

Passes 5 – 0

Adjourned 9:28 PM

Mayor

Clerk

December 11, 2012

The Honorable Don Stevens
Mayor
The City of North Bonneville
P.O. Box 7
North Bonneville, WA 98639

RE: Global Warming and our Carbon Footprint

Dear Mayor Stevens,

I note that on December 8, 2012 the United Nations Conference on Global Warming extended the 1997 Kyoto Protocol which has the goal of reducing the carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions. The treaty, now more than two decades old, set limits on greenhouse gas output of a number of rich countries. Those limits only cover about 15 percent of global emissions. The extension includes a package of decisions to expand the coverage to include poor countries and reinforce an affirmation of a previous decision to adopt a new global climate pact by 2015. There is a fast growing body of scientific evidence that global warming is not only occurring as a result of our growing carbon footprint and generation of greenhouse gas emissions, but accelerating at an exponential rate. The very quality of our global and personal living environment is under a very real and pervasive threat. A question, therefore, is placed on the table before each and every elected official and private citizen in our country. What can we individually and collectively do to lessen our carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions?


First, and foremost, we have an opportunity to have our individual voices heard immediately by stating our opposition to creating major coal exporting facilities on the west coast. As the United States moves away from burning coal for the generation of electricity, the growing abundance of natural gas, increase of wind power and solar energy has supplanted the domestic demand for coal. The U.S. market forces have generated a demand for renewable energy resources and less polluting natural gas for electrical generation. Demand for coal exports to foreign markets has increased and the coal industries are quick to respond to that lucrative demand as their local domestic demand shrinks. Shifting the market and consumption for coal to Asian markets compounds the serious and devastating effects of a larger carbon footprint and greater greenhouse gas emissions. In effect such exports of American coal to energy hungry Asian markets will contribute to increasing global warming and defeating the United Nations and the United States efforts to reach a new global climate pact by the year 2015. In addition to our global responsibilities we need to protect the quality of our environment for living in our local community, the Columbia River Gorge and the Northwest.

Building coal exporting facilities in either Washington or Oregon will generate major demand for transportation from the coal fields to newly constructed export facilities. Rail transportation through the Columbia River Gorge, on both sides of the river, and on the river itself by barge, will create excessive negative impacts on our local living environment. Those negative impacts will include increases in noise levels, decreases in air and water quality from coal dust, and increasing likelihood of fires along both railroad corridors. Projections have already been made that coal trains traveling to such ports could increase to as many as 28 per day through Spokane by 2017 and up to 63 per day soon thereafter. Some projections have as many as 42 coal trains a day through the Columbia River Gorge. Building export facilities costing as much as \$600 million each at more than one location on the west coast will generate a massive increase in demand for coal trains and barge traffic to supply those expensive export facilities.

It is our hope that each local community will take under serious deliberation the potential negative impacts such facilities will have on our local community in addition to the United State and United Nations efforts to create a new global climate pact by 2015. We have witnessed our local volunteer fire departments from North Bonneville, Stevenson, Cascade Locks, Hood River, White Salmon and Bingen fight fires caused by failed brakes and wheel bearing on numerous trains over the years. Increasing train traffic by as many as 42 more a day will generate more such fires, increase noise levels to unbearable decibels, diminish our air and water quality with coal dust, and create exposure for a greater potential for derailments and accidents. At the very least, each community, through its elected government, should by formal resolution, demand a full and comprehensive Environments Assessment Report, for review by each community, before a Draft Environmental Impact Statement is written and circulated for comment. Each local community should be afforded adequate time to review the Assessment Report, Draft EIS, and prepare formal comments for submittal before a Final Environmental Impact Statement is written and filed as required for both the State Environmental Policy Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Sincerely Yours,

Pollard R. Dickson


Darlene M. Dickson

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Identical Personal Letters Addressed to:

Charles Pace, Council Member

Mike Baker, Council Member

Jennifer S. Pies, Council Member

Rick Lowrance, Council Member

Patience Udall, Council Member