



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

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North Bonneville Workshop Agenda February 27th, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Council Workshop

Workshop Meeting Call to Order - 6:35 pm

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

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- Fire truck talk – Chief Bell discussed the need for an additional pump truck to be used only in the city for areas with no hydrants and/or high fuel (ex. Strawberry Island, the wildlife refuge, Shelly Lane). He found a hard-to-beat deal on a 1981 Ford F700 tanker truck with a 1,000 pumper tender, 17,000 miles. The price was \$10,000, but agreed to drop to \$8500 with a tax write off receipt for the previous owner. Mayor Sabo would like to add this to the agenda.
- Light Replacement – Mayor Sabo states that it is in the work and we are waiting on TIB and Devin Jackson
- Eliminate Workshop – Mayor Sabo asks if we should not gather for workshops when it's not budget time. Judie Whitcomb would like to continue workshops.

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 6:53pm



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Meeting Call to Order - 7pm

Roll Call - Present: Mayor Sabo, Councilmembers Lee, Randall, Norris, Acton, and Whitcomb

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes & Additions - Vote on new Fire Truck. Adding to new business.

Public Hearings - none

Consent Agenda

- Approval of February 13th, 2018 meeting minutes and invoices

Motion to approve minutes by T. Norris, second by T. Randall Passed 5-0

Motion to approve invoices by T. Randall, second by T. Norris Passed 5-0

Guest Presentations - none

Public Comments –

- Diane Hamilton of NB – Read that former councilmember, Debbie Sullivan, passed away. Thinks we should do something or make mention.
- Cheryl Jermann of NB – Thinks the new fire truck is a good idea. There is only one hydrant on the end of her street and there were several RR track fires. Recommended a neighborhood cleanup for leftover storm debris (eliminate fire fuel).

Councilmember Comments –

- J. Acton- neighbor bought a tree seedling, wants to plant in a possible city owned greenspace. Tom J says that area belongs to the homeowners, but should check for underground utilities.
- M. Lee- neighborhood cleanup effort is a good idea. Should organize a day in late spring
- T. Randall- Apologizes to Mr. Kackley for incorrect #'s on CC rental- paid \$220,00 on property. Double tracks in MT like ours- they do controlled burns of the surrounding grass. Can we have BNSF do that? Bryan Sabo states that we are already in talks with them.

Mayor's Comments –

- Fire chief presented idea of having a 'junior crew'. They could be trained to be firefighters, but also remove the brush piles (fire fuel) left from the storm. Need to check on requirements, insurance, etc... WCIA may have a grant available for the removal of the remainder of the damaged trees/limbs. We have two chippers available for cleanup. Deanna mentions applying for a risk management grant up to \$20,000 for avoiding liability. This grant would be used to have a tree service remove the remaining damaged trees and limbs from the storms.

City Clerk Report –attachment

City Attorney's Report - none

Unfinished Business

PDA/CC discussion –

- M.Lee – Sell it or drop from the agenda
- T. Randall – Have PDA come up with a SMART plan (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, timely) for better business, accountability, month to month results. Discuss fresh ideas,

something we can oversee.

- T. Norris – Let them live out the lease until June 2019 and see how business goes, but don't renew.
- J. Acton- Kackleys were offered that amt of rent. Heard mayor received discounted product based on position– unethical. Business lied about being bent over- they agreed to the terms.
- J. Whitcomb – CC report states we received \$18,000 in tax. B. Sabo- those numbers are not correct, I can show you what we received from them, it was not 18,000. We get 1% from mj sales. J. Whitcomb- Are we getting \$ from other businesses, besides excise/sales tax? This could be significant future income if we just wait. Rather than throw in the towel, why don't we figure out how to fix? More business minded employees? Board members? If PDA gets dropped, can't we be sued?
- B. Sabo – I question the #'s from the report. The city did not get that much.
- T. Norris – the mayor can get rid of PDA or help it. Let's help better the business. I'm against bad business, not against the PDA or CC.
- T. Randall- why is it a conflict of interest for me to be on council and have my wife work for the city, but not a conflict for investors and family members to serve on the PDA? We should replace board members with more business minded people with no money ties.
- J. Whitcomb – heard an investor was going to sue if PDA dissolved?
- Ken W – if the PDA dissolves, anyone can sue. The PDA provides a cushion. They wouldn't have a case either way.
- B. Sabo – It's been said that it takes 5 years to see if a business will succeed, and all we've seen is going backwards. A PDA member came in to the office and expressed that the business will fail.
- J. Acton – requested a budget sheet that was not provided.
- B. Sabo- to T. Randall- smart plan timeframe? T. Randall – Yes, new ideas, monthly goals.
- T. Norris –Why is Robyn the only one who comes to meetings? Ask the board to come in and present numbers and ideas. Maybe we can encourage.
- Ken W. – State allowed distance buffer has changed from 1,000 ft to 500 ft. in one city (excluding schools and playgrounds). The council can vote to change the buffer here as well. When the lease is up, this could present better options.
- B. Sabo- it's hard to ethically watch a city created business fail... We want to be fair to investors, the city, the people. Not just wanting to shut down, but it's not going right. We're not at fault, we are trying to find solutions- not a total shutdown. But it's been a downhill ride.
- T. Norris – Sabo mentioned that PDA is a headache. The mayor can dissolve pda at any time. Approve the buffer and give them time.
- J. Acton – just want the CC to stand on its own, proven that they make poor business decisions.
- J. Whitcomb – let's change the board and help them make changes
- T. Randall – give a chance for smart plan to work-monitor and measure, talk to the PDA- are they willing to make changes? then vote people out
- Ken W- misspoke- buffer changed from 1000 to 100 ft, not 500
- J. Whitcomb –You keep saying you don't see improvements, but I do. Look at the reports of the accelerated loan payments, etc. B. Sabo- That's what they tell us- but that's not what's happening. J. Whitcomb- If you don't believe the reports, ask for the real one.
- B. Sabo- so, we want the whole board here?
- Ken W- should have a joint meeting with PDA board, do as a workshop. No action or voting- just general direction and discussion. Both groups must post in paper
- D. Adams- setting next workshop with PDA board at 6pm, Tuesday march 13th

New Business

- Approval of Resolution 507 – amending Resolution 504 Exhibits B and C water and sewer fees
T. Jermann – brought up last meeting to eliminate dictating rates using CPI yearly and use CPI as a guideline instead. T. Randall- understood we can't get grants if we don't use CPI? T. Jermann – as long as we meet or exceed the CPI, we can. By eliminating it, we can dictate our rates. Some years may not even need to increase, but we can judge by city need, rather than CPI.
Motion to approve by T. Randall, second by J. Acton Passed 5-0
- Approval of Ordinance 1092 – amending chapters 13.04 water system and 13.12 sewer system
T. Jermann – Same idea as resolution amendment, but changes the actual code in order to avoid needing a resolution yearly.
Motion to approve by M. Lee, second by T. Randall Passed 5-0
- Don Stevens PDA Board Vote
Don Stevens submitted documentation to be elected as an alternate board member for the PDA
B. Sabo directed to council for a vote. Ken W states the mayor has to appoint, then council can vote. B. Sabo – I can't appoint it.
Not approving, no vote
- Approval of purchase of 1000 gallon pumper tanker for Fire Department
M. Lee- where do the funds come from? T. Randall- Fire Dept funds. In turn, the tender can go to the public works dept. T. Norris – only 2 months into the budget- 67K total for FD. I think we need this, always room to grow. B. Sabo- it is from the FD budget. Truck 82 always has trouble. Chief has equipment budget of 20k, there will have to be adjustments, chief is aware.
Ken. W – must do a special market condition resolution at next meeting to show that the immediate purchase was a unique deal, so we can proceed with purchase quickly. Will follow up with resolution at next council meeting.
Motion to approve purchase of 1981 Ford F700 1000 gallon pumper tender, not to exceed \$10,000 by T. Randall, second by J. Acton Passed 4-1
councilors M. Lee, T. Randall, T. Norris, J. Acton: For – J. Whitcomb: Against

Closing Public Comments:

- Cheryl Jermann of NB – Give the PDA time. Check into PnL's, have them supply these often. How is the inventory? Expired product? Know the numbers. What about a council member on the PDA board.
- Ken W. – No council members are allowed on the PDA board
- Eric Kackley – My heart is in the right place, I pay lots of taxes, raising money for the NB playground, big goal is to help NB. Current NB business main goal is to raise money to donate to the city. Not happy with the personal attacks on the rent deal with the CC, rent amount was not my choice- price was mainly determined by John Spencer and atty. If business fails and license ends up with me, it wouldn't be the worst thing because I want to help the city. Please check facts before badmouthing people.
- Tiffeny Jordan – If you were the private owner, would you still consider benefits/decent wage?
- Eric Kackley – Don't want to hire kids, want to keep good employees happy. I make lemonade from lemons and just want to help NB as a whole. NB has potential. Planning on bike poker run for Gorge Days. Really want to contribute to an amazing playground to draw families and recreation lovers to NB
- Cheryl Jermann – dumfounded- how do you get the license if pda decides? I was told it wouldn't necessarily go to Eric if dissolved.
- Diane Hamilton – Thank you to J. Whitcomb for bringing attention to local businesses on sales

tax. Thank council for making PDA accountable. Don't believe govt should be in public enterprise. Would like to see them bring in documents. Smart plan is a good thing. Why do CC reports come from Robyn and not PDA? What is the PDA doing? 20% interest with mother giving the loan? Odd.

- Brooke Lyddon of NB – good to support local- but CC charges much more than in town prices- have heard it's to support pda- why would we want to support prices.
- Cheryl Jermann- we want actual numbers- pin them down!
- Jane of NB – thank the superintendent of our schools for not letting what happened in the south happen here with our kids.
- B. Sabo – Kackley gets a raw deal on the chatter about him. PDA was willing to pay that amount of money. Business problem is there is finger pointing. NO plan to fix things, just blaming. Had to apologize last week to Eric- he is not the problem and did not decide price. He brings revenue with his own business.

Closing Council Comments:

- M. Lee – Gazebo refund info from packet? B. Sabo – It wasn't on agenda, no vote needed. we've issued refund for gazebo deposit, way overdue, the check was approved within our already approved invoice pack.
- T. Randall – Glad for the light shone on Eric Kackley not being the originator of the price for CC. Price was offered, I wouldn't say no either. Apologies.
- T. Norris – PDA is a big issue. Happy to be involved in good changes for the town. Fun to get together with new ideas. PDA loan people knew what they were doing, still in position of "it might not work". PDA accountability is important. Talking like this enhances motivation. Thanks to Pat Bell and FD, nice to see growth. Almost went down the tubes.
- J. Acton – no comment
- J. Whitcomb – Eric Kackley, sorry for the oversight on not including your business on my outline.

Motion to adjourn

Motion made by M. Lee, second by T. Randall to adjourn at 8:38