



NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 10, 2012
Minutes

Special Council Meeting – Finance Committee

Meeting Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Jerry Arthurs, Charles Pace,
Mike Baker, Tim Dudley and Jennifer Stratton-Pies

Absent:

Staff Present: Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer and Assistant
Utilities Manager Bryan Henrichsen.

Review of 1st Quarter Financials

John discussed the current status of the city's finances and his expectations for the remainder of 2012. He said the city's finances would likely be hit hard in the 2nd quarter, but should recover by the end of the year so long as no unexpected expenses were incurred. Discussion ensued.

2012 Budget – Personnel

John presented the 2012 payroll budget. Discussion ensued regarding the impacts of 2012 medical benefit increases and 2011 pay increases.

Adjournment: 7:00 PM

Mayor

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

Guests Present

Approximately 21 guests were present, including Sandy Conroy and Jim Terrell of the Lions Club.

Agenda Changes and Additions

Councilor Pace suggested that the "Budget for City Employees" item under new business was not necessary since it was discussed during the Finance Committee meeting. Discussion ensued.

Public Hearings

None.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included March Payroll, 3/27/12 Council Minutes and 4/10/12 Vouchers.

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

Councilor Pace suggested that the adjournment to executive session listed in the minutes was to discuss the presentation by ATU rather than for litigation. Ken noted that he specifically asked for the executive session for reasons of potential litigation.

Councilor Pace asked for a correction to the minutes regarding his comments.

Councilor Stratton-Pies withdrew her 2nd, Councilor Dudley withdrew his motion.

- **Councilor Pace moved to approve consent agenda with minutes as corrected; 2nd by Stratton-Pies.**

Councilor Pace noted that the sludge removal bill of \$30,000 was \$20,000 under budget. He also asked a series of clarification questions, including some detailed questions about the invoice for the city's labor attorney.

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, Dudley and Stratton-Pies

No:

Passed 5 - 0

Guest Presentations

Lions Club Organization Effort

Jim Terrell made a presentation on Lions Clubs and the possibility of starting a club in North Bonneville. A brief Q&A followed.

Public Comment

Darlene Mills – Provided an update on the Community Garden project. They are close to building the garden and have already sold almost half of the plots. A brief Q&A followed.

Cheryl Jermann – Discussed the Antiques Fair she is hoping to add to Gorge Days.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Pace – Suggested that the Lions Club and Community Gardens efforts are great things that will last beyond current labor disputes. He also noted that he read an article provided by a citizen regarding unions in America.

Councilor Stratton-Pies – Gave a brief update on planning commission activities.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Presented. John noted that he met with some employees on the payroll audit, and that he was presented with information affecting the audit that was not in the city's personnel files. For example, he noted that with corrections supplied by Steve Hickey, his total overpayments declined from \$2,000 to \$200. Discussion ensued regarding the issues related to the union grievances. Ken provided advice on the powers and authority of the council.

Attorney Report

Ken noted that he has a great deal of respect for council members. He brought up a concern about our oxygen tank refilling operations in relation to a recent accident in Hillsboro. Don and John will follow up with the JB.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Purchasing Tires from Walmart

- **Pace moved to approve the purchase as laid out in the staff report; 2nd by Stratton-Pies.**

John clarified that this approval is for whatever number of tires Public Works feels is needed.

Yes: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, Dudley and Stratton-Pies

No:

Passed 5 - 0

Resolution 442, Requiring Pre-Approval of Attorney Expenses

- **Councilor Baker moved to approve Resolution 442; 2nd by Councilor Arthurs**

An extensive discussion ensued, including the following issues:

- Impacts of resolution on the Mayor's ability to manage the legal issues without ready access to legal support.
- Legislative versus Executive authority.
- Cost of the current attorney relative to previous attorneys.
- Cost drivers for the labor attorney contract.
- Council's ability to monitor and control city expenses.

A number of suggested changes to the resolution were made.

Councilor Arthurs withdrew his 2nd, Councilor Baker withdrew his motion.

Consensus to table this resolution until the next meeting.

Councilors Dudley and Baker will meet to work out a new resolution on this issue.

Resolution 443, Moratorium on Expenditures on Well

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve resolution 443; 2nd by Councilor Baker**

Discussion ensued regarding the necessity and impacts of this resolution. John pointed out that the council has the authority to approve or deny any contracts under which further expenditures on the well project could occur.

Yes:

No: Councilors Arthurs, Pace, Baker, Dudley and Stratton-Pies

Failed 5 - 0

Budget for City Employees

Tabled to the next finance meeting by consensus.

Closing Comments

Cheryl Jermann – Expressed confidence in John and Don, and expressed concern about spending more money on city staff.

Paul Lambson – Asked if the council has thought of talking to the employees without spending money on attorneys.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Dudley.
Yes: Councilors Pace, Arthurs, Baker, Stratton-Pies, Dudley.
No: None
Passes 5-0**

Adjourned 8:30 PM

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Clerk