



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Don Stevens
Councilmember Charles Pace
Councilmember Michael Hamilton

Councilmember Bob Bianchi
Councilmember Mike Baker
Councilmember Craig Forster

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 9, 2014 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order 6:00 PM

Roll Call Finance Committee members Mike Baker; Charles Pace, Craig Forster, Bob Bianchi and Don Stevens

Absent: Mike Hamilton

Unfinished Business

Continuation of budget discussion

John Spencer handed out new budget documents and noted he has amended Ordinance 1044 with construction of Ordinance 1045 for purpose of assuring the City ends the year in the black with respect to each City fund. This action was required because the City had spent more revenue in the sewer and water accounts than anticipated. John said with the exception of some minor tweaks - the 2015 budget is ready for passage and provided Council is inclined to take such action. Recent budget modifications include: payroll reconstruction to make Joana Fry 4/5 time; an adjustment upward in the annual health insurance rates; decreasing the professional services line item; increasing the amount of revenue from the sewer fund to the sewer reserve fund; and gifting 10K from the general fund to the sewer fund. In response to a question concerning the tourism fund, John said it was balanced and then became unbalanced when Council determined to finance the Chamber and also resulting from moving 20K from the tourism to the tourism reserve fund.

Discussion Street Lights

Richard Lafayette provided the finance committee an update of the street light review. He passed out a memo that provides lighting recommendations based on his analysis. He also displayed a large map that identifies the placement of all City street lights. He is recommending the Committee consider shutting off approximately 65 of the City's street lights as a cost savings of about \$2600 a year. He was asked if the City's trail system lighting would be affected by his recommendation. He said no - that there are approximately 125 - 40 watt lights illuminating the trail system but the cost of maintain that lighting was minimal. The Committee suggested this item be continued until the next Council meeting [January 13th] and in the meantime, City staff make known that the City Council was contemplating this action so the public could weigh in on this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.



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Meeting Call to Order 7:01 PM

Roll Call: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Mike Baker, Charles Pace, Bob Bianchi and Craig Forster
Absent: Councilor Hamilton

Audience: about 6 visitors

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions

The Council determined to consider excusing Councilor Hamilton under new business

Consent Agenda

Approval of November 25th Council Minutes and December 9th Invoices

Councilor Baker moved to approve the minutes and invoices and seconded by Councilor Pace

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Forster

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Guest Presentations

Public Comment

Cheryl Jermann encouraged the Council to support the Sherriff's annual contract.

BreAnna Mendoza passed out copies of a report on fraud and abuse. She said the current Sherriff contract requires providing for certain performance measures that are not being met: specifically, the contract requires the Sherriff to provide information about mileage and the amount of time spent patrolling the community and that information is not forthcoming.

Councilmember Comments

Councilor Pace said the Sherriff needs to follow contract provisions but otherwise he is supportive of the Sherriff's operation. He expressed disappointment at EDC's level of CDBG grant assistance but believes the City should look forward and be supportive of this organization.

Councilor Baker said he did not believe the Sherriff's Department provided NB adequate law enforcement service but intends to support contract renewal. He requested the incident report distinguish residents calling the Sherriff for assistance from those incidents resulting from patrolling encounters to gain a better sense of the Sherriff's enforcement presence. Councilor's concurred with this suggestion.

Councilor Bianchi said Mrs. Mendoza brought up good points and believes it is important the Sheriff follow through with contract compliance – that aside he is supportive of the Sherriff's contract.

Councilor Forster said it was important the City enforce contract provisions; however his constituents were supportive of the Sherriff's contract and he would comply with their wishes.

Mayor Stevens contacted MRSC – who provides the City legal services inquiring whether the City had to put the law enforcement contract out to bid and also as an alternative could the City rely upon tribal services for enforcement purposes? MRSC advised the City did not have to put the law

enforcement contract out to bid and yes we could rely upon tribal services for law enforcement services, provided the tribal service had the requisite peace officer credentials and training. Mayor Stevens noted that procuring tribal services did not appear to be a viable alternative at this time. He observed Sherriff deputies frequently patrolled NB. He advised that State law required a City to have a police chief and the Sherriff serves in this capacity. Attorney Woodrich advised that under Washington State Law only a commissioned officer can make a law enforcement decision. Councilor Pace inquired if we were to entertain tribal services would they be BIA or inter-tribe? Mike Mendoza was present and Council offered him the opportunity to respond to Councilor Pace's question. He advised that he served as a special investigator for both BIA and Intertribal interests relating to law enforcement matters. He said he was a commissioned law enforcement officer in Oregon and that State's law enforcement requirements differed considerably from Washington's requirements. He noted that in order for him or his counterparts to have enforcement authority in Washington would require additional law enforcement training. He said that his team operated out of Hood River and there were 8 of them and they operated 24 hours a day but their dispatch was closed from 2:A.M to 6 A.M. Council thanked Mr. Mendoza for his participation.

Administrator's Report

City Attorney's Report

Attorney Woodrich noted the Council recently discussed converting one of its meetings into a work session – with the understanding he would not attend the workshop session as a cost savings measure. If the Council chose this course of action - he would appreciate a heads up.

Unfinished Business

Economic Development Council [EDC] Contract for Economic Development Services 2015 – EDC is seeking \$6500 to provide for its services in 2015

Councilor Pace moved to approve for discussion purposes and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes

No Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Forster

Abstain

Defeated 0-4-0

New Business

Excusing Councilor Hamilton from this evening's Council meeting

Councilor Pace made a motion to excuse Councilor Hamilton and seconded by Councilor Baker

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Forster

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Adoption of Ordinance 1043 – an ordinance adopting the 2105 budget

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Forster

No

Abstain

Passed 4-0-0

Approving a reduction in City Street lighting to help defray City expenses

Council determined to continue this item until the first meeting in January and requested staff share information about this action with the Skamania Pioneer as a means to inform our citizens. Additionally, staff should contact our insurance provider to determine any liability issues associated with this possible action.

Ordinance 1045: amending Ordinance 1044 for purposes of revising the 2014 budget to reflect the fact the City has been burdened with a number of unanticipated expenditures.

A question was raised: could the Council amend the budget without a noticed public hearing? After review, Attorney Woodrich opined that Washington Cities were under no statutory requirement to notice an amending of the budget which is the action intended by this Ordinance. Councilor Pace made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker and Bianchi
No Councilor Forster
Abstain
Passed 3-1-0

Cancellation of December 23 Council Meeting

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve meeting cancellation and seconded by Councilor Forster

Yes Councilors Baker, Bianchi and Forster
No Councilor Pace
Abstain
Passed 3-1-0

Closing Public Comments

Breanna Mendoza restated her concern there was nothing in the Contract that really obligates the Sherriff to provide our community good law enforcement protection. Cheryl Jermann said the City would benefit from spending \$72,000 contracting with the Sherriff for police protection.

Closing Council Comments

Councilor Pace said he saw no indication or evidence of extortion, bribery or kickback associated with the City entering into an agreement with the Sherriff for law enforcement services.

Adjournment

Councilor Forster moved to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Bianchi

Yes Councilors Pace, Baker, Bianchi and Forster
No
Abstain
Passed 4-0-0

Adjourned approximately 8.03 PM

Mayor

City Clerk