



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 23, 2010
Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Roll Call: Mayor Stevens, J. Stratton-Pies, T. Dudley, D. Sullivan, J. Lambson, C. Owens
Staff Present: M. Owens, T. Jermann, R. Hays

Guests Present: H. Dudley, S. Runkles, J. Runkles, V. Viner, L. Otto, R. Haven, B. Otto, J. Nappe, J. Brown, S. Sass, L. Sass, C. Laxson, J. Laxson, R. Pies, A. Lyddon, S. Lyddon, C. Jermann, C. Russell, T. Hamilton, B. Charlton, K. Carlson, J. Carlson, J. Armantrout, T. Herzig, R. Mindt, M. Such, B. Henrichsen, D. Hamilton, M. Hamilton, R. Winter, D. Hannan, J. Meyer, R. Bush.

Guest Presentations: K. Carlson and J. Carlson gave information on the Hazard Mitigation plan for N. Bonneville

R. Bush requested that the council allow materials to be taken from parcel C to aid in the grading of the area for the new treatment plant. This would avoid major truck travel over the city streets if the material would have to be hauled in from another location. **D. Sullivan moved to approve the removal of materials from Parcel C for used in the grading of the new treatment plant contingent upon the grading plan approval. J. Stratton-Pies seconded. Voting results: T. Dudley – yes, J. Lambson – yes, C. Owens – yes, J. Stratton-Pies – yes, D. Sullivan – yes.**

Public Comment: C. Jermann inquired as to where the city was financially and wanted a balanced budget.

S. Lyddon spoke on friends of City Hall staff coming to City Hall to visit with them during working hours.

V. Viner read from a prepared document thanking the clerk/treasurer and public works manager for their hard work on the treatment plant grant and spoke to the issues and accusations being applied to staff members and council members. He requested the individuals show proof of their accusations.

C. Laxson continued to read from V. Viner's document regarding attacks directed toward staff and council and stated it all needs to stop.

T. Herzig questioned the statements of the 2 previous speakers.

C. Jermann spoke in support of her husband.

B. Charlton stated she was ashamed of the actions of everyone at City Council meetings.

S. Lyddon stated too much city time is being spent on people visiting in employees at City Hall.

R. Otto stated he was “sick and tired of the lies that go on in this town” and he thanked the clerk/treasurer for her hard work and sacrifices.

Consent Agenda: C. Owens moved to approve the consent agenda. D. Sullivan seconded. Voting results: T. Dudley – yes, J. Stratton-Pies – yes, D. Sullivan – yes. J. Lambson – yes, C. Owens - yes.

Council Member/Staff Comments: C. Owens moved to have the Closing Public Comment removed from the agenda. J. Stratton-Pies seconded. Voting results: T. Dudley – no, J. Stratton-Pies – yes, D. Sullivan – yes, J. Lambson – yes, C. Owens - yes. The Mayor stated he allow the Closing Comment at this meeting but it would be removed from future agendas.

J. Lambson read a statement she received from Paul Sullivan, legal consultant, for Municipal Research Service Center that stated the Mayor did not have the authority to file a petition for unit clarification with PERC without council approval.

J. Lambson also addressed the fact that the email address on the city website does not go to city hall and that staff does not have access to it. Only the Mayor and his wife, who administers the website, have access. She requested that the email be changed so that it goes to a staff member at city hall for purposes of record retention and public document requests. The Mayor stated he would take that under consideration.

Announcements/Reports: T. Jermann reported that the Planning Commission is working on the Greenleaf Trail and revising the Mixed Use Zone.

M. Owens reported that the Mayor is working on the travel policy ordinance that the council requested from staff.

Unfinished Business: Council discussed the proposal received from the law firm of Wyers, Haskell, Davies & Dunn, PC. Council stated they would like to see a thirty (30) day cancellation provision added and they also want the hourly rate spelled out in the contract. **J. Lambson moved to hire the law firm of Wyers, Haskell, Davies & Dunn, PC as legal counsel for the city and also to provide prosecution services for the city. J. Stratton-Pies seconded. Voting results: T. Dudley – yes, J. Stratton-Pies – yes, D. Sullivan – no, J. Lambson – yes, C. Owens - yes.**

Mayor Stevens reported that the Union Grievance was on hold and that he and Jon Hunt had come to an agreement that the city would continue to search for a candidate to fill the Police Chief position while entering into negotiations on the bargaining contract.

J. Lambson passed out a revised law enforcement survey that was discussed. It was the consensus of the council to send it as soon as possible. The committee was agreed upon to include J. Stratton-Pies, J. Lambson, Mayor Stevens and H.

Dudley who would stuff the envelopes for mailing.

New Business: D. Sullivan moved to appoint Ron Winter to Planning Commission Position #2. J. Stratton-Pies seconded. Voting results: T. Dudley – yes, J. Stratton-Pies – yes, D. Sullivan – yes. J. Lambson – yes, C. Owens - yes.

T. Dudley moved to approve the Wastewater Treatment Plant Inspector Agreement contingent upon legal review and allow the mayor to sign it. J. Lambson seconded. Voting results: T. Dudley – yes, J. Stratton-Pies – yes, D. Sullivan – yes. J. Lambson – yes, C. Owens - yes.

Legal Issues: None

Closing Public Comment: T. Herzig presented his clarification of the labor agreement as it pertains to the clerk/treasurer position being a part of the union.

C. Jermann requested that people check their facts and that the previous Mayor didn't work with council.

J. Nappe stated this body was dysfunctional and requested a settlement of their differences.

C. Laxson presented her clarification of the union agreement as it pertains to the contents of the agreement matching the N. Bonneville Municipal Code with the exception of the "anti-harassment" clause and the only increase in wages for the employees for the past period of three (3) years.

S. Runkles stated she was "OK" with the union and for the employees earning a reasonable wage, but she had a problem with the council working with the union.

R. Haven stated that he felt the council was not "in bed with the union" and asked where the "proven leadership" was in respect to building a team and working with the council and staff.

C. Jermann questioned how well the former mayor worked with his council.

C. Laxson said everyone needs to be careful with cartoons and comments in a small town environment.

R. Pies stated the "in bed with the union" flyer that was posted was inappropriate to be out where children can see it. He didn't like having to explain to his child why their mother was in bed with another man and three other women.

S. Lyddon started to make a comment regarding R. Pies son and was asked to refrain from continuing.

J. Runkles asked if there would be any savings for the city since the contractors for the treatment plant were not going to transport materials from a greater distance for the grading of the site.

D. Hamilton inquired that since the closing public comment was removed will the

public have the opportunity to make comment on specific issues during the council discussion time.

T. Herzig stated he was thankful the council approved a city attorney and he is in favor of keeping the closing public comment.

M. Hanson replied to J. Runkles inquiry regarding the treatment plant grading materials. That would be handled with a construction change order.

J. Meyer sought clarification on the cost of the new city attorney.

J. Lambson clarified her visit to the Runkles residence.

Adjournment: T. Dudley moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm. J. Stratton-Pies seconded. Voting results: T. Dudley – yes, J. Stratton-Pies – yes, J. Lambson – yes, C. Owens - yes.

Mayor

Clerk